



Motion to establish standing rule regarding appointment of replacement members with ballots of more than 10 people

Agenda Item: GB111920-07
Date: September 17, 2020
Proposed By: Executive Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

The Bylaws state that if there are more than two candidates running for an office, if no one obtains a majority of the vote, the top two vote getters advance to a run-off. While this system may work with only a few candidates or in a city where there are millions of people voting, this system may lack justice and equity in our Neighborhood Council where there are maximum of 24 voters when replacing a councilmember.

In the upcoming election of an At-Large Representative, there are over 20 candidates. As such, it is likely that the vote will be spread among a number of parties such that including only 2 in a run-off may come as a result of only 4 potential members voting for those two candidates.

In the interest of fairness, the Executive Committee has proposed the following addition to the standing rules in circumstances where more than 10 candidates are running for an appointment as a councilmember following the resignation, withdrawal, or removal of a prior councilmember.

Proposed Motion

To add the following to the SORO NC standing rules:

1. When more than 10 candidates are applying, the first round of voting will consist of all voting members casting a vote of one candidate and any candidate receiving at least 2 votes will advance to the second round.
2. If more than 10 candidates remain, a second round vote will allow the top 3 vote getters to the 3rd round of voting. Thereafter, the procedures will continue as stated in the Bylaws whereby the top 2 vote getters advance to the final round.
3. If less than 10 candidates remain after the initial vote, only the top two vote getters will advance to the final round whereby the vote will continue as stated in the Bylaws.
4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if one candidate obtains a majority of votes in any round, that candidate shall immediately be deemed the winner.

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Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 4

Against:

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

\$0

Arguments for:

Arguments against:

The Bylaws do not consider a situation where over 20 people are running for an office.

The Bylaws already have a process set for conducting these types of elections.

This proposal will result in an outcome that is more equitable since the number of candidates can be cut down to a more manageable number in each subsequent round.

This system will cause an inequity to the top two vote getters in the initial election.

According to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, a Neighborhood Council may set its rules when establishing appointment of replacement members.



Motion to reimburse Soro NC by using encumbered funds

Agenda Item: GB111920-09 [View Agenda Item](#)
Date: November 19, 2020
Proposed By: Jon Liberman
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

South Robertson NC set up an encumbrance, out of surplus FY 2019-2020 funds, to get specific expenditures made in FY 2020-2021, paid for by the surplus funds.

To date we have paid for Public Storage fees of \$270/month for the months of July, August, September, and October. These funds are eligible to be paid out of the encumbered funds.

Proposed Motion

- I. That the City Clerk take \$1080 (\$270x4) from the encumbered funds and increase the amount of Net Available for the Soro NC by \$1080.

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Considerations

Committee review: Votes For:-0- Against-0-:
(highly recommended)

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
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Arguments for: Arguments against:

Allows NC to pay for current expenditures by utilizing access to encumbered funding. None

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Fwd: South Robertson encumbrance request SECOND REQUEST

Janet Hernandez <janet.a.hernandez@lacity.org>

Wed, Jul 8, 2020 at 3:19 PM

To: Shawna Priscila Dungo <shawna.dungo@lacity.org>

Cc: Jon Liberman <jonliberman@soronc.org>, Melvin Canas <melvin.canas@lacity.org>

Good afternoon Jon,

Our office has looked into this matter further, and adjustments will be made to expenses that occur in July that are part of your NC's encumbered funds. Please work with Shawna to identify those expenses made in July to ensure the proper adjustments are made.

Thank you

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Jon Liberman <jonliberman@soronc.org>

Fwd: South Robertson encumbrance request SECOND REQUEST

Shawna Priscila Dungo <shawna.dungo@lacity.org>

Wed, Jul 8, 2020 at 3:40 PM

To: Janet Hernandez <janet.a.hernandez@lacity.org>

Cc: Jon Liberman <jonliberman@soronc.org>, Melvin Canas <melvin.canas@lacity.org>

Thank you, Janet.

