

Applicants for Open Seat- At Large Representative
(formerly Zone 4 Representative)

Board of Directors Candidate Application

Candidate Name	Bill Gross
Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:	At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)
For resident seats: please select your NC Zone.	Zone 1
For all other seats: please describe your affiliation to the neighborhood, including the business, school or organization name and address.	N/A. However, FYI, in addition to resident, I am a member of a organization "The Community Shul" as well as a local business member (real estate broker).
Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.	I was one of the original SoRo NC members, serving with my Aunt Anne Gross, who recently deceased. Her vision was to have a neighborhood group to provide input to the city council as a constant source of direction to counter balance the political interests of the city. Her concerns at that time were the lack of parking, lack of play areas/ parking, and the need for more of a sense of community. All those areas still need attention.
Legal Affirmation	I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat). I hearby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.

GB012022-01 (continued)

Board of Directors Candidate Application

Candidate Name Kyle Burman

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

At Large Representative (Could represent any of the above categories. Please describe below)

For resident seats: please select your NC Zone.

Zone 6

For all other seats: please describe your affiliation to the neighborhood, including the business, school or organization name and address.

Resident in zone 6

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

I have lived in the neighborhood for a little over 5 years, seeking out the area for its strong public transportation. Over the last 5 years I have watched my neighboring community of the Culver City Arts District make many changes, while zone 6 has not changed nearly as much. I feel that my perspective of both neighborhoods lends a keen perspective to policies that have had negative and positive effects on the greater community. This will allow me to help champion decision making with a proven track record.

I am a parent, and strive to create a community that allows for children to grow up in a safe and joyful neighborhood.

I live in a duplex property as the primary owner, and have been proactive in making repairs in my

tenants unit since I took ownership of the property. My tenants have lived on the property longer than I, and I welcome you to talk to them for perspective on our relationship.

In the neighborhood, you can find me riding my bike, teaching yoga at a nearby studio, or volunteering for my son's AYSO league.

I seek the position on the SoRo board to help support my neighbors achieve their goals for the community, and help amplify our voice to city officials.

Legal Affirmation

I am at least 18 years old (or between 15 and 18 for the Student seat).

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above statements are true.



Motion to remove Emilia Barrosse, Steve Chochran, and Jason Yap from the SORO NC General Board due to missing 5 General Board meetings in a fiscal year, as per Bylaws Section 7.A

Agenda Item: GB012022-02
Date: January 20, 2022
Proposed By: Executive Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? NO

Background

Regular attendance of Neighborhood Council General Board meetings by its Boardmembers is important towards representing Stakeholders on community issues. Repeated absences increase the risk of losing quorum and not completing the discussion of motions, causing more congestion on future General Board meeting agendas. The SORO NC has recognized the importance of meeting attendance by adding a section to its Bylaws

The SORO NC Bylaws state:

Section 7: Absences.

A. Any Board Member who misses, five (5) total Governing Board Meetings during the fiscal year period, or attends fewer than seven (7) Committee meetings during the fiscal year will be subject to removal from the Board. Any meeting of the Neighborhood Council Governing Board, Standing Committees or Ad Hoc Committees, scheduled and noticed as per the Brown Act, shall constitute a meeting for the purpose of determining Board Member attendance.

According to the cumulative minutes of General Board meetings during this current fiscal year beginning July 2021, the named Boardmembers have each missed five General Board meetings.

Proposed Motion

- I. That the SORO NC remove Emilia Barrosse, Steve Chochran, and Jason Yap from the SORO NC General Board due to missing 5 General Board meetings in a fiscal year, as per Bylaws Section 7.A

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Considerations

Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 5	Against: 0
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$ N/A
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Arguments for:

Arguments against:

Lack of attendance disenfranchises
Stakeholders' representation

There may not be applicants to
replace them anyhow



Motion for the SORO NC to adopt purview and membership rules for the Homelessness Committee

Agenda Item: GB012022-03
Date: January 20, 2022
Proposed By: Homelessness Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda?

Background

The homelessness committee is one of the many committees of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council. Many of the issues that involve homelessness have elements that involve other committees. In order to avoid overlapping issues and to better establish the scope of the homelessness committee's concern, the committee has narrowly defined its purview and membership rules.

Proposed Motion

- I. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council shall adopt the following standing rule as to the purview and stakeholder membership rules for the Homelessness Committee:
 - a. The committee's focus is on issues that are strictly related to stakeholders who are homeless, including housing and services that are exclusively for people who are homeless. Exclusions are sanitation services, parking enforcement, code violations, and safety issues.
 - b. Stakeholders are eligible to become members of the committee by attending at least one of the three most recent Homelessness committee meetings prior to the meeting during which they request membership. They can request to become a member during the general public comment period of a committee meeting. They become a member if a vote of the committee approves their membership by a majority. Stakeholder members who have missed five meetings in a row will be removed from committee membership.

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Considerations





Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 6

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:
(applies to funding motions only)

\$ N/A

Arguments for:

Arguments against:

GB012022-04

SORO NC Committee Memberships as of 1/20/22

Land Use	Olga Lexell, Barry Levine, Ken Blaker, Steve Chocron, Richard Bloom, Gloria Dioum, Armeen Neshat, Chad Monk, Laurie Levine (Emilia Barrosse- need to rejoin as Board Members)
Business Advocacy and Economic Development Committee	Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Jon Liberman, Ethan Frankel, Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, David Notowitz, Joel Weinberger
Outreach Committee	Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Sophia French, David Notowitz
Parks and Recreation Committee	Barry Levine, Jon Liberman, Laurie Levine
Public Safety Committee	Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Richard Bloom, Robby Naoufal, Chad Monk, Jonathan Tessler, Sophia French, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman, Laurie Levine, Baila Romm
Quality of Life Committee	Barry Levine, Shevy Dorfman Lieder, Dina Leeds, Armeen Neshat, Sophia French, Shirley Traum, Ethan Frankel
Transportation Committee	Barry Levine, Olga Lexell, Jonathan Tessler, Armeen Neshat, Sophia French, Joel Weinberger, Laurie Levine
Bylaws Committee	Ken Blaker, Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Jon Liberman, Barry Levine
Board Development	Baila Room,
Finance Committee	Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Gloria Dioum, Robby Naoufal , Jon Liberman
Elections Committee	Terrence Gomes, Gloria Dioum
Homelessness Committee	Sophia French, Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Richard Bloom, Gloria Dioum, Dina Leeds, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman, Laurie Levine, David Notowitz
Education Committee	Shirley Traum, Barry Levine, Jon Liberman



Motion to submit letter to CD 5 and CD 10 regarding a lack of trash cans in key SORO corridors

Agenda Item: GB012022-06
Date:
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes

Background

The South Robertson neighborhood contains several high traffic boulevards including Pico, Robertson, Venice, LaCienega, National, Beverly, and others. However, many of these densely populated and frequented areas do not have a sufficient amount of trash cans to accommodate litter that accumulates in surrounding areas.

