



Motion to Support Measure L

Agenda Item: GB021711-4
Date: 17 February 2011
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

The motion seeks support for Measure L, which would gradually increase public library funding in Los Angeles

Full Proposal

In the wake of the recent City budget crisis, funding for the LA Public Library System has been cut to .0175% of the City's assessed property value. That has meant dramatic reductions of library staff (cut by 28%), acquisition of new books, daily hours, and weekly service. Meanwhile, library usage in the City is at an all-time high.

Measure L seeks to protect and over four years gradually increase the City's allocation to the Library System. It does not call for additional taxes. If passed, the LAPL would restore service to 6 days a week, increase book acquisitions, and support popular library activities like after-school programs, homework help, senior programs and job search programs.

The ballot measure language:

Shall the Charter be amended to incrementally increase the amount the City is required to dedicate annually from its General Fund to the Library Department to an amount equal to .0300% of the assessed value of all property in the City, and incrementally increase the Library Department's responsibility for its direct and indirect costs until it pays for all of its direct and indirect costs, in order to provide Los Angeles neighborhood public libraries with additional funding to help restore library service hours, purchase books and support library programs, subject to audits, using existing funds with no new taxes?

The measure goes before voters on March 8, 2011.

As other City programs wither, it is critical to remember that the LA Public Libraries

- Help schools educate our children
- Help our residents find work
- Serve as de facto community centers

In that sense, we cannot afford to underfund one of the most far-reaching, proven and versatile institutions in Los Angeles.

Proposed Motion

- I. For SORO NC to join Mayor Villaraigosa, Councilmembers Koretz and Wesson, Police Chief Charlie Beck and numerous civic leaders, writers, artists, and educators in officially supporting the passage of Measure L on the March 8, 2011 ballot.

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Considerations

Pro

The LAPL is an irreplaceable resource that is not only important in and of itself, but provides social and educational programs that other City organizations can no longer provide.

The LA school system is already struggling to educate our children; the Library fills in many of the critical gaps.

The measure has the support of the entire City Council and a long list of elected officials and civic leaders.

Con

The measure reallocates existing scarce City funds via changes to the Charter. Several notable organizations have come out against the measure (including the LA Police Protective League union), fearing that it could mean cuts to police, fire, parks, and street services.

Critics charge it would add \$6 million to next year's deficit, and over \$18 million by 2014.

The measure was proposed by Bernard Parks, and some feel that it was created as an indirect, politically palatable way to force the City to cut police spending, which CM Parks has long advocated.

Board Notes

Votes For:

Against:

Abstain:

Proposed Amendments:



Hamilton High, Palms NC, SORONC food at meetings funding

Agenda Item: GB021711-5
Date: February 17, 2011
Proposed By: Barry E. Levine

Fund \$150.00 to provide pizza, fresh fruit or vegetable and soft drinks bi monthly at Hamilton High school/Palms NC/ SORONC partnership meetings

Full Proposal

A partnership and club has been formed with Palms Neighborhoods Council, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council and Hamilton High School. The Education Committee will be the contact point for our council. The students of Hamilton will be coached on the workings of the council and it's place in the family of the City of Los Angeles. It has a dual purpose of education and outreach. The club is called The SORONC Palms NC Alliance or "SPA". They will meet weekly at Hamilton High during lunch and once each month will hold an after school meeting which will include NC Board members. Those after school meetings will be hosted by the two councils and food will be provided on alternate months by each council. Three pizzas, raw carrots or some fresh fruit and five liters of soft drinks and water will be provided. The credit card will be used to pay for the pizza at a local pizza shop.

Proposed Motion

The actual language the Board will be voting on. May have multiple items:

- I. SORONC will fund up to \$150.00 for the remainder of the school year for food at bi monthly meetings of SORONC/Palms Alliance

Considerations

Pro

Additional education for Hamilton High students in civic government

Provide students for council activities

Con

Money could be spent elsewhere.

