



Motion to request four additional citywide Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) instructors

Agenda Item: GB111617-2

Date: 16 November 2017

Proposed By: LANCC

Background

Motion proposed by LA Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC).

LANCC and other Neighborhood Councils have grave concerns about the preparedness of Los Angeles and its residents in the event of an emergency. After seeing the hurricane devastation of Harvey, Irma, and Maria, in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico and the earthquakes of Mexico City, Los Angeles residents need to be more prepared.

One of the ways that the City of Los Angeles can prepare its residents for an emergency is through the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Currently the LAFD has four instructors for a population of 3.976 million residents.

Proposed Motion

- I. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council requests that the City Council fund an additional four instructors at a cost of \$120,000 per year per instructor (\$480K) to allow the scheduling of additional class so that Los Angeles can be better prepared for in the event of a disaster.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 0

Against:

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

Better civilian training.

Arguments against:

Cost.

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Motion to call for City divestment from Wells Fargo Bank

Agenda Item: GB102617-3

Date: 26 October 2017

Proposed By: Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

Background

Recently, Wells Fargo was hit with another round of scandals for opening over 3.5 million fake accounts. This comes in addition to yet another lawsuit for charging improper mortgage fees. And it was also disclosed that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has been investigating Wells Fargo.

Their misconduct and immoral behavior also includes engaging in predatory lending against people of color and the elderly.

On June 27th, Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously (14-0) to direct the Office of Finance and other city departments to report on options to divest approximately \$40 million in Wells Fargo securities. The motion also directs the Office of Finance and the City Attorney's office to report on ending the city's contract with Wells Fargo due to their downgraded Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) rating.

The passing of this motion was an important first step towards divestment and protecting the citizens of Los Angeles, but it does not guarantee that full divestment will be approved by City Council. Community support is crucial.

Further, the creation of a municipal public bank (introduced on July 25th by Councilmembers Herb Wesson, Paul Krekorian and David Ryu, seconded by Mitch O'Farrell, Paul Koretz, Mike Bonin, and Gil Cedillo) is being explored by the Council as an alternative to using outside banks. It is unclear if such a bank is possible, nor are the regulatory issues defined; **the Council's motion, therefore, is just to explore the feasibility of a Bank of Los Angeles.** Note that it may or may not lead to further action, nor does the NC's motion endorse any particular plan.

Proposed Motion

- I. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports the City Council's call to divest the City's approximately \$40 million in securities and end its contract with Wells Fargo, due to the bank's fraudulent and grossly unethical conduct in opening millions of fake accounts and improperly charging mortgage fees, and the subsequent downgrading of their Community Reinvestment Act rating.
- II. Further, SORO NC supports exploring the feasibility of creating a Los Angeles City Municipal Bank, chartered to reinvest in our communities, affordable housing, and small businesses, and aid in the City's transition to renewable energy.

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Considerations

Committee review
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Votes For: 0

Against:

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

The motion just calls for a feasibility study of an LA City bank. The regulatory and oversight issues have not even been identified, let alone solved. It could also help resolve the new cannabis industry's banking issues.

Given their unethical behavior, Wells Fargo should not profit from City deposits and financial instruments.

Arguments against:

The City's ability to oversee a bank is questionable.

There aren't a lot of other options, particularly when banks are measured against an ethical yardstick.



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Motion to address issues with RecycLA Franchise Waste Program

Agenda Item: GB102617-4

Date: 26 October 2017

Proposed By: Westside Regional Alliance of Councils

Background

The City recently introduced the new recycLA Franchise Waste Program. All commercial and industrial businesses, as well as large multifamily buildings, are now served exclusively by one waste collection company in each region. The program, according to the City's Bureau of Sanitation: "allows the City to engage selected waste haulers through a recycLA agreement by which they are held accountable for a set of environmental, community, customer service, and rate standards. Under these recycLA agreements, recycLA waste hauler requirements will include

- Clean fuel low emission vehicles
- Efficient truck routing
- Enhanced recycling opportunities
- Improved accountability and customer service
- Transparent and predictable rates
- Reporting requirements
- Other environmental protections
- Annual bin cleaning
- Graffiti removal for containers