Proposed Motion

Submit the attached letter to CD 5 and CD 10.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 6 Against: 0

Arguments for:

People are less likely to litter if there are trash cans conveniently located.

Arguments against:

The city may not reliably pick up trash cans.



Esteemed councilmembers,

Over the last several years, there was an effort to obtain trash cans for the South Robertson neighborhood. However, these trash cans are almost exclusively dispersed along Pico Blvd. According to [a map of Los Angeles trash cans](#), Pico Blvd hosts nearly 4-6 public trash cans per block.

But other major thoroughfares have almost no trash cans on any blocks, save for major intersections.

We are writing to request additional trash cans be placed in areas such as Robertson & Cattaraugus around Hamilton High School, Robertson Blvd in general, LaCienega Blvd, Beverwil Blvd, Olympic Blvd, and the intersection of National and Venice.

We urge our city council districts to provide us with trash cans that the city will regularly empty. Additionally, we request solar compact trash cans in the densest areas of South Robertson such as the South Robertson business corridor and the intersection of Robertson & LaCienega.



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General Board Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday, December 16, 2021, 7:00pm

BOARD SEAT	Dec-21	ROLL CALL DECEMBER 16, 2021
ZONE 1	OLGA LEXALL	ABSENT
ZONE 2	RICHARD BLOOM	Present
ZONE 3	STEVE CHOCRAN	ABSENT
ZONE 4	VACANT	VACANT
ZONE 5	LAURIE LEVINE	present
ZONE 6	MICHAEL LYNN	present
ZONE 7	CHAD MONK	absent
ZONE 8	GLORIA DIOUM	absent
ZONE 9	DINA LEEDS	absent
ZONE 10	ROBBY NAOUFAL	present
AT-LARGE 1	JOEL WEINBERGER	present
AT-LARGE 2	SOPHIA FRENCH	absent
AT-LARGE 3	EMILIA BARROSSE	absent
AT-LARGE 4	DAVID NOTOWITZ	present
AT-LARGE 5	JASON YAP	absent
BUSINESS REP. 1	SHEVY LIEDER	present
BUSINESS REP. 2	BARRY LEVINE	absent
BUSINESS REP. 3	TERRANCE GOMES	present/ 9:13pm left/ 9:34 back
BUSINESS REP. 4	SHIRLEY TRAUM	present
BUSINESS REP. 5	JONATHAN TESSLER	present
ORGANIZATIONAL REP 1	BAILA ROMM	present
ORGANIZATIONAL REP 2	KEN BLAKER	present
ORGANIZATIONAL REP 3	ARMEEN NESHAT	absent
STUDENT ADVISORY	JON LIBERMAN	present
STUDENT SEAT	ETHAN FRANKEL	present/8:37/ back 8:42/9:07leave for 5 minutes/ back 9:12 pm

1. **Call to Order 7:03 pm**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance Led by Michael Lynn**
3. **Roll Call – see above**
4. **General Public Comment: None**
5. **Brief Board Announcements**
 - a. Items for Future Committee or General Board Agendas

Item left off this agenda, unfinished business Mark Ridley Thomas removal will be on January 2022 agenda

- b. Other Brief Board Announcements: **None**
6. **Community Reports**
 - a. LA Police Department (Ojeda) ABSENT
 - b. Office of Councilmember Ridley-Thomas (Guevara) ABSENT
 - c. Office of Councilmember Koretz (Fisher) gave report James Ingram will become SORO Field Deputy/ Rob moving to Wilshire. Oil spill at drill site-on Pico.
 - d. Office of Mayor Garcetti (?) Absent
 - e. Office of State Assemblymember Bloom (Kaufler) Absent
 - f. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan (Persoff) Absent
 - g. Office of State Senator Kamlager (Siroky) Absent
 - h. Office of County Supervisor Mitchell (?) Absent
 - i. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames) gave report ABLE training has been extended. Will email details
 - j. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices. None
7. **Open Board Seats- Selections**
 - a. Residential Zone 4 Representative (Term expires 2023)
 - No Application Submitted as of 10 days prior
 - Reverted to an At-Large Representative seat, as no one was Selected before November 23, 2021
 - Selection at January 20th General Board Meeting Deadline to file January 10th 7 pm
8. **Board Officer and Liaisons- Selections**
 - a. Selection of Board Liaisons
 1. LADWP Representative (GB121621-01) None/ postponed to next month
 - b. Board member and alternate Board Member to facilitate recovery of 2021 Election Materials (GB121621-02) by 12/31/2021
Baila Romm/ David Notowitz Freddy will assist to get the ballots. Possibly mailed certified. If ballots cannot be mailed to SORO NC directly
Public Comment: Marc Smith

8.b

Moved: T. Gomes Second: J. Liberman

Vote: Motion passes. Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0

R. Bloom, L. Levine, M. Lynn, R. Naoufal, J. Weinberger, D. Notowitz, S. Lieder, T. Gomes, S. Traum, J. Tessler, B. Romm, K. Blaker, J. Liberman, E. Frankel.

8.b Amendment

Moved: T. Gomes Second: J. Liberman

Vote: Motion passes as amended. Vote: Motion passes. Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0

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9. Committees

- a. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB121621-03) **None**
- b. Committee Reports
 - 1. Standing and Ad-hoc Committees: Executive; Education; Land Use; Public Safety; Homelessness; Outreach- committees send midnight Saturday send to put in newsletter and social media; Transportation; Quality of Life (includes LGBTQ and Green Team); Bylaws – every committee needs to send scope of the committee; Board Development; Business Advocacy and Economic Development (includes Robertson Revitalization); Parks and Recreation- Clippers donated \$\$ to fix basketball hoops

10. Unfinished Business

- a. Motion to support WRAC Motion on Enforcement of Crimes in or Near Homeless Encampments; <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/enforcement-of-crimes-in-or-near-homeless-encampments/> (GB121621-04)

Moved J. Liberman Second B. Romm
Public Comment- None

Vote: Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-1

Motion passes

Yes: R. Bloom, L. Levine, M. Lynn, R. Naoufal, D. Notowitz, S. Lieder, T. Gomes, S. Traum, J. Tessler, B. Romm, K. Blaker, J. Liberman, E. Frankel.