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Board Notes

Votes For:

Against:

Abstain:

Proposed Amendments:



Motion to approve up to \$1250 for promotional SORO NC license plate holders

Agenda Item: GB021711-6
Date: 17 February 2011
Proposed By: Marjan Safinia

Motion to fund up to \$1250 for SORO NC promotional items (license plate holders)

Full Proposal

To build and expand on the valuable brand we have built for SORO NC, including our memorable logo and signature colors, we propose purchasing a new round of promotional giveaway items for use at SORO NC public events.

In the past, SORO NC has had much success with the use of the promotional pens and bottles we purchased. Although we still have pens left, the bottles are almost gone and it's time for new items.

The outreach committee looked at a number of different ideas and options and proposes to the board that we purchase 1000 license plate holders, which can be branded with our logo and a "community pride statement". Since Los Angeles residents spend much of their day in traffic, this will provide a high reach brand element and a way of identifying yourself with your community.

With the SoRo Festival coming up in June, we are in timely need of new giveaways to attract people to our booth.

Proposed Motion

That SORO NC approves funding up to \$1250 for SORO NC Promotional branded license plate holders to give away to our stakeholders.

Considerations

Pro	Con
Expands the reach and visibility of the SORO NC brand	Cost
Provides a unifying community pride element to tie people to their neighborhood	License plates are associated with cars which are associated with pollution and energy problems

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Board Notes

Votes For:

Against:

Abstain:

Proposed Amendments:



Motion to approve up to \$1200 for promotional SORO NC keychain flashlights

Agenda Item: GB021711-7
Date: 17 February 2011
Proposed By: Marjan Safinia

Motion to fund up to \$1200 for SORO NC promotional items (keychain flashlights)

Full Proposal

To build and expand on the valuable brand we have built for SORO NC, including our memorable logo and signature colors, we propose purchasing a new round of promotional giveaway items for use at SORO NC public events.

In the past, SORO NC has had much success with the use of the promotional pens and bottles we purchased. Although we still have pens left, the bottles are almost gone and it's time for new items.

The outreach committee looked at a number of different ideas and options and proposes to the board that we purchase 1000 keychain flashlights, which can be branded with our logo. As a public safety feature, it's useful and proactive for everyone to have an easily accessible flashlight. Plus, it's an item that is likely to be more appealing to some of our younger stakeholders as well.

With the SoRo Festival coming up in June, we are in timely need of new giveaways to attract people to our booth.

Proposed Motion

That SORO NC approves funding up to \$1200 for SORO NC Promotional branded keychain flashlights to give away to our stakeholders.

Considerations

Pro	Con
Expands the reach and visibility of the SORO NC brand	Cost
Promotes additional public safety and appeals to youth stakeholders.	Flashlights will eventually die and add to landfill.

Board Notes

Votes For: **Against:** **Abstain:**

Proposed Amendments:

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Motion to approve up to \$1250 for promotional SORO NC reusable shopping bags

Agenda Item: GB021711-8
Date: 17 February 2011
Proposed By: Marjan Safinia

Motion to fund up to \$2000 for SORO NC promotional items (jumbo shopping tote bags)

Full Proposal

To build and expand on the valuable brand we have built for SORO NC, including our memorable logo and signature colors, we propose purchasing a new round of promotional giveaway items for use at SORO NC public events. In the past, SORO NC has had much success with the use of the promotional pens and bottles we purchased. Although we still have pens left, the bottles are almost gone and it's time for new items.

The outreach committee looked at a number of different ideas and options and proposes to the board that we purchase 1000 large shopping tote bags, which can be branded with our logo.

Since there is a move towards the abolishment of single use plastic shopping bags at grocery stores, and this council has shown this idea aggressive support, this item can actually be of tangible use to our stakeholders, especially those with lower incomes who may experience hardship if a ban on plastic bags comes into effect. In addition, these sturdy, large, multiple use bags promote green living.

With the SoRo Festival coming up in June, we are in timely need of new giveaways to attract people to our booth.

Proposed Motion

That SORO NC approves funding up to \$2000 for SORO NC Promotional branded jumbo shopping tote bags to give away to our stakeholders.