Hello Jon,

Please let me know when you have processed an expenditure through the use of encumbered funds. As a reminder, your encumbrance request was approved for the following:

- Public Storage for \$3240

Best,

Shawna Dungo

Funding Representative for the South LA, Harbor, and West LA areas

Office of the City Clerk
Administrative Services Division
Neighborhood Council Funding Program

Phone: (213) 978-1058

Website: clerk.lacity.org

General Email: clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org



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Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: July 2020

Budget Fiscal Year: 2020-2021

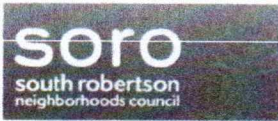
NC Name: South Robertson
Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$42000.00	\$270.00	\$41730.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41730.00

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$25850.00	\$270.00	\$25580.00	\$0.00	\$25580.00
Outreach		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$4700.00	\$0.00	\$4700.00	\$0.00	\$4700.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$11200.00	\$0.00	\$11200.00	\$0.00	\$11200.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$0.00	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	PUBLIC STORAGE 21914	07/03/2020	storage	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$270.00
Subtotal:						\$270.00

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



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ACCOUNT

NUMBER: 13352721

PHONE: (310) 717-3456

EMAIL: jonliberman@soronc.org

Payment Details

STORAGE 5917 Burchard Ave
LOCATION: Los Angeles, CA 90034
(323) 383-9913

SPACE NUMBER: 254

SPACE SIZE: 10x10

PAYMENT AMOUNT:
\$270.00

	PAST DUE/DUE NOW	DUE NEXT 08/01/2020
RENT	\$0.00	\$261.00
INSURANCE	\$0.00	\$9.00
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$270.00

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Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: August 2020

Budget Fiscal Year: 2020-2021

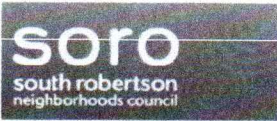
NC Name: South Robertson
Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$44970.00	\$270.00	\$44700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44700.00

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$25850.00	\$270.00	\$25310.00	\$0.00	\$25310.00
Outreach		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$4700.00	\$0.00	\$4700.00	\$0.00	\$4700.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$11200.00	\$0.00	\$11200.00	\$0.00	\$11200.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$270.00	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	PUBLIC STORAGE 21914	08/03/2020	storage	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$270.00
Subtotal:						\$270.00

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



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ACCOUNT

NUMBER: 13352721

PHONE: (310) 717-3456

EMAIL: jonliberman@soronc.org

Payment Details

STORAGE 5917 Burchard Ave
LOCATION: Los Angeles, CA 90034
(323) 383-9913

SPACE NUMBER: 254

SPACE SIZE: 10x10

PAYMENT AMOUNT:
\$270.00

	PAST DUE/DUE NOW	DUE NEXT 09/01/2020
RENT	\$0.00	\$261.00
INSURANCE	\$0.00	\$9.00
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$270.00

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Reporting Month: September 2020 Budget Fiscal Year: 2020-2021

NC Name: South Robertson
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Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$44700.00	\$270.00	\$44430.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44430.00

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$25850.00	\$270.00	\$25040.00	\$0.00	\$25040.00
Outreach		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$4700.00	\$0.00	\$4700.00	\$0.00	\$4700.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$11200.00	\$0.00	\$11200.00	\$0.00	\$11200.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$540.00	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	PUBLIC STORAGE 21914	09/03/2020	storage	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$270.00
Subtotal:						\$270.00

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



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EMAIL: jonliberman@soronc.org

Payment Details

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LOCATION: Los Angeles, CA 90034

(323) 383-9913

SPACE NUMBER: 254

SPACE SIZE: 10x10

PAYMENT AMOUNT: \$270.00

	PAST DUE/DUE NOW	DUE NEXT 10/01/2020
RENT	\$0.00	\$261.00
INSURANCE	\$0.00	\$9.00
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$270.00

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Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: October 2020

Budget Fiscal Year: 2020-2021

NC Name: South Robertson
Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$44430.00	\$270.00	\$44160.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$43860.00

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$25850.00	\$270.00	\$24770.00	\$0.00	\$24770.00
Outreach		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$4700.00	\$0.00	\$4700.00	\$0.00	\$4700.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$11200.00	\$0.00	\$11200.00	\$0.00	\$11200.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$300.00		Previous Expenditures: \$810.00	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	PUBLIC STORAGE 21914	10/03/2020	storage	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$270.00
Subtotal:						\$270.00

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



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ACCOUNT

NUMBER: 13352721

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EMAIL: jonliberman@soronc.org