Abstain: J. Weinberger

- b. Motion to support WRAC Motion to Enforce Laws Prohibiting Blockage of Public Right of Way; <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/enforce-laws-prohibiting-blockage-of-public-right-of-way/> (GB121621-05)

Moved: T. Gomes Second: J. Liberman

Public Comment: None

Vote: Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-1

Motion passes

Yes: R. Bloom, L. Levine, M. Lynn, R. Naoufal, D. Notowitz, S. Lieder, T. Gomes, S. Traum, J. Tessler, B. Romm, K. Blaker, J. Liberman, E. Frankel.

Abstain: J. Weinberger

- c. Motion to support WRAC motion to support LA City Council File 21-0929 and also request that the definition of radius be clarified to specify a radius of 500 feet from the nearest exterior boundary lines of the schools listed in an attachment; <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-cf-21-0929-buscaino-koretz/> (GB121621-06)

Moved: J. Liberman Second: T. Gomes

Public Comment: None

Vote: Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-1

Motion passes

Yes: R. Bloom, L. Levine, M. Lynn, R. Naoufal, D. Notowitz, S. Lieder, T. Gomes, S. Traum, J. Tessler, B. Romm, K. Blaker, J. Liberman, E. Frankel.

Abstain: J. Weinberger

- d. Motion to support WRAC motion to request for Councilmembers to Cooperate with Member Councils re Designation of Sites Under LAMC Sec. 41.18; <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/request-for-councilmembers-to-cooperate-with-member-councils-re-designation-of-sites-under-lamc-sec-41-18/> (GB121621-07)

Moved: B. Romm Second: L. Levine

Public Comment: Marc Smith

Vote: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-2

Motion passes

Yes: R. Bloom, L. Levine, M. Lynn, D. Notowitz, S. Lieder, T. Gomes, S. Traum, J. Tessler, B. Romm, K. Blaker, J. Liberman, E. Frankel.

Abstain: J. Weinberger, R. Naoufal

- e. Motion to support WRAC motion to request a written City Attorney Opinion re Consideration of Developer's Financial Interest; <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/request-for-city-attorney-opinion-re-consideration-of-developers-financial-interest/> (GB121621-08)

Moved: J. Liberman Second: T. Gomes

Public comment: Marc Smith

Vote: 14-Yes, No-0, Abstain-0

Motion Passes

Yes: R. Bloom, L. Levine, M. Lynn, R. Naoufal, J. Weinberger, D. Notowitz, S. Lieder, T. Gomes, S. Traum, J. Tessler, B. Romm, K. Blaker, J. Liberman, E. Frankel.

- f. Motion to support WRAC motion to oppose Misuse of Specific Plan Process; <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/oppose-misuse-of-specific-plan-process/> (GB121621-09)

Moved: B. Romm Second: T. Gomes

Public Comment: None

Vote: Yes-13, No-1, Abstain-0

Motion passes

Yes: R. Bloom, L. Levine, M. Lynn, R. Naoufal, D. Notowitz, S. Lieder, T. Gomes, S. Traum, J. Tessler, B. Romm, K. Blaker, J. Liberman, E. Frankel.

No: J. Weinberger

- g. Discussion and possible action on WRAC motion to support Assembly Constitutional Amendment 7; <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-aca-7-muratsuchi-glazer/> (GB121621-10)

Moved: B. Romm Second: T. Gomes
Public Comment: Marc Smith

B. Romm Moved to end debate and call the vote. Second: J. Liberman
Vote: Yes: 6, No: 5, Abstain: 3
Yes: L. Levine, M. Lynn, T. Gomes, S. Traum, B. Romm, J. Liberman
No: R. Bloom, R. Naoufal, J. Weinberger, D. Notowitz, K. Blaker
Abstain: S. Lieder, J. Tessler, E. Frankel
Motion passes to end debate.

10.g Motion Passes

Yes: 11, No: 2, Abstain: 1

Yes: L. Levine, M. Lynn, R. Naoufal, D. Notowitz, T. Gomes, S. Traum, J. Tessler, B. Romm, K. Blaker, J. Liberman, E. Frankel
No: R. Bloom, J. Weinberger
Abstain: S. Lieder

- h. Motion to draft letter to CD5 and CD10 regarding a lack of trash cans in key SORO corridors (GB121621- 11)

Postponed to January meeting

11. Consent Agenda moved

- a. Motion to approve Draft meeting minutes of November 16, 2021 Special General Board Meeting (GB121621-12)
- b. Motion to approve Draft meeting minutes of November 18, 2021 General Board Meeting (GB121621-13)
- c. Motion to approve November 2021 MERS Report (GB121621-14)
- d. Motion to confirm Laurie Levine and Jon Liberman as Co-Chairs of the Parks and Recreation Committee (GB121621-15)
- e. Motion to confirm Jon Liberman as Chair of the Education Committee (GB121621-16)

- f. Motion to send a letter to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Council District 5 requesting additional enforcement, better communication, and greater coordination regarding parking restrictions within the alleyway immediately north of Pico Boulevard, between Corning Street and La Cienega Boulevard, within the 1200 block of Corning Street (GB121621-19)
- g. Motion for the SORO NC to support CF 21-1115 (Prohibiting Bicycle Chop Shops in the public Right-of-Way) and to submit a CIS in support of the motion <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-council-file-21-1115-buscaino/> (GB121621-20)

Public comment: None

Moved: J. Liberman Second: T. Gomes

Vote: Motion passes

Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0

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12. New Business

- a. Motion for SORO NC to spend up to \$300 maximum per month (\$1500 maximum) for Facebook, Instagram and NextDoor advertising. (GB121621-21)