Considerations

Pro	Con
Expands the reach and visibility of the SORO NC brand	Cost
Promotes green living instead of using single use shopping bags	These bags are not ultimately recyclable
Helps offset financial hardship to lower income stakeholders	People receive many free bags

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Motion to approve SORO Inc.'s application for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)

Agenda Item: GB021711-9
Date: February 17, 2011
Proposed By: Paula Waxman, Hami Garden Project Coordinator

Summary

In 2008 SORONC approved a motion pledging \$3000 towards the building of the Hamilton High School learning garden. Soro Inc. paid \$2935.68 of the pledge to Hamilton High School on behalf of the Soronc, to cover the expense of a chain-link fence. DONE recently refused to issue reimbursement to SORO Inc., citing third party check rules. In order to be reimbursed, SORO Inc. must apply for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG). All such grants need the approval of the applicable NC.

Full Proposal

On October 15, 2009, SORONC approved agenda item GB101509-4, a "Motion to pledge \$3,000 in matching funds for a LA City Community Beautification Grant, to build a sustainable learning garden on the campus of Hamilton High School." Our community was awarded the Community Beautification grant in January of 2010 in the amount of \$5064.72

During 2010, the garden was constructed. Most of the \$5,064.72 in Community Beautification funds were used for materials and labor to install an irrigation system (\$3,121.86), with the remainder used to purchase a storage shed & tools (\$896.47), as well as plants, soil amendments, and other supplies (\$953.12). A small portion of the \$5064.72 grant, less than \$100, went unused.

Based on the \$3,000 pledged by the SORONC, SORO Inc. paid \$2,935.68 to LAUSD who in turn paid an independent contractor for materials and labor to install a chain link fence around the garden. A Demand Warrant request was prepared in late 2010 in the amount of \$2,935.68, and all requested documentation was attached and submitted. (See attached invoice from Hamilton School). However, DONE rejected the request, citing third party check rules.

DONE requested and/or suggested that instead of a Demand Warrant request, an application for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) be submitted, which would effectively circumvent the third party check issue. Such grants may be applied for by 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, and public schools. Since SORO Inc., the entity to be reimbursed, is a 501(c)(3) organization, they may apply for such a grant.

However, as stated in the Explanation of such grants:

"Neighborhood Councils must evaluate all grant applications in a public meeting, deciding whether to approve or disapprove the proposed grant. If the application is approved, it must then be forwarded to the Department via the Project Coordinator. If all documents are in compliance, the Project Coordinator will forward the application to the Neighborhood Council Funding Unit who will then process a check to the grant recipient."

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Proposed Motion

That the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council approve SORO Inc.'s application for a NPG grant in the amount of \$2935.68 to reimburse them for paying for the Hami Garden fence which was to come out of Soronc's matching pledge of \$3000.00

Considerations

Pro

This corrects what is essentially a technical paperwork problem.

Soro Inc. generously advanced the funds, and it was never the intent that they should not be reimbursed. Failure to repay them could dissuade future assistance by Soro Inc. or other community based organizations.

The funds were spent, the garden was completed, it is a source of pride to the community, the school, and the neighborhood council.

Con

Although the Soronc Board has already approved this expenditure, it is still a significant disbursement of funds by the NC.

Even though the project coordinator had to pay the fence vendor through LAUSD due to district mandates, the rules in place by DONE are most likely there for a reason.

Board Notes

Votes For:

Against:

Abstain:

Proposed Amendments:

APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)

Invoice No. NPG- _____

This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. The Neighborhood Council, upon approval of the application, shall submit the approved application along with all required documentation to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Name of Neighborhood Council you are seeking the grant from: South Robertson Neighborhood Council
Neighborhood Council Name

SECTION I - APPLICANT VERIFICATION INFORMATION

1A) SOUTH ROBERTSON NEIGHBORHOODS 95-4756212 CA AUGUST 2000
Organization Name COUNCIL, INC. **Federal I.D. # (EIN#)** **State of Incorporation** **Date of 501(c)(3)**
(dba SORO INC.) **Status (if applicable)**

1B) 1836 1/2 S. ROBERTSON BLVD LOS ANGELES CA 90035
Organization Mailing Address **City** **State** **Zip Code**