Payment Details

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LOCATION: Los Angeles, CA 90034

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SPACE NUMBER: 254

SPACE SIZE: 10x10

PAYMENT AMOUNT: \$270.00

	PAST DUE/DUE NOW	DUE NEXT 11/01/2020
RENT	\$0.00	\$261.00
INSURANCE	\$0.00	\$9.00
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Motion to support proposed 15-unit Density Bonus at 1432 S Beverly

Agenda Item: GB111920-10

Date: November 19, 2020

Proposed By: Land Use Committee

**Include motion in
Consent Agenda?** No

Background

The project team presented this project to the Land Use Committee at their November 10, 2020 meeting. The project consists of 15 units, including 2 units for Very Low Income household occupancy.¹ The project requests the following:

- 57.5% Density Bonus from 9 units to 15 units
- Open space provided above the first habitable room level
- Planned height increase from 45' to 67'
- Side yard reduction of 30% from 9' to 6'4"
- Reduced parking of 22 spaces

The subject property, a duplex, is 7,065 square feet and located in the [Q]R3-1VL-O Zone. The proposed building is a 15-unit apartment project and utilizes Density Bonus incentives.

The applicant noticed residents within 500 feet of the property for the Land Use Committee meeting. There were some residents in attendance with concerns regarding construction nuisance and parking.

The Land Use Committee voted 5 yes / 1 no / 1 abstain to recommend the General Board support the project.

Proposed Motion

Submit a letter in support of the application to City Planning Associate Oliver Netburn to be included in the case file for the proposed 15-unit Density Bonus at 1432 S Beverly; CPC-2020-595-DB-CU.



Considerations

Committee review:

Votes For: 5

Against: 1

Arguments for:

No residents are displaced.

Building adds net units of dense housing, especially two large affordable units that did not exist before.

Construction would not begin immediately so COVID lockdown may not be an issue.

Building provides 22 parking spots for 15 units.

Despite increase in luxury housing, area is already wealthy and does not pose gentrification concerns.

Arguments against:

Noise from construction during COVID lockdown.

Residents feared street parking would not be sufficient.



Oliver Netbum
Department of City Planning
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

November 19, 2020

Re: Case Number CPC 2020-595-DB-CU

Dear Oliver Netbum:

I am writing on behalf of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (“SORO NC”) to comment on the proposed 15-unit Density Bonus apartment building at 1432 S. Beverly Drive.

At a duly-noticed meeting of the General Board on November 19, 2020, SORO NC voted 00 yes / 00 no / 00 abstain to recommend that the applicant’s project be supported. The project (which requests increases in density, height, FAR as well as a reduction in side yard and parking) provides 15 units of apartments in place of an existing duplex and while only two of these units are set aside as low income housing, it would bring more density to the are near a future purple line stop as well as more very low income units than there are currently

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this support letter.

Sincerely,

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Motion to submit CIS in support of Council File 20-1313 re: Review of Emergency Rental Assistance Subsidy Program

Agenda Item: GB111920-11
Date: November 19, 2020
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

To assist LA's tenants and landlords affected by the current COVID-19 health pandemic, and prevent displacement of renters, the citywide Emergency Rental Assistance Subsidy Program was created by LA City Council, The Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA), with the support of Mayor Eric Garcetti. The program was created to provide a temporary rent subsidy for tenants in the City of Los Angeles who are unable to pay rent due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thousands of renters have since then applied for this program, desperately in need of help, however, it has been reported that some never got such needed funds due to the unwillingness of landlords to participate. Moreover, recent news reports revealed that over 100 landlords in the City of Los Angeles have refused to take part in this program.

City Council has introduced a motion to instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department to report back to the Housing Committee with recommendations on the feasibility of subsidizing the renters that applied for and rightfully won the lottery through the rental subsidy program, but were denied (their access to their participation in the program and their rightfully granted rental subsidy), due to the refusal of a landlord to participate.

Proposed Motion

Submit a CIS in support of Council File 20-1313.



Considerations

Committee review:

Votes For: 7

Against: 0

Arguments for:

Renters in SORO need relief during an unprecedented economic crisis.

Arguments against:

The current program puts too many restrictions on landlords.



November 19, 2020

Re: Council File: 20-1313

Title: Citywide Emergency Rental Assistance Subsidy Program / COVID-19
Pandemic / Landlord Participation

Position: Support

Statement:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports this motion instructing the Housing and Community Investment Department to report back to the Housing Committee with recommendations on the feasibility of subsidizing the renters that applied for and rightfully won the lottery through the rental subsidy program, but were denied (their access to their participation in the program and their rightfully granted rental subsidy), due to the refusal of a landlord to participate.

The Council also believes HCID needs to review the program; though the Council appreciates the intent to assist renters, the program's implementation and requirements don't meet the needs of the community in a sufficient way.

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Motion to submit CIS in opposition to Council File 20-1153

Agenda Item: GB111920-12
Date: November 19, 2020
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

In 2007, The City decided to start the Own a Piece of Los Angeles program to target more than 200 parcels of public land to sell or transfer to willing buyers. These parcels are often slivers of land too small to develop into housing, which the City has deemed “surplus” despite an overall lack of City-owned land in Los Angeles.

The City owns an approximately 57,750 square foot (1.32 acre) vacant property near Beverwil Drive in Council District 5 (APN: 4309-002-901) (Property). The property is located along Beverwil Dr. and a Los Angeles County Flood Control Channel.

The City is currently in the process of selling a portion of the Property adjacent to 2315, 2551, 2301, 2215, and 2311 Beverwil Dr. to property owners who have expressed an interest in purchasing the portion of the property that is directly adjacent to their properties in order to expand the size of their lot. Councilmember Koretz has asked the City to declare this land surplus in order to sell it.

The 57,750 sq. ft. property is directly adjacent to Irving Schachter Park and could be incorporated into the park as a potential walking path or dog run. Currently, South Robertson has a significant lack of public green spaces – the few parks that do exist in this neighborhood are very small. Adding even portions of this property to the park would be a great benefit to the community, especially considering the abundant birdlife thriving in this area.

Proposed Motion

Submit a CIS in opposition to Council File 20-1153.



Considerations

Committee review:

Votes For: 6

Against: 1

Arguments for:

SORO lacks significant public green space.

Parcel is home to abundant wildlife.

Arguments against:

Property owner expressed interest in maintaining the land.



November 19, 2020

Re: Council File: 20-1153

Title: Beverwil Drive / City-Owned Property / Surplus / Public Auction

Position: Oppose

Statement:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council opposes this motion instructing the General Services Department to find that the Property is no longer needed for any City Purpose in order to declare it a surplus asset to sell to private owners. The 57,750 sq. ft. property is directly adjacent to Irving Schachter Park and could be incorporated into the park as a potential walking path or dog run. Currently, South Robertson has a significant lack of public green spaces – the few parks that do exist in this neighborhood are very small. Adding even portions of this property to the park would be a great benefit to the community, especially considering the abundant birdlife thriving in this area.

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Motion to Submit Letter in Opposition to the Removal of Multiple Trees in SORO Without Alternative Measures to Maintain the Sidewalk

Agenda Item: GB111920-13
Date: November 19, 2020
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

The LA Bureau of Engineering and LA Urban Forestry have identified trees in the SORO neighborhood as slated for removal (bid #48) under the Citywide Sidewalk Repair Program (Posting ID 954).

The Urban Forestry Division has stated that these trees could be severely impacted by root pruning for the required sidewalk, curb, and gutter repairs.

However, these trees are quite large and established, while replacement trees would be extremely small. Established trees provide many advantages to the community such as much needed shade via their wide canopies and cleaner air in a neighborhood in close proximity to major freeways. These trees also provide shelter to various bird species including raptors and other much needed wildlife. Young replacement trees would take many years to reach maturity and provide the benefits of existing trees.

Proposed Motion

Submit a letter opposing the removal of trees in SORO without exploring alternative measures to maintain the sidewalk and surrounding public area.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 7 Against: 0

Arguments for:

The tree canopy is difficult to replace with young trees.

Arguments against:

Damaged sidewalks make it difficult for pedestrians to walk, especially those with limited mobility.



Advancements in sidewalk innovation mean there are alternatives to eliminating mature trees.







LA Bureau of Engineering
LA Urban Forestry

November 19, 2020

Re: Citywide Sidewalk Repair Program – Posting ID 954

To Whom It May Concern:

The Citywide Sidewalk Repair Program has posted (Posting ID 954) a Street Repair / Tree Removal Bid (#48) for the removal of a total of nine (9) trees, Eucalyptus(2), Ficus(3) Pine(1), Bottle(1), Carrotwood(1), Sycamore(1), in the SORO neighborhood, at least 2 are in the Crestview & La Cienega Heights zone.

These trees provide many advantages to the community such as much needed shade via their wide canopies and cleaner air to a neighborhood in close proximity to major freeways. The people of this community often take walk, bike, play, and connect outdoors on this neighborhood's sidewalks. These tree canopies are not just for shade; they provide shelter to various bird species including raptors and other much needed wildlife. The success of the Slow Streets temporary barricades is worth noting because it showcases how necessary outdoor space is to this area. SORO, or at least certain pockets, lacks green open spaces even with nearby Reynier Park more trees are needed to try to mitigate climate change. This is not a time to be removing trees at all, especially healthy trees, if damaged sidewalks can be fixed using alternative methods.

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council feels it is imperative to make every effort to save these trees. They are well established and provide a much larger canopy than any young trees that would replace them through this sidewalk repair program. Trees, especially mature trees, enhance the landscape of our neighborhood, assist with air quality, encourage ecological diversity and provide an overall better quality of life. Young replacement trees would take many years to reach maturity and provide the benefits of existing trees.

While we do not yet know the environmental impact of removing these trees or to what extent it would negatively affect the community it is important to consider alternative and innovative measures that would keep these trees in place. In addition, the lack of public input prior to the City making the decision to remove nine mature trees is problematic. There have been instances in the past, albeit in more affluent neighborhoods, where the City has actually protected its trees knowing how important it is to "neighborhood beautification." It seems that these same measures (such as using flexible material rather than concrete, root trimming, expanding the curb, etc.) are not being considered.

Sincerely,

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Motion to approve a \$5,000 Neighborhood Purpose Grant to fund the Home-y Made Meals program operated by Eayikes (501c3)

Agenda Item: GB111920-14
Date: November 19, 2020
Proposed By: Executive Committee
**Include motion in
Consent
Agenda?** No

Background

The LA. Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) released the results of its 2020 homeless count which showed a 12.7% rise in County homelessness. Currently, 66,433 people now live in the streets in Los Angeles. Within the city of Los Angeles alone, the number increased by 14.2%. There is significant delay and a shortage in housing and sheltering options for homeless people in this city.

On top of the issue of living in Los Angeles without a home, homeless people experience food insecurity. COVID-19 and the ensuing economic crisis exacerbated both of these conditions – without government protections and safe access to shelters (which tend to be crowded), many Angelenos have lost access to food.

Eayikes was founded in 2013 to connect folks from neighborhoods across the socioeconomic spectrum. When COVID-19 lockdown began, Eayikes created the program Home-y Made Meals which established a network of volunteer cooks, drivers, and partnerships to deliver fresh meals to homeless and impoverished Angelenos. This project has served more than 28,000 meals since March 26, in part due to Neighborhood Purpose Grants from other Councils, and has used the extensive outreach network of Street Watch Los Angeles to distribute many of these meals to unhoused folks all over the city. They hope to expand meal service to the South Robertson area, which hosts multiple encampments in neighborhoods like Reynier Village, Art District, Crestview, Bevelywood, and Pico-Robertson.

Proposed Motion

Approve a \$5,000 Neighborhood Purpose Grant to fund the Home-y Made Meals program operated by Eayikes (501c3).



Considerations

Committee review:

Votes For:
N/A

Against:
N/A

Arguments for:

Arguments against:

It helps feed people who are struggling

We don't know who exactly it is helping or the criteria to determine who gets help

It is a safe distribution option given the COVID-19 pandemic

This program is all over LA so we can't guarantee that it will directly assist only SORO people

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: FEB 20 2015

EAYIKES INC
3700 E 4TH ST STE 5
LONG BEACH, CA 90814-1623

Employer Identification Number:
46-2395125
DLN:
17053318330044
Contact Person:
THOMAS E GERITY ID# 31664
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
January 6, 2014
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,



Director, Exempt Organizations

SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE

You may also provide the Budget Outline on a separate sheet if necessary or requested.

6a)	Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

6b)	Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?
 No Yes If Yes, please list names of NCs: _____

8) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in Question 4 contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? (Including NPG applications to other NCs) No Yes If Yes, please describe:

Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$ _____

10a) Start date: ___/___/___ 10b) Date Funds Required: ___/___/___ 10c) Expected Completion Date: ___/___/___
 (After completion of the project, the applicant should submit a Project Completion Report to the Neighborhood Council)

SECTION IV - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

11a) Do you (applicant) have a current or former relationship with a Board Member of the NC?
 No Yes If Yes, please describe below:

Name of NC Board Member	Relationship to Applicant

11b) If yes, did you request that the board member consult the Office of the City Attorney before filing this application?
 Yes No ***(Please note that if a Board Member of the NC has a conflict of interest and completes this form, or participates in the discussion and voting of this NPG, the NC Funding Program will deny the payment of this grant in its entirety.)**

SECTION V - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein and communicated otherwise is truly and accurately stated. I further affirm that I have read the documents "What is a Public Benefit," and "Conflicts of Interest" of this application and affirm that the proposed project(s) and/or program(s) fall within the criteria of a public benefit project/program and that no conflict of interest exist that would prevent the awarding of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant. I affirm that I am not a current Board Member of the Neighborhood Council to whom I am submitting this application. I further affirm that if the grant received is not used in accordance with the terms of the application stated here, said funds shall be returned immediately to the Neighborhood Council.

12a) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal - REQUIRED*

_____ *ACJ* _____
 PRINT Name Title Signature Date

12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - REQUIRED*

_____ *KD* _____
 PRINT Name Title Signature Date

* If a current Board Member holds the position of Executive Director or Secretary, please contact the NC Funding Program at (213) 978-1058 or clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org for instructions on completing this form



Motion to submit request to Councilmember Wesson to create a Council File regarding conversion of 8686 Venice Blvd into supportive housing

Agenda Item: GB111920-15
Date: November 19, 2020
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

Homelessness has risen in the City of Los Angeles by just above 14% according to the 2020 Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, while the housing supply remains fairly stagnant and shelters continue to exceed capacity and demand. As a result, encampments have increased in size in areas like Reynier Village, Crestview, Pico-Robertson, Beverlywood, and the SORO Art District. The COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis only exacerbate this issue; although data has not been released yet, many stakeholders of the South Robertson area can attest to how many more unhoused people have appeared in our streets.

In early September 2020, an incident occurred in Reynier Village in which boulders were placed under the Cattaraugus overpass in order to deter homeless people from setting up tents there. The incident sparked controversy and even a condemnation from Councilmember Wesson's office. The stakeholders of South Robertson urged this Neighborhood Council to explore adding new housing sites to the southern area of our neighborhood, as permanent supportive housing is the only proven solution to preventing homelessness and the SORO area lacks a supply of it.

The site at 8686 Venice Blvd, previously known as the Venice Hotel, suffered from a space heater-related fire in February of this year. Currently, the site remains unused due to fire damage. The site could be converted into bridge housing or even permanent supportive housing with assistance from the City and State. Creating a Council File regarding this proposal would help the community give feedback.

Proposed Motion

Submit a request to Councilmember Wesson to instruct the City to purchase and convert 8686 Venice Blvd (formerly known as the Venice Hotel) into supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness.



Considerations

Committee review:

Votes For: 6

Against: 0

Arguments for:

Lack of supportive housing in the neighborhood.

Site currently remains unused.

Arguments against:

Fire damage may make it difficult to easily convert site into housing.



Councilmember Herb Wesson
200 North Spring Street, Room 430
Los Angeles, CA 90012

November 19, 2020

Re: Venice Hotel

Dear Councilmember Wesson:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council commends your past action in helping the homeless community of the area find shelter and bridge housing, as well as your dedication to building further housing and expanding support for unhoused people.

Homelessness has risen in the City of Los Angeles by just above 14% according to the 2020 Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, while the housing supply remains fairly stagnant and shelters continue to exceed capacity and demand. As a result, encampments have increased in size in areas like Reynier Village, Crestview, Pico-Robertson, Beverlywood, and the SORO Art District. The COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis only exacerbate this issue; although data has not been released yet, many stakeholders of the South Robertson area can attest to how many more unhoused people have appeared in our streets.