Moved: R. Bloom Second: J. Liberman

Public Comment: Marc Smith

Amendment To delete NextDoor from motion

Moved: R. Bloom Second: J. Liberman

Vote: Yes-5, No-6, Abstain-1

Motion as amended Fails

Yes: R. Bloom, L. Levine, J. Weinberger, T. Gomes, K. Blaker

No: M. Lynn, R. Naoufal, D. Notowitz, S. Traum, J. Tessler, B. Romm

Abstain: S. Lieder, J. Liberman

12.a Motion to Table

Moved: R. Bloom Second: J. Liberman

Vote: Yes-3, No-7, Abstain-2, Ineligible-1

Motion to table Fails

Yes: L. Levine, T. Gomes, J. Liberman

No: R. Bloom, M. Lynn, R. Naoufal, D. Notowitz, S. Traum, J. Tessler, B. Romm

Abstain: J. Weinberger,

Ineligible: E. Frankel

12 a Motion as written

Moved: R. Bloom Second: J. Liberman

Vote: Yes-10, No-1, Abstain-1, Ineligible-1

Motion Passes

Yes: R. Bloom, M. Lynn, R. Naoufal, J. Weinberger, D. Notowitz, S. Traum,

J. Tessler, B. Romm, K. Blaker, J. Liberman

No: T. Gomes

Abstain: S. Lieder

Ineligible: E. Frankel

- b. Motion for SORO NC to sponsor a recognition award program to honor an individual who has made contributions to the SORO community by honoring them for a year with a name plate on the corner of Robertson and Pico (GB121621-22)

Moved alternate motion: J. Liberman Second: D. Notowitz

Permission to Out Reach Committee to come back to the GB, bifurcate, separate award for all stake holders

Public Comment: Goat Puppet, Freddy Cupen-Ames

NC cannot fund, 2.0 section 10

Vote: Yes-0, No-14, Abstain-0

Motion does not pass

No: R. Bloom, L. Levine, M. Lynn, R. Naoufal, J. Weinberger, D. Notowitz, S. Lieder, T. Gomes, S. Traum, J. Tessler, B. Romm, K. Blaker, J. Liberman, E. Frankel.

- c. Motion for SORO NC to sponsor a Candidate Town Hall Forum for CD-5 and possibly CD-10, to be planned by the Outreach Committee (GB121621-23)

Moved: B. Romm Second: J. Tessler

Public Comment: Freddy Cupen-Ames, Goat Puppet, Marc Smith

Vote: Yes:13, No-0, Abstain-0

Motion Passes

Yes: R. Bloom, L. Levine, M. Lynn, R. Naoufal, J. Weinberger, D. Notowitz, S. Lieder, S. Traum, J. Tessler, B. Romm, K. Blaker, J. Liberman, E. Frankel.

- d. Motion for SORO NC to support for off-sale alcohol permit at Eilat Kosher Market (8730 W Pico Blvd 90035); ZA-2021-811-CUB (GB121621-24)
WITHDRAWN-- has been approved by the city.

- e. Motion for the SORO NC to submit CIS to oppose city council's proposed ban on the use of wood frames in construction (CF 19-0603) (GB121621-18)

Moved: B. Romm Second: D. Notowitz

Public Comment: Goat Puppet, Marc Smith

Vote: Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-0

Motion passes

Yes: R. Bloom, L. Levine, M. Lynn, R. Naoufal, J. Weinberger, D. Notowitz, S. Lieder, S. Traum, J. Tessler, B. Romm, K. Blaker, J. Liberman, E. Frankel.

- f. Motion to submit a letter to Senior Rabbi Adam Kligfeld of Temple Beth Am requesting restricted hours of amplified sound, hours that doors remain open where amplified sound is inside, 48 hour written notification to neighbors prior to any event, and abide by LACMC rules on amplified sound/hours/decibels (GB121621-17)

Moved: J. Liberman Second: B. Romm

Public Comment: Goat Puppet, Jill, Marc Smith, Shirley, Susan

Vote: Yes-10, No-4, Abstain-0

Motion Passes

Yes: M. Lynn, R. Naoufal, D. Notowitz, S. Lieder, T. Gomes, J. Tessler, B. Romm, K. Blaker, J. Liberman, E. Frankel.

No: R. Bloom, L. Levine, J. Weinberger, S. Traum

13. Adjournment 9:41 PM

Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: December 2021 Budget Fiscal Year: 2021-2022

NC Name: South Robertson
Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$45633.03	\$226.00	\$45407.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45407.03

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$24700.00	\$226.00	\$23487.00	\$0.00	\$23487.00
Outreach		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$4300.00	\$0.00	\$4300.00	\$0.00	\$4300.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$12620.03	\$0.00	\$12620.03	\$0.00	\$12620.03
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$987.00	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	USPS KIOSK 0545499561	12/27/2021	Annual budget for PO Box.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$226.00
Subtotal:						\$226.00

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
Subtotal: Outstanding						\$0.00

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Product	Qty	Unit Price	Price
Box Renewal			\$226.00
ZIP Code*: 90035			
Box #: 35836			
Rental Start Date: 01/01/2022			
Next Renewal Date: 12/31/2022			
Customer Name: SO, ROBERTSON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL			
Grand Total:			\$226.00
Credit Card Remitted			\$226.00
Card Name: MasterCard			
Account #: XXXXXXXXXXXX07213			
Approval #: 025927			
Transaction #: 243			
Receipt #: 000243			
AID: A000000041010 Chip			
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Motion to accept Public Safety Committee 2022 meeting date changes due to conflicts with holidays; June 6th, July 4th, and September 5th

Agenda Item: GB012022-09
Date: January 20, 2022
Proposed By: Public Safety Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? NO

Background

These date changes are to avoid holiday dates that would result in significant absences of Chairs and committee members.

Proposed Motion

- I. Motion to accept Public Safety Committee 2022 meeting date changes due to conflicts with holidays; June 6th, July 4th, and September 5th

Considerations

Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 5	Against: 0
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$ N/A
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Arguments for:	Arguments against:
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Motion for the SORO NC to send a letter and a file CIS in support of CF 21-0002- S195: LA City Resolution for state funding allocation for LA County mental health beds

Agenda Item: To be filled in by Executive Committee
Date: January 20, 2022
Proposed By: Homelessness Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? YES/NO

Background

The California Policy Lab, in a study titled *Unsheltered in Los Angeles: Insights from Street Outreach Services Data*, found that 20% of Street Outreach clients had a clinical diagnosis of severe mental illness within the previous twelve years. It is estimated that there are only 1,700 sub-acute beds in Los Angeles County where patients can live for a few days or a few months with psychiatric care provided. It is estimated that California will have a \$31 billion surplus in the next fiscal year.

Proposed Motion

- I. The SORO NC shall file a CIS in support of CF 21-0002-S195 and send a letter to the offices of CD5, CD10, and the mayor that expresses support for the council file and strongly urges state senators and assembly members to introduce legislation to increase funding for mental health beds in LA County for all age groups regardless of Medicare or Medi-Cal coverage.

Considerations

Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 7	Against: 0
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$ N/A
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Arguments for:	Arguments against:
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More sub-acute beds designated for giving clients psychiatric care will allow clinicians to prescribe psychiatric holds and conservatorships to homeless individuals suffering from severe mental illness.

Neither the city nor county have demonstrated effective use of funds to alleviate homelessness. There is no guarantee that more money will address the issue of severe mental illness among the homeless.



Council File: 21-0002- S195

Community Impact Statement

As adopted by vote of the full SORO NC governing board

Yes:	No:	Abstain:	Ineligible:	Recuse:
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Adopted: 20 January 2022

Position: For

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (“SORO NC”) supports Council File 21-0002- S195 regarding the allocation of state funds for mental health beds in Los Angeles County. The current number of beds available for psychiatric treatment (1,700) does not meet the needs of LA County’s homeless population. The county must increase the number of sub-acute beds where patients can live for a few days or a few months with psychiatric care provided to 7,000 in order to serve the number of homeless individuals with a clinical diagnosis of severe mental illness and to prevent the growing number of homeless deaths occurring on the streets.

The SORO NC Strongly urges state senators and assembly members to introduce legislation to increase funding for mental health beds in LA County for all age groups regardless of medicare or medical coverage.

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Submitted by: [Only Exec committee members are approved to submit CISs]

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01/20/2022

Mayor Eric Garcetti
Councilman Paul Koretz
Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council ("SORO NC") to recommend that you support Council File 21-0002- S195 regarding the allocation of state funds for mental health beds in Los Angeles County and to strongly urge state senators and assembly members to introduce legislation to increase funding for mental health beds in LA County for all age groups regardless of Medicare or Medi-Cal coverage.

According to a study conducted by the California Policy Lab titled *Unsheltered in Los Angeles: Insights from Street Outreach Services Data*, 20% of Street Outreach clients had a clinical diagnosis of severe mental illness within the previous twelve years. It is estimated that there are only 1,700 sub-acute beds in Los Angeles County where patients can live for a few days or a few months with psychiatric care provided, which is less than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the beds needed to satisfy the population. It is estimated that California will have a \$31 billion surplus in the next fiscal year.

The state's budget surplus can be used to alleviate the mental health issues experienced by the homeless in Los Angeles County by providing the number of beds recommended by mental health experts to offer psychiatric care.

Sincerely,

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Motion to support WRAC motion regarding request for revisions to State Bill 330

Agenda Item: GB012022-11
Date: January 20
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes

Background

CMs Blumenfield and Rodriguez introduced a measure that seeks to expand the Fire District 1 designation, which is unique to Los Angeles and was created more than 100 years ago. The designation severely restricts construction and building material use in specific zones. The proposed ordinance uses density as a proxy for wildfire risk, and the motion herein proposes that any neighborhood with a density above 5000 people per square mile be considered a Fire District 1 zone. Construction in Fire District 1 areas is banned from using timber, and so must rely on concrete for construction. A report by the Department of Building and Safety estimates this would increase building costs by 10.6% to 47.1% in dense neighborhoods of Los Angeles.

Proposed Motion

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils requests that the City of Los Angeles, through the Council's Government Affairs Committee, include in its Sacramento legislative priorities the following request for revisions to SB 330, and implement local regulations in conformance with such revisions, if enacted, as follows:

1. When RSO units are demolished and replaced pursuant to the provisions and protections in SB330, any units that must be provided pursuant to a density bonus under SB1818 or SB1222A shall be additive to those numbers of replacement units that are required pursuant to SB330 (instead of "inclusive").
2. All replacement units shall be of comparable size and configuration (i.e. they shall have the same number of bedrooms and at least the same square footage).

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 5 Against: 0

Arguments for:

Affordable housing is the type of housing we have the most significant shortage of, rather than market rate.

Arguments against:

This bill is not the best place to get this type of law created and the City Attorney did not express with certainty whether this type of request applies to the bill.



Discussion and possible vote to support council file 21-1045, regarding the implementation of SB9 with provisions for community land trusts and affordable housing.

Agenda Item: GB012022-12
Date: January 20, 2022
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes

Background

The motion in this council file seeks to come up with ways for the city to implement SB 9 with specific provisions for affordable housing and community land trusts, such as more flexible lot split ratios and the streamlining of permits.

Proposed Motion

Submit the below community impact statement to council file comment portal under CF 21-1045:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports this Motion (council file 21-1045) to request a report back from the Department of City Planning and Building on implementing SB 9 with specific provisions for affordable housing and community land trusts. According to a 2021 report, 499,430 low-income renter households in Los Angeles County do not have access to an affordable home. Any measures taken to increase the housing supply in Los Angeles should give priority to the creation of affordable units. We therefore support this request for a report from the Department of City Planning and Building on means for encouraging and facilitating the development of affordable housing in the implementation of SB 9 (Atkins), such as streamlining permitting processes for such projects.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 5 Against: 0

Arguments for:

SB 9 is already the law; we should take steps now to mitigate uncontrolled development by creating more affordable housing options within its parameters.

Arguments against:

SB 9 was never intended to address dense affordable housing.



Motion to submit community impact statement in support of council file 21-1025 regarding environmental review for the West Pico Drill Site (9101 W Pico) and addressing recent spill. (Case: ZA-1989-17683-PA2-1A / ENV-2020-1328-CE-1A)

Agenda Item: GB012022-13
Date: January 20, 2022
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes

Background

The West Pico Drill Site located at 9101 West Pico Blvd experienced a crude oil leak. The results of a state investigation revealed that the site was not in compliance with multiple safety regulations. The West LA Area Planning Commission plans to review the site's current environmental exemption in February 2022.

Proposed Motion

Submit the below letter via email to CM Paul Koretz, LA City Council, the West LA Area Planning Commission, and to council file comment portal under CF 21-1025:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council wishes to submit a statement regarding Council File 21-1025 and the West Pico drill site located at 9101 W Pico Blvd. We OPPOSE this site's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption considering the massive risk it has imposed on our local environment. On Saturday, December 11, 2021, a leak of approximately 15 gallons was observed in the Northern alley adjacent to the West Pico drill site. The cause was a corroded blind slip that allowed fluid to enter an out of service pipeline buried near the surface of the alley. Residents of the area reported a strong gasoline-like smell even several blocks away. This incident is a catastrophic failure of basic safety and environmental regulations. According to the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), Pacific Coast Energy Company violated multiple state regulations regarding the maintenance of oil production facilities. The SORO NC requests a full investigation and review of this oil site in order to identify other failures to comply with safety requirements, as well as a FULL denial of the site's CEQA exemption.



Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 5 Against: 0

Arguments for:

The site has caused significant harm to stakeholders in the neighborhood.

Arguments against:

LA City Council plans to phase out all oil drilling regardless.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2021

TO: Pacific Coast Energy Company LP Lease File

FROM: Joseph Athanasious, Engineering Geologist

SUBJECT: Surface Expression, Pacific Coast Energy Company LP, 9151 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90035

Joseph

Athanasious

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Joseph Athanasious
Date: 2021.12.17
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Background

On Saturday, December 11, 2021 a leak of approximately 15 gallons of gross fluid was observed in the Northern alley adjacent to the West Pico Drillsite (Well Side Building). The fluid was extruding at low pressure from a joint located where the northernly side of the building wall and asphalt alley surface meet (Figure 1). The fluid was reported as mostly water with some oil. The source of the leak was determined to be a pipeline that was no longer in service, isolated through use of a "slip blind" (Figure 11-13) that failed. This pipeline was "isolated but not separated". The cause of the underground point of failure was not determined as the pipeline end is buried. Information was provided by Pat Vigeant, Senior Production Foreman of the Pacific Coast Energy Company LP.

Field inspection

On Monday, December 13, 2021 I arrived on site at 1100 to meet Pat Vigeant. He showed me the alley (Figures 1-5) affected while explaining the circumstances of the leak. I observed the source location of the fluid release (Figures 3, 7&8) and production facility with the failed slip blind (Figures 11-13). Mr. Vigeant used a rag and put his full body weight on the stained asphalt to show that no fluid that was released was present. I then observed the rag as dry (Figures 9&10).

We then entered the production facility where the failed slip blind and out of service portion of the pipeline that was determined to be the source of the leak was located (Figures 11-13). Inside the production facility, I observed the pipeline as having sections of pipe removed and ends capped to prevent further future releases (Figure 12).



During my visit, Mr. Vigeant stated that he does not have knowledge of the buried segment of pipe, how it was abandoned or what caused the buried segment of pipe to fail. The facts as I understand them from this visit are as follows:

- The out of service pipeline was still physically connected to the in-service, pressurized pipeline system at the time of the incident.
- The out of service pipeline was isolated by use of "slip blinds".
- The slip blind was removed and had visible corrosion and full failure of structural integrity.
- The failure of the out of service buried line, buried below the surface expression of the leak was not determined at the time of my visit.

Timeline of events

Saturday (12/11):

- At 2000 leak was discovered and clean up began immediately. Cleanup continued until 0100 on Sunday (12/12/21) and included absorbent material and steam cleaning.
- At 2100 facility was completely shut down for liquid operations.

Sunday (12/12)

- At 0700 crew began to isolate line.
- Removed sections of pipe to airgap pipeline.
- Added caps to the disconnected portions of the line.
- At 1300 resumed operations.

Monday (12/12)

- I arrived on site at 1115 and inspected the alley and production facility.



Figure 1. Map of Drill site and facility compounds. Drill site is the right most building centered in map, facility compound is leftmost building centered in map.



Figure 2. This photo shows the area affected by the leaked fluid. The fluid pooled in the center of the alley and travelled west down the alley. It was reported that the fluid was removed with absorbent material and the ground was steam cleaned. At the time of the photo, there was no oil present. What is seen here is staining. There are no sewer or drainage systems affected. Visual staining was present on the alley surface.



Figure 3. Staining shows point source with most discharge as well as lateral extent into the alley



Figure 4. Shows areal extent of leaked fluid migration



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Figure 5. shows leaked fluid migration extent



Figure 6. The fluid was extruded through the joint where the building wall met with the asphalt alley. The area shown here was the main location of leaking with minor leaks further east and west in the photo. The area which had leaks was approximately 10 feet in length.



Figure 7. The leaks were in between these four vines pictured.



Figure 8. This photo was taken before the rag was stepped on to show that there was no longer any leaked liquid present.



Figure 9. The rag was examined by J. Athanasious and did not show any evidence of liquid absorption.



Figure 10. This photo shows the out of service lines entering the cement to run underground to the production facility. The two 6-inch lines were still connected to the pressurized pipeline system but isolated with a "slip blind" that failed.



Figure 11. The photo shows the out of service pipelines with red caps having been disconnected from the horizontal pipelines that are still under pressure. At the time of the leak, these two ends were connected and the out of service segment was isolated from pressure with the use of a “blind slip” that was found to be corroded to the point of leaking.



Figure 12. This picture shows the corroded blind slip that was the root cause of fluid entering the out of service pipeline that is buried near surface expression of the leak in the alley.



NOTICE OF VIOLATION

December 14, 2021

Violation I.D. 12242781

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Philip Brown, Agent
Pacific Coast Energy Company LP (B6127)
1555 Orcutt Hill Road
Orcutt, CA 93455
philip.brown@pceclp.com

Dear Mr. Brown:

SPILL/INCIDENT, PACIFIC COAST ENERGY COMPANY LEASE, BEVERLY HILLS FIELD

On December 11, 2021, California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) received notification from the Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES #21-7076) regarding a spill from a Pacific Coast Energy Company LP pipeline in the Beverly Hills field. This letter itemizes violation(s) of the California Code of Regulations, title 14 (CCR).

Maintenance of Production Facilities and Equipment: CCR section 1777 (a) states, "Operators shall maintain production facilities in good condition and in a manner to prevent leakage or corrosion and to safeguard life, health, property, and natural resources."

Out-of-Service Production Facility Requirements: CCR section 1773.5 (a) states in part that within "six months after the determination that a production facility is Out-of-Service, the following shall be required:

(1) Out-of-Service production facilities shall have fluids, sludge, hydrocarbons, and solids removed and shall be disconnected from any pipelines and other in-service equipment.

(6) Pipelines associated with Out-of-Service tanks and pressure vessels shall be removed or flushed, filled with an inert fluid, and blinded."

Well Site and Lease Restoration: CCR section 1776 (f) states that "Lease restoration shall include the removal of all tanks, above-ground pipelines, debris, and other facilities and equipment. Remaining buried pipelines shall be purged of oil and filled with an inert fluid. Toxic or hazardous materials shall be removed and disposed of in accordance with Department of Toxic Substances Control requirements".

Mr. Philip Brown, Agent
Pacific Coast Energy Company LP (B6127)
Violation I.D. 12242781
December 14, 2021

The subject violation is summarized in the table below:

Pipeline Description	Violation Description	Violation Number
WellSTAR Pipeline ID# 90324914	Pipeline leak	12242781

Spilled fluid and all impacted media, including surface and subsurface, must be cleaned-up. The pipeline must be abandoned to the standards specified in CCR section 1776(f). Additionally, a root cause analysis and action taken to prevent future occurrence must also be provided to CalGEM by January 11, 2022.

Pacific Coast Energy Company LP shall notify CalGEM during normal working hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) once the violations have been corrected for a re-inspection.

Failure to comply with the laws of California and CalGEM may result in enforcement action including, but not limited to, issuance of a civil penalty and/or order pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 3106, 3224, 3235, 3236, and 3236.5.

If you have any questions, please contact Neda Tafi at (562) 637-4400 or neda.tafi@conservation.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Environmental and Facilities Unit Supervisor

cc: Los Angeles City Fire Department- [lafdcupa@lacity.org](mailto:lafdcpa@lacity.org)
Pipeline and Facilities Program File



Discussion and possible vote to support council file 21-1469, directing the city to develop a scope and budget for a citywide sidewalk inventory and assessment.

Agenda Item: GB012022-14
Date: January 20, 2022
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes

Background

As previously discussed by the SORO NC, multiple sidewalks in the neighborhood are in serious disrepair and need improvements in order to be compliant with accessibility laws. The Land Use committee previously submitted a list of specific areas where curbs especially needed modifications, in light of multiple recent lawsuits within CD-5 from pedestrians who were seriously injured as a result of broken sidewalks.

Proposed Motion

Submit the below community impact statement to CF 21-1469:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council commends the motion in Council File 21-1469 which directs the city to develop a scope and budget for a citywide sidewalk inventory and assessment. As discussed several months ago at our general board meeting, SORO NC suffers significantly from a lack of cut curbs. In some areas of the neighborhood, more than 50% of intersections in residential areas do not have ADA accessible curbs. Our sidewalks as a whole need serious improvements in order for this neighborhood to be accessible to all who work and reside here. We hope the city will also study alternatives to removing trees from the urban canopy in cases where a sidewalk’s disrepair is caused by root growth.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 5 Against: 0

Arguments for:

Universal accessibility improves the lives of all stakeholders.

Arguments against:

The city may prefer to dedicate its resources elsewhere.



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Motion for the SORO NC to either host a Town Hall Candidate Forum or sponsor a Town Hall Candidate Forum hosted by the League of Women Voters, with possible coordination and co-sponsorship with other Neighborhood Councils, with a possible date and time of April 4, 2022, 7:30pm at the Simon Wiesenthal Center; and to fund up to \$1000 to print lawn signs for purposes of advertising this event.

Agenda Item: GB012022-15
Date: January 20, 2022
Proposed By: Outreach Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? NO

Background

SORO NC bylaws require the SORO NC to hold an annual Town Hall. SORO NC voted in December to make this year's annual Town Hall dedicated to a candidate forum for those running for CD-5 City Council in the June 7, 2022 election.

SORO NC would like to provide its stakeholders the opportunity to learn more about the candidates and their positions.

The Town Hall forum would be a 1 1/2 hours long with candidates in person, on stage, standing either at podiums or strong music stands, each with a hard wired microphone. A small table between the podiums would have glasses of water.

In addition to being in person, at the Wiesenthal Center, this will also be broadcast live on Zoom and Facebook Live.



The Wiesenthal Center hall can host up to 300 people, and parking is included. They would also provide all technical support for sound — both for the in person hall and for the online audio mix. In addition, they have a camera that will be operated live, pre-programmed with separate settings that can focus to each podium, and will be connected to Facebook Live and to Zoom.

Security will be provided by Wiesenthal Center as well.

A moderator still needs to be chosen, with our first choice to be a reporter from television news. Questions will all be chosen ahead of time, with some questions known by the candidates and some unknown.

Current budget:

All Neighborhood Councils in CD-5 will be invited to co-sponsor and to invite their stakeholders to attend.

MARKETING

Marketing from SORO NC would involve social media, lawn signs, and potential additional marketing support would come from co-sponsorship by other Neighborhood Councils in CD-5.

Proposed Motion

Motion for the SORO NC to either host a Town Hall Candidate Forum or sponsor a Town Hall Candidate Forum hosted by the League of Women Voters, with possible coordination and co-sponsorship with other Neighborhood Councils, with a possible date



of April 4, 2022 at the Simon Wiesenthal Center; and to fund up to \$1000 to print lawn signs for purposes of advertising this event.

SORO NC would authorize the spending of \$1000 to print 200 lawn signs for purposes of advertising this event.

Considerations

Committee review:	Votes For: 3	Against: 0
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$ 1000
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Arguments for:

Arguments against:

This is a very efficient method for educating and encouraging involvement in SORO NC by stakeholders.

Money could be used elsewhere



Motion for SORO NC to fund up to \$1000 to print reusable lawn signs to advertise the SORO NC General Board Meetings.

Agenda Item: GB012022-16
Date: January 20, 2022
Proposed By: Outreach Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? NO

Background

In order for SORO NC to reflect the views and positions of the community, it is important that more stakeholders attend and participate in the SORO NC General Board monthly meetings.

Over the past several years, the average General Board meeting has only a small amount of stakeholders attending. In comparison to other Neighborhood Councils. (Only controversial subjects seem to drive attendance.)

A large reason for this low attendance numbers is the lack of knowledge of these meetings and of the SORO NC itself in the community.

The Covid-19 pandemic has reduced the amount of in person outreach events to create visibility and overall involvement in SORO NC community events. Parallel to our ongoing social media campaigns and as more people return to in person events, a physical outreach campaign is necessary to generate awareness build excitement of the SORO NC's Board Meetings through lawn signs.