As an employee or tenant, you will enjoy the following benefits:

- Universal recycling throughout Los Angeles
- Reduced dependence upon landfills
- Cleaner air as a result of reduced generation of methane and other greenhouse gases (GHGs) from landfills
- Enhanced quality of life, thanks to quieter clean fuel burning trucks with the latest safety features, and because of more efficient collection routes, fewer trucks congesting and deteriorating city streets)
- Improved health and safety for solid resources workers"

While the intent is laudable, the rollout has generated numerous complaints to the City. Extra fees, neglected pickups, and more have called the program into question.

Proposed Motion

In response to widespread stakeholder complaints with the new RecycLA Franchise Waste Program, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council calls upon the City to immediately:

- I. mandate franchisees publicly document they have both the equipment and resources necessary to provide the timely and satisfactory services to ALL their customers;
- II. proactively provide ALL customers of the new franchisees appropriate education on what the intent of the new regulations are and how they can manage their waste to keep their fees close to those paid under their previous service providers;



- III. ensure that condo owners, apartment owners and businesses throughout Los Angeles are charged appropriately for the services contracted and that those payments do not exceed those for equivalent services paid by single-family homeowners;
- IV. set up a complaint line separate from the 311 call center to ensure issues are properly addressed until the transition is complete to customer satisfaction;
- V. re-open the fee schedule (and conditions for extra services) as created by outside consultants and approved by the City Council to include stakeholder input through the Neighborhood Council system; and
- VI. to avoid worsening the homelessness crisis in the City, develop and implement strategies to mitigate the impact of rate increases on low-income households.

Considerations

Committee review
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 0

Against:

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

Arguments for:

The additional nit-picky fees have strained budgets of landlords, and threaten to worsen the homelessness crisis as costs are passed down to tenants.

Arguments against:

The program's extra costs are more than offset by the public benefits of cleaner trucks and living wages paid to sanitation workers.



Motion to approve 2018 General Board meeting schedule

Agenda Item: GB111617-6

Date: 16 November 2017

Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

In an effort to allow full community and Board input into SORO NC's General Meeting dates, this motion seeks to establish an approved meeting calendar for 2018.

In the past, some stakeholders and Board members have expressed concern about meeting scheduling. The NC has endeavored to avoid conflicts with other events, holidays, and celebrations, but it hasn't always been possible. Opening the schedule to public discussion—while it still may not fully satisfy all parties—will ensure a more transparent process.

The following informational calendar includes the "regular date" (the customary third Thursday of each month) as well as notations on possible conflicts and alternate dates. In developing the list of potential conflicts, a best effort was made to survey U.S. Federal, Jewish, Christian, Sikh, Hindu, and Islamic celebrations. Any omissions are unintentional.

The Board may opt to adopt the regular calendar as it stands or modify it through amendments to this motion. Note that none of the normal dates fall on a Federal or State holiday.

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Regular 2018 Date	Possible Conflict	Possible Alternate(s)
January 18		
February 15		
March 15		
April 19		
May 17		
June 21		
July 19		
August 16		
September 20		
October 18		
November 15		
December 20		





Proposed Motion

- I. To adopt the 2018 SORO NC General Board meeting schedule ("Regular 2018 Dates") shown above.
- II. This motion does not supersede any aspect or procedure set forth in the NC bylaws, particularly Article VIII, Section 1, Item 2: Special Board Meetings.

Considerations

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

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

Arguments for:

Setting a yearly meeting calendar allows for community input into our schedule.

Meeting on a consistent date (i.e., the third Thursday of the month) may be more easily remembered by stakeholders.

Arguments against:

The dates may still need to be amended as emergencies arise or if we are unable to secure a meeting location on those dates (however unlikely).

Although this calendar sets the dates for regular meetings, special meetings may be need to be called that go beyond the schedule listed here.



Motion to support a dockless bike share program

Agenda Item: GB111617-7

Date: 16 November 2017

Proposed By: Adam Richeimer (Transportation Committee)

Background

The city has a pilot program for bike sharing where people can rent a bike for a short period of time from a bike docking station and return it to another bike docking station. These systems have had a lot of success in other cities and may yet be successful in Los Angeles. They provide a great affordable and eco friendly solution to the “last mile problem” by providing a way for people to get from public transportation to their home or place of work or vice versa.

The problem with these system is that building a network of docks can be difficult, slow, and expensive. An alternative called “Dockless Bike Sharing” has emerged and is popular in some cities, particularly in China. This system allow people to leave bikes anywhere they choose. The bikes have GPS trackers allowing other people to find them and use them for the next ride (or for the company to come collect them).

Bike sharing could be useful is SORO, for example in helping people get to and from the Expo station and local bus stops.

There is a motion before the city council (Council File 17-1125) which would legalize a dockless bike share system and start a pilot program.

Proposed Motion

SORO NC should file the attached Community Impact Statement in favor of the motion.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 3 Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: N/A

Arguments for:

Bike sharing could help more people use public transportation instead of cars. This will help traffic and the environment.

The motion instructs the city to try and find solutions for dockless bike sharing problems and limits it to a small pilot program. This should help mitigate risks of the program.

Arguments against:

Dockless bikes can clutter the sidewalks and streets.

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Council File: 17-1125

Community Impact Statement

As adopted by vote of the full SORO NC governing board

Yes:	No:	Abstain:	Ineligible:	Recuse:
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Adopted:

Position: For

We support the motion to begin a pilot program for dockless bike sharing in the city. We request that the pilot include South Robertson. The program may help connect our neighborhoods to our new Expo station.

Submitted by:

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Motion to fund Up to \$500 for Food, Refreshments and Outreach for Homeless Count January, 2018

Agenda Item: GB111617-8

Date: November 16, 2017

Proposed By: Quality of Life and Public Safety Committees

Background

2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count as a joint effort of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), Continuum of Care, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, The Los Angeles Mayor, and City Councils. In gathering census data of how many homeless neighbors we have in LA County, we can better engage homelessness in our great city and take care of our fellow Angelenos who need a helping hand. The Regional Homeless Count of the West Los Angeles area will take place on January TBD, 2018 at The Alcott Center, (Robertson and Alcott) at 8:00 PM. Homeless Count will be hosted by Quality of Life and the Public Safety Committees

SORO NC will provide outreach, coordination supplies and food/refreshments for the volunteers.

Proposed Motion

SORO NC should adopt the following:

I. That the SORO NC will fund up to \$500.00 for refreshments and food for the volunteers at the Regional Homeless Count January, 2017, as well as outreach and coordination supplies.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 9

Against: 0

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

Arguments for:

Event utilizes many volunteers out in the field, requiring food and refreshments.

Counting homeless in SORO helps direct appropriate resources to deal with the situation in our community

Arguments against:

Money can be used elsewhere.

Past efforts have not resulted in lower homelessness in our area.

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Motion to fund up to \$200 for online survey services

Agenda Item: GB111617-9

Date: 16 November 2017

Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

Our mission to outreach to the community has always included periodic surveys. Until now, we've largely done that via paper questionnaires at events. If we don't have an event, or if we wish to reach a targeted group, or just collect input quickly, we're out of luck.

We have been using JotForm for basic forms on our site, like Board applications, Bursk Award nominations, public comment, etc. It has performed well, and is flexible enough for our needs.

The current yearly cost for our level of service is \$190. For that, we get 25 concurrent forms (currently using 16), 10 GB of storage, and 1,000 submissions a month. So far, we haven't needed to move to the next service tier (\$390/year), which would give us 100 forms, more storage, and 10,000 submissions a month.

Proposed Motion

- I. To spend up to \$200 to renew our yearly subscription for JotForm, an online survey and form service.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 0

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$300
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

We need to have a better way to understand how our community thinks.

We have a number of projects coming up that will require online surveys and polls. And our current online form creation tool isn't a viable option any more.

Arguments against:

Online surveys alone won't reach all of our constituents.

SurveyMonkey (\$300) has better analytics; SurveyGizmo (\$270) has more question types.

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