In early September 2020, your office was alerted to an incident in Reynier Village in which boulders were placed under the Cattaraugus overpass in order to deter homeless people from setting up tents there. The incident sparked controversy and even a condemnation from your office. Now, the stakeholders of South Robertson urge you to explore adding new housing sites to the southern area of our neighborhood. Your effort to open new bridge housing has been noticed, and we would like to see it help people in our region as well.

The site at 8686 Venice Blvd, previously known as the Venice Hotel, suffered from a space heater-related fire in February of this year. Currently, the site remains unused due to fire damage. We believe this site could be converted into bridge housing or even permanent supportive housing with assistance from the City and State. We know that this would not be a simple task but feel that it would go a long way in helping our community.

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council urges LA Councilmember Herb Wesson to explore turning the Venice Hotel site at 8686 Venice Blvd into housing for people experiencing homelessness. We hope you will continue to support the homeless population of Los Angeles which only continues to grow even as luxury housing in the area expands.

Sincerely,

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Motion to submit CIS in support of Council File 20-0289

Agenda Item: GB111920-16
Date: November 19, 2020
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

Among the various requirements of Ordinance No. 184745 ('Affordable Housing and Labor Standards Related to City Planning', Council File No. 16-0684) is the creation of a new affordable housing incentive program for developments near major transit stops. The ordinance contains a 'Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Affordable Housing Incentive Program,' along with a directive for the necessary TOC Program Guidelines which became effective on September 22, 2017 and revised on February 26, 2018, that are applicable to all housing developments located within a one-half mile radius of a Major Transit Stop. As specified in the ordinance, each one-half mile radius along a Major Transit Stop constitutes a unique TOC Affordable Housing Incentive Area.

Now that the program has been in effect for over two years, it is clear that although it is popular, and is generating many new housing units and covenanted affordable housing units, the program has failed to account for differences in land values across the City. In areas with high land values, the TOC program provides a substantial windfall for property owners and developers without achieving commensurate value for the public in terms of the creation of affordable housing units.

In 2017, the Council approved an affordable housing Linkage Fee Ordinance (Ordinance No. 185342), Council File No. 17-0274. When the Planning Department released drafts of the Linkage Fee Ordinance, the fee rates were uniform for all parts of the city, making no distinction between high market areas and low market areas. With Council oversight and input, however, the final version included higher fees in higher market areas and more funding for affordable housing in Los Angeles. This type of tiered affordable housing requirement should be included in the TOC program.

Proposed Motion

Submit a CIS in support of Council File 20-0289.



Considerations

Committee review:

Votes For: 5

Against: 1

Arguments for:

The TOC program has not provided sufficient affordable housing units.

Arguments against:

The restrictions disincentivize developers.



November 19, 2020

Re: Council File: 20-0189

Title: Transit Oriented Communities Guidelines / Affordable Housing / Revision

Position: Support

Statement:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports this motion instructing the Planning Department to prepare revised Transit Oriented Communities Guidelines to increase the 55-year covenanted affordable housing percentage requirements in high and mid-market areas of Los Angeles, similar to the higher affordability levels in the Linkage Fee Ordinance, CF 17-0274.

The City continues to miss its Regional Housing Needs Assessment targets, and it is crucial that TOC projects that displace moderate income residents provide a similar number of moderate income units. As an interim step towards acting on the ideas in Council File 19-0669, it makes sense to increase the affordability targets for TOC projects higher in upmarket areas similar to the market segmentation in the Linkage Fee Ordinance. We recognize the urgent need for increased housing supply, but also need protections to prevent current residents from being forced out of their chosen Community.

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council proposes that the Community Plan be updated to require that TOC projects set aside 75% of units as Restricted Affordable Units; with no changes to the current set-aside for ELI, VLI, or LI tenants, the remainder of these 75% units would be restricted for people of Moderate Income (80% to 120% of the area Median Income). This proposal provides developers with the ability to build 25% of their units for rental at market rate while delivering some low-income affordable units and also helps to maintain the middle-class community that lives in South Robertson today.

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