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Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to write a letter to Councilmembers Hutt and Yaroslavsky and submit a CIS to support Council File 23-0002-S44: Title, AB 74 (Muratsuchi) / Illegal Street Takeovers / Sideshows / Racing / Enforcement Tools / Fatalities Prevention. AB 74 would make street takeovers a standalone crime, expand the ability of law enforcement to impound participants' vehicles, and impose restrictions on offenders' driving privileges.

Agenda Item: GB061523-14

Date: June 15, 2023

Proposed By: Public Safety Committee

Include motion in Consent Agenda?

Background:

Illegal street takeovers and street racing is dangerous to the residents of South Robertson. LAPD needs tools to stop the danger.

Proposed Motion:

Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to support Council File 23-0002-S44: Title, AB 74 (Muratsuchi) / Illegal Street Takeovers / Sideshows / Racing / Enforcement Tools / Fatalities Prevention. Illegal street takeovers and car racing have been a persistent nuisance and dangerous problem throughout Los Angeles. Promoted through social media, street takeover spectators gather at city intersections, roadways, and bridges and proceed to block traffic and engage in dangerous stunts. Incidents of looting, vandalism, and public use of alcohol and illicit drugs are commonplace. Postings of these activities on social media appear to encourage more of this aberrant behavior. AB 74 would make street takeovers a standalone crime,

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expand the ability of law enforcement to impound participants' vehicles, and impose restrictions on offenders' driving privileges. We urge our councilmembers to support this important bill so that takeovers, property damage, noise, and fatalities on our streets are reduced. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0002-S44.

LINKS:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0002-S44>

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB74

CIS and Letter:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to support Council File 23-0002-S44: Title, AB 74 (Muratsuchi) / Illegal Street Takeovers / Sideshows / Racing / Enforcement Tools / Fatalities Prevention. Illegal street takeovers and car racing have been a persistent nuisance and dangerous problem throughout Los Angeles. Promoted through social media, street takeover spectators gather at city intersections, roadways, and bridges and proceed to block traffic and engage in dangerous stunts. Incidents of looting, vandalism, and public use of alcohol and illicit drugs are commonplace. Postings of these activities on social media appear to encourage more of this aberrant behavior. AB 74 would make street takeovers a standalone crime, expand the ability of law enforcement to impound participants' vehicles, and impose restrictions on offenders' driving privileges. We urge our councilmembers to support this important bill so that takeovers, property damage, noise, and fatalities on our streets are reduced.



Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to write a letter to CD10 requesting that street lights be installed on the wooden poles in the 2700 and 2600 Shenandoah installed due to reported drug use and prostitution.

Agenda Item: GB061523-15
Date: June 15, 2023
Proposed By: Public Safety Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda?

Background:

The 2600 and 2700 of Shenandoah is poorly lit allowing illegal drug use and prostitution activities. Better lighting would discourage illegal activity and help residents to report that activity to the LAPD when it is happening.

A new utilitarian light may be installed if the location meets all of the following criteria:

1. There is an existing wooden utility pole at the requested location.
2. There is no other street light within 300 feet, or, the location is at an unlighted intersection with a wooden utility pole.
3. The utility pole must not be on private property. If the utility pole is on private property, please call the Department of Water and Power at 1 800 DIAL DWP for information on the Outdoor Area Lighting Program.
4. The request is to light a public right-of-way (street, sidewalk or alley).

Proposed Motion:

Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to support additional lighting on the 2600 and 2700 block of Shenandoah and to work with the CD10 to have those lights installed.

CIS and Letter:

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Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to write a letter to Councilmembers Hutt, Yaroslavsky and to submit a CIS opposing Council File 23-0002-S37:Title, SB 50 (Bradford) / Peace Officer / Traffic Stop/ Low Level Violation /Prohibition

Agenda Item: GB061523-16
Date: June 15, 2023
Proposed By: Public Safety Committee
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SB 50, as amended, Bradford. Vehicles: enforcement.

Existing law authorizes a peace officer to make an arrest pursuant to a warrant or without a warrant if, among other circumstances, the officer has probable cause to believe that the person has committed a public offense in the officer's presence. Under existing law, it is unlawful to disobey the lawful order, signal, or direction of a uniformed peace officer performing any duties pursuant to the Vehicle Code or to refuse to submit to any lawful vehicular inspection authorized by the Vehicle Code.

Existing case law deems a temporary detention of a person during an automobile stop by the police, even if only for a brief period and for a limited purpose, a seizure, under the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and as such, requires the actions to be reasonable. Under existing case law, the decision to stop an automobile is reasonable if the police have probable cause to believe that a traffic violation has occurred. Existing case law holds that constitutional reasonableness of traffic stops does not depend on the actual motivations of the individual officers involved and that ulterior motives do not invalidate police conduct that is justifiable on the basis of probable cause to believe that a violation of law has occurred. This bill would prohibit a peace officer from stopping or detaining the operator of a motor vehicle or bicycle for a low-level infraction, as defined, unless a separate, independent basis for a stop exists. The bill would authorize a peace officer who does not have grounds to stop a vehicle or bicycle, but can determine the identity of the owner, to send a citation or warning letter to the owner.

The bill would authorize local authorities to enforce a violation of the Vehicle Code through government employees who are not peace officers.



Proposed Motion:

Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods to opposes [Council File 23-0002-S37](#): Title, SB 50 (Bradford) / Peace Officer / Traffic Stop/ Low Level Violation /Prohibition. Existing law authorizes a peace officer to make an arrest pursuant to a warrant or without a warrant if, among other circumstances, the officer has probable cause to believe that the person has committed a public offense in the officer’s presence. [SB 50](#) would prohibit a peace officer from stopping or detaining the operator of a motor vehicle or bicycle for a low-level infraction, unless a separate, independent basis for a stop exists. Thus, violations involving vehicle registrations, license plate positioning, vehicle lights, window tints, or bicycle equipment could not be pursued by peace officers unless a separate independent basis was also found. An officer would only be able to send a citation or warning letter to an offender. This misguided approach, in the name of social justice, would encourage people to openly flout the law and further chaos on our streets. What use are laws if they aren’t being enforced by authorities? At a time when California prosecutors are failing to prosecute many low-level crimes, more enforcement of our traffic and safety laws is needed, not less, in order to make our roads safer. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0002-S37. LINKS:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0002-S37>

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB50

CIS and Letter:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods opposes [Council File 23-0002-S37](#): Title, SB 50 (Bradford) / Peace Officer / Traffic Stop/ Low Level Violation /Prohibition. Existing law authorizes a peace officer to make an arrest pursuant to a warrant or without a warrant if, among other circumstances, the officer has probable cause to believe that the person has committed a public offense in the officer’s presence. [SB 50](#) would prohibit a peace officer from stopping or detaining the operator of a motor vehicle or bicycle for a low-level infraction, unless a separate, independent basis for a stop exists. Thus, violations involving vehicle registrations, license plate positioning, vehicle lights, window tints, or bicycle equipment could not be pursued by peace officers unless a separate independent basis was also found. An officer would only be able to send a citation or warning letter to an offender. This misguided approach, in the name of social justice, would encourage people to openly flout the law and further chaos on our streets. What use are laws if they aren’t being enforced by authorities? At a time when California prosecutors are failing to prosecute many low-level crimes, more enforcement of our traffic and safety laws is needed, not less, in order to make our roads safer.



Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to write a letter to Councilmembers Hutt and Yaroslavsky, as well as submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 14-1371-S13 in opposition of increasing the minimum wage of hospitality workers

Agenda Item: GB061523-19
Date: June 15, 2023
Proposed By: Executive Committee
**Include motion in
Consent Agenda?**

Background:

The Los Angeles City Council is instructing the Chief Legislative Analyst to report with an analysis, including the economic impacts, of amending the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance (LWO) and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance (LA HWMO) to:

- Raise the hourly wage to \$25 in 2023, and by \$1 every year thereafter, to reach \$30 an hour by 2028;
- Adjust the health care credit to meet the average cost of healthcare coverage, add minimum health benefit requirements including family coverage, and require transparency around health care payments;
- Ensure that workers receive all eligible paid time off and sick days under the LWO, LA HWMO, and the Citywide Minimum Wage
- Add a Public Housekeeping Training requirement to the LA HWMO, similar to the ordinances in Santa Monica and West Hollywood; and
- Clarify that enforcement of the LWO and LA HWMO ordinances shall be conducted by the City's Office of Wage Standards.

Proposed Motion:

Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to oppose [Council File 14-1371-S13](#) to amend the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance (LWO) and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance (LA HWMO) to increase the minimum wage in one dollar increments starting at \$25 per hour in 2023 and ending with \$30 per hour in 2028. Many of the workers are represented and have collective bargaining agreements. The government should not be interfering in the process of fair negotiations between an employer and group of employees. Collective bargaining agreements are the

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backbone of American Unions and gives stability to Union families living in Los Angeles.

CIS:

South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to oppose opposes [Council File 14-1371-S13](#) to amend the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance (LWO) and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance (LA HWMO) to increase the minimum wage in one dollar increments starting at \$25 per hour in 2023 and ending with \$30 per hour in 2028. Many of the workers are represented and have collective bargaining agreements. The government should not be interfering in the process of fair negotiations between an employer and group of employees. Collective bargaining agreements are the backbone of American Unions and gives stability to Union families living in Los Angeles.



Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to approve the language of the Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights and to write a letter to Mayor Bass, City Councilmembers, City Attorney, City Clerk, Commissioners of the BONC, and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) requesting formal recognition of such Declaration.

Agenda Item: GB061523-20

Date: June 15, 2023

Proposed By: Executive Committee

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Background:

Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights

Whereas, the people of the City of Los Angeles enacted, in the charter of 1999, a system of Neighborhood Councils, whose missions are “to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs” and,

Whereas, in order to fulfill these missions, Neighborhood Councils must be empowered to operate as independently as possible of the City’s officials, departments, and agencies and not subject to undue influence or control by those officials, departments, and agencies,

Therefore, the Neighborhood Councils of the City of Los Angeles declare:

Neighborhood Councils’ Boardmembers are elected officials of the City of Los Angeles.

The method by which Boardmembers are chosen shall be determined solely by the Bylaws of each Neighborhood Council.

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The sole authority to censure, suspend, remove, or otherwise discipline a Boardmember is vested in the Neighborhood Council of which that individual is a Boardmember.

Each Board shall determine the composition of its Bylaws and no other agency or commission of the City, with the exception of Board composition and boundaries of the Neighborhood Council, may alter or amend those Bylaws following initial Council certification and approval by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

No official or agency of the City of Los Angeles may delay or otherwise impede the action of a Neighborhood Council to amend its Bylaws or rules.

Neighborhood Councils shall be meaningfully consulted prior to the appointment of individuals to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners and the appointment of any individual as the general manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

June 3, 2023

Proposed Motion:

Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to approve the language of the Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights and to write a letter to Mayor Bass, City Councilmembers, City Attorney, City Clerk, Commissioners of the BONC, and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) requesting formal recognition of such Declaration

Letter:

Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights

To the Honorable Mayor Karen Bass, the Honorable City Councilmembers, the Honorable City Attorney, the Honorable City Clerk, the Honorable Commissioners of the BONC, and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)

The Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights, which is circulating through and being discussed by the Neighborhood Councils (NCs), is an affirmation of what was established by the new City Charter that came into effect on July 1, 2000.



Discussion within the Neighborhood Council system of late on our rights has ranged from the most basic issue of free speech to a long litany of asks; some urgent, a number of which would be beneficial and others that are aspirational.

Our concern is driven by a variety of factors including the friction between DONE and the NCs that came to a head about the time the then-General Manager stepped down, the need for not only a replacement, but an exceptional leader, who can help rebuild the department, mend the divisions, and take it into its next generation. We look forward to assisting the Mayor in finding such a person, and anticipate meaningful changes to the City Charter as mentioned by Mayor Bass, as part of the evolution of the NC system.

This Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights is drawn from the Charter as a restatement of the basis for the Neighborhood Councils, a place from which to start. From here, all things are possible.

We realize what a gift grassroots democracy is to the City, where ordinary Angelenos can direct the government's focus on to what stakeholders see as important and provide a brain trust to significantly augment that already ensconced at City Hall.

To expand the potential of Neighborhood Councils, they must have the freedom to operate autonomously with assistance not supervision, empowerment not bureaucracy.

We look forward to working with our City partners on improving interactions between the City and the Neighborhood Councils.