1C) _____ **Business Address (if different)** **City** **State** **Zip Code**

1D) _____ **Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable)** **City** **State** **Zip Code**

Name and address of person designated to receive official/legal notices: **Name:** LARRY DEMERS

2) 1836 1/2 S. ROBERTSON BLVD LOS ANGELES CA 90035
Street **City** **State** **Zip Code**

3) **Type of Organization- Please select one: (Organizations must be located within the City of Los Angeles)**
 Public School (not to include private schools) or 501(c)(3) Non-profits (other than religious institutions)
Attach Letterhead **Attach IRS Determination Letter**

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4) **Please describe the Neighborhood Improvement Project for which the grant is intended.**

The grant is to serve as partial funding of building of a sustainable learning garden on the campus of Hamilton High School, a public school in the LA Unified School District. The garden is approximately 2500 square feet in size. One quarter of the garden is devoted to California drought tolerant plantings; three-quarters of the garden is devoted to beds planted in seasonal vegetables and perennial herbs.

5) **How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a non-discriminatory, public purpose and benefit the public at-large.**

- The garden will serve three broad purposes:
1. Serves to beautify the public school.
 2. It provides educational opportunities to all students and community members through utilization by teachers and their classes, extracurricular student groups, and Master Gardeners from UCLA. The garden is useful in teaching environmental science, botany, biology, horticulture, nutrition, just to name a few.
 3. The garden is open to all neighbors in the community one or more days a week who wish to volunteer and assist in its use and maintenance. A portion of the edible harvest is donated to our local food bank.

SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE - Please outline the project budget below.

6A) Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
FENCING - INSTALLATION LABOR	\$ 635.68	\$ 635.68
IRRIGATION SYSTEM - INSTALLATION	\$ 0	\$ 1407.29
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

6B) Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
FENCING - MATERIALS	\$ 2300.00	\$ 2300.00
IRRIGATION SYSTEM - MATERIALS	\$ 0	\$ 1714.57
STORAGE BIN & TOOLS	\$ 0	\$ 896.47
PLANTS, SEEDS, SOIL AMENDMENTS	\$ 0	\$ 953.12

7) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in box 4 above contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? Yes, please describe below No

Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
CITY OF L.A. OFFICE OF COMMUNITY BEAUTIF.	\$ 5064.72	\$ 7907.13
LESS: RETURNED UNUSED	\$ (93.27)	
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

8) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$ 2935.68

9) What is the expected completion date? 10/7/2010 (mm/dd/yyyy) (required)

SECTION IV - PROJECT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY CONTACT INFORMATION

Provide the name, telephone number, fax and e-mail address (if applicable) of the person(s) responsible for the funds and program(s) listed in Section II of this application.

10A) First Name Paula W. Last Name Waxman MI
 Telephone Number (310) 559-2552 Fax Number (310) 836-4593 E-mail pwmw100@yahoo.com

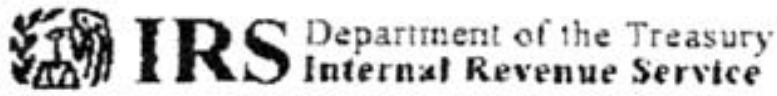
10B) First Name Larry Last Name Hess MI
 Telephone Number (323) 363-3425 Fax Number (310) 839-2455 E-mail lawrencehess@ca.rr.com

SECTION VI - AFFILIATIONS

11) Does anyone in your organization have a former or existing relationship with any of the NC board members?

Name of Organization	Status
Example: XYZ Non-profit Corporation	Executive Director
There are no business or financial relationships that currently or previously existed with NC board members.	NONE
SORO INC board members have been prior board members of SORO NC:	Prior NC Board Member
MAAY FARU, LARRY DeMERS, Jon Friedlman, Ann Hammond, Stephanie Marquez, Aubrey Probst, Terry Schenwald, Conde Segal, Christel Wilson, Nirigan Khalsa, & Susan Bunk	

All are volunteers on the SORO Inc board & get no pay.
Paula Waxman, garden manager, is on the SORO NC Board.



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Employer Identification Number: 95-4756212
Person to Contact: D Adkins
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your Aug. 13, 2010, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.



Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in August 2000.

Our records also indicate that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Please refer to our website www.irs.gov/eo for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Rita A. Leete
Accounts Management II

SCHOOL NAME: HAMILTON SH
 REQUESTED BY: #103 R VILLAPUDUA
 EXT. REO. DATE: 02 19 10
 JOB NUMBER - SECTION: DM005015-1410

SCHOOL BUILDING: 8686
 PROJECT I.D.: 10
 YEAR CAUSE: 10 OJM
 CATEGORY: AS
 NEED DATE: 02 19 10
 SKETCHES ATT: Y
 NOTICE REQ: Y
 EST. REQ: Y
 VEHICLE TYPE: Y
 VEHICLE NUMBER: DM005015-1410

WORK REQUESTED - LONG DESCRIPTION: PROVIDE AND INSTALL FENCE FOR HAMI GARDEN
 WO #7311925 SEE ATTACHED PLANS CONTRACT FENCE BUDGET \$2,950. CONTRACTOR-COMMERICAL FENCE TO DO FOR FOR \$2,300.00

SHORT DESCRIPTION: P&I FENCE FOR HAMI GARDEN WO #7311925
 APPROVED BY: [Signature] DATE: 4-26-10
 APPROVED BY OTHERS: [Signature] DATE: 4/26/10

PLANNED OR WRITTEN BY: M LAWSON
 SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE: [Signature]
 DATE CLOSED: 03 10 10
 DATE EXPIRED: [Blank]

FUND	AREA	ORGN	PROG	BUYER %	FUND	AREA	ORGN	PROG	BUYER %	FUND	AREA	ORGN	PROG	BUYER %
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CATEGORY	CRFT	EFFRT	QTY	ESTIMATE COST	CATEGORY	CRFT	EFFRT	QTY	ESTIMATE COST
LABOR-REG	HR		8	365.44	CONTRACT	HW			2,300.00

HOURS: 8
 LABOR: 365.44
 MATERIAL: 102.83
 CONTRACT: 2,300.00
 MILEAGE: 167.37
 OTHER: 2,935.64
 SUBTOTAL: 2,665.44

JOB NUMBER - SECTION: DM005015-1410
 JOB TYPE: DR
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FORM 34-AEH-63 (6/99) C/C # 9661223425

See attached



Motion for a \$500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant to co-sponsor Castle Heights' Earth Week Event

Agenda Item: GB021711-10

Date: Feb. 10, 2011

Proposed By: Paula Waxman and Larry Hess

Summary

The Castle Heights Elementary School is requesting \$500 to help them pay for their "Earth Week" and "Eco Fair" to be held April 25th to April 30th 2011.

Full Proposal

Each year, around Earth Day in April, Castle Heights Elementary School conducts "Earth Week" ending in their weekend "Eco-Fair". The purpose of this week -long event is to sensitize the students and their families to the importance of taking care of their environment and to educate students and families on specific measures they can take to be responsible stewards of the earth. Events that take place during the week are: a kick-off assembly, Bottles and Cans Recycling Contest, E-Waste Drive School Beautification Day, and Walk-Bike to School Program. The Eco Fair examines organic food and gardening in their learning garden, sells reusable grocery bags, eco-themed t-shirts, and culminates the E-Waste and Recycling contest. It is great fun for the students and their families and at the same time teaches important lessons. The funds generated by the sale of T-shirts and reusable grocery bags are used to fund not only future Earth Weeks and Eco Fairs but also, student environmental projects, and their eco-themed booth at the Soro Festival in June. Castle Heights will print the SORONC logo on all banners, and advertising, using the following wording, "Paid for in part from funds provided by the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council."

Proposed Motion

That the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) approve a \$500 Neighborhood Purposes Grant to co-sponsor Castle Heights' Earth Week Event to be held April 25th to April 30th, 2011. SORONC to be credited on all advertising as follows: "Paid for in part from funds provided by the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council."

Considerations

Pro

The events teach important environmental lessons to both students and families in a fun way.

It is a valuable opportunity to advertise the work and presence of the Soronc.