SORO NC would design and print 200 lawn signs that would say something similar to:

“South Robertson Neighborhoods Council meeting
THIS THURSDAY • Visit SORONC.org for details”

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These signs would be reusable and apply to both virtual, and eventually, in person General Board Meetings.

Each board member would place a few lawn signs in the ground one week prior to each General Board meeting and would remove them after each meeting to be reused the following month.

The SORO NC has used lawn signs in the past to promote various community events successfully.

Proposed Motion

SORO NC funds \$1000 to print reusable lawn signs to advertise the SORO NC General Board Meetings.

Considerations

Committee review:	Votes For:	Against:
Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>		\$?????

Arguments for:	Arguments against:
This is a very efficient method for educating and encouraging involvement in SORONC by stakeholders.	Money could be used elsewhere



Motion to send letter regarding concerns over new construction of Apple offices (“Project Crossings”); 8825 National Blvd and 8771 Washington Blvd, plus additional adjacent parcels in Culver City and Los Angeles.

Agenda Item: GB012022-17
Date: January 20, 2022
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

Project Crossings is a new development proposed on the south end of SORO that will require collaboration between the City of Los Angeles and Culver City. Please see supplements for additional information.

Proposed Motion

Motion to submit the attached letter to the LA Planning Commission, project developers, and our Culver City contact regarding the project.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 3 Against: 0

Arguments for:

The project will bring much needed business to the area.

Arguments against:

The project does not include amenities that many SORO residents have asked for, like retail and housing, and is merely an office space.

To: jeff.anderson@culvercity.org; community@ccpmanager.com; LA City Planning Commission

To whom it may concern,

Upon review of the Project Crossings documentation and attendance at community meetings, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council would like to express our thoughts on the development as well as welcome this development to the neighborhood.

Most importantly, Project Crossings will have a significant impact on housing within the surrounding neighborhood which falls into SORO boundaries. These areas hold significant amounts of rent-stabilized apartments, and the Council fears that Project Crossings will impact the area the same way that Sweetgreen HQ impacted its new location in Leimert Park; by driving up housing costs and incentivizing landlords to sell RSO units for re-development. We request more information on how Project Crossings, Los Angeles, and Culver City plan to soften this impact.

This project is less than 500 feet from a major Metro station, yet more than 1200 parking spots are being allocated to this office, and no plans have been announced to ensure employees of the new office utilize the Metro station. Employees working at this office are very likely to live in the surrounding areas and should be encouraged to bike, bus, or take the train to work. We simply don't have the bandwidth to safely introduce 1200 cars to the surrounding environment, which is currently optimized for cyclists, pedestrians, and public transit users. The building should include bicycle parking spots and it is the hope of the SORO NC that Apple will incentivize employees to use forms of transportation other than cars to get to work.

The plans also need improved pedestrian safety measures, such as additional crosswalks ie. on National, and at National & Washington. This area is notorious for traffic violence and any company moving here needs to do its part in improving the built environment to be as safe as possible for everyone. The drop-off station at National needs significant improvements in order to be safe for pedestrians and cyclists -- we request the project support protections to the existing bike lanes to make sure cyclist commuters are not impacted by this construction and potential deliveries once open. SORO NC strongly opposes any attempts to minimize sidewalks that already exist in this area. It is not clear from the drawings if the sidewalk or the median on Venice Blvd will remain the same size and with the same setback to be consistent with the neighboring Helms property.

Additionally, this project area is one that people go to in order to eat and shop. Project Crossings should heavily consider incorporating space for restaurants, retail, or upscale and specialty food amenities (ie. Joan's on Third or San Francisco's Falletti Foods) on the premises so that residents in the area receive new amenities that don't currently exist. Culver Studios agreed to such arrangements, and the new HBO office is built similarly with ground-floor restaurant space. We want to maintain an environment around our major Metro station that makes people want to spend time in the area even if they don't work there. The Venice Blvd side of the construction especially would benefit from more retail space. **In exchange for the addition of retail, the NC would be open to supporting additional increases in height and density, or other bonuses.**

The park included in the plans should be accessible to the public. We request as much accessible public green space as future employees will have, and would be willing to make other concessions in exchange for this. The new HBO office allows the public access to their parklet space, and Apple should consider the same. Any public areas for employees and members of the public would

receive strong support from the SORO NC, as a goal of ours is to see more community-oriented spaces in the vicinity. It is also the request of the SORO NC that Project Crossings reports back on potential green architecture initiatives they may implement, such as community solar on the roof, stormwater capture, and as much greenscape as possible (rather than hardscape). As a company with an innovative reputation, Apple could get much neighborhood support by showcasing these types of designs. Above all, we want to know that Project Crossings will mesh with the local community -- long time residents, low income renters, families, Metro riders, and students at Hamilton High School. Any efforts to do so will go a long way to gain the NC's support for this project.

We hope to see Project Crossings at a future SORO NC general board meeting.



Motion to support WRAC motion regarding the inclusion of SB9 sites in the Adequate Sites for Housing inventory (CF 21-0002-S186)

Agenda Item: GB012022-18
Date: January 20, 2022
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

WRAC (Westside Regional Alliance of Councils) has proposed member councils support an effort to include SB 9 sites in the list of Adequate Sites for Housing Inventory. More information is available at WRAC's website: <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-council-file-21-0002-s186-koretz/>

Proposed Motion

Motion to support WRAC's motion.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 4 Against: 1

Arguments for:

SB 9 was an effort to increase housing supply and should be counted towards available housing.

Arguments against:

SB 9 sites are not the type of housing the report is intended to compile.



Motion for the SORO NC to purchase four (4) flag banners for up to \$500 to be used at NC outreach events, with the first event being the West LAPD Catalytic Converter Etching event on February 27, 2022

Agenda Item: GB012022-19
Date: January 20, 2022
Proposed By: Executive Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? NO

Background

Flag banners would assist in drawing attention to SORO NC sponsored events and general outreach and awareness of the NC. The design would include a large logo with an arrow. They would be used on the day of an event and stored in the NC's storage unit.

The first event for the flags to be used would likely be a Catalytic Etching event, organized by West LAPD on February 27, 2022.

Proposed Motion

- I. That the SORO NC purchase four (4) flag banners for up to \$500 to be used at NC outreach events, with the first event being the West LAPD Catalytic Converter Etching event on February 27, 2022

Considerations

Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 5	Against: 0
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$ N/A
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Arguments for: These banners can be reused for future SORO NC events

Arguments against: Money can be spent on other uses

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