Con

Money could be used to support more fundamental educational needs.

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Motion that SORO NC approve Criteria for judging committee membership, applicant eligibility, and judging criteria for the “Outstanding Green Citizenship Award.”

Agenda Item: GB021711-11
Date: Feb. 17, 2011
Proposed By: Paula Waxman and Larry Hess

Summary

In an earlier motion, it was agreed that the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council and Soro Inc. would present each year at the Soro Festival an award to a business or organization for outstanding efforts in the areas of conservation and environmental protection. This criteria is needed to make the award clearer and more transparent to our stakeholders and easier for the awards committee to determine awardees.

Full Proposal

In 2010 the Soronc Green Team heard about the amazing efforts being made by Vons Supermarket to green their workplace, products, and practices. In an effort to thank and recognize them, Soronc presented Vons with an award for “Outstanding Green Citizenship” at the Soro Festival. Soronc and Soro Inc. decided to present this award annually to encourage more neighborhood businesses and organizations to follow the example set by Vons. This necessitates the outline of membership in the judging committee, applicant eligibility requirements, and judging criteria.

Proposed Motion

That the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council approve the attached outline of membership in the judging committee, applicant eligibility requirements, and judging criteria established by the Soronc Green Team Committee.

See attachment

Considerations

Pro

This award gives the community a way of thanking neighborhood businesses and organizations for extraordinary efforts made in environmental conservation and encouraging other businesses and organizations to follow their example.

The criteria is necessary for clarity of the award process, and transparency in award selection.

Con

The cost of the award including decal, certification, festival booth will be between \$300 and \$400.

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The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (Soro NC) Green Team Committee, and SoRo Inc.'s "Outstanding Green Citizenship Award": **JUDGING COMMITTEE, APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS and JUDGING CRITERIA**

Each year the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council and SoRo Inc., present an award to honor a business or organization in the South Robertson community that has shown outstanding leadership in greening their business practices and workplace. In appreciation for these efforts, the award consists of the following:

AWARD:

Certificate decal to place in window

Award at the SoRo Festival and presented by State Senator and/or City Councilmember

Featured on the SORO NC, and SoRo, Inc.'s website

Honored on the SORO NC Green Team Facebook Page

Free booth at the SoRo Festival

Who Can Apply?

Only businesses or organizations (including schools) with a physical location within SORO NC boundaries can apply for Award Certification. Applicants must have a staff of three or more employees and workspace of 500 square feet or more. At-home businesses are not eligible to apply.

How To Apply:

Those who wish to apply should contact Paula Waxman at paulawaxman@soronc.org by March 31, 2011.

Judging Criteria

The judges will be a committee of representatives from SoRo Inc., the SORO NC Green Team and former award recipients. The criteria that follow are the "gold standard." In making a judgment as to which applicant should receive the award, the committee does not expect that the applicant complies with all of the criteria below. The committee will look for the applicant that has attempted to implement as many of these aspects as possible.

GENERAL EDUCATION

1. Track water and energy usage through utility bills. Show copies to judging committee. Set water and electricity goals and track progress. Repair problems.
2. Inform your customers about your business environmental efforts by posting the Green Business Certification decal in a visible location.
3. Adopt a written Environmental Policy statement declaring your commitment to operate and give preference to purchasing sustainable and/or products containing post-consumer, recycled content. Post these standards in a visible location.

WASTE REDUCTION

1. Perform a self-assessment of your trash. Identify the types and percentages of waste that are currently being generated and recycled and use the assessment to create or improve a reuse and recycling program.
2. Recycle or reuse: paper, cardboard, mixed paper, junk mail, newspaper, glass, plastic, Styrofoam and aluminum. Keep used paper near printers or re-use as note paper.
3. Stock only compostable, recyclable and/or reusable kitchenware for staff use. Avoid # 6 plastic. Provide refillable containers for sugar, salt and pepper, etc. to avoid individual condiment packets.



4. Compost food and organic waste via outdoor composting bins, indoor/outdoor vermi-culture systems (worm bins) or mechanical indoor composting units.
5. Reduce garbage bin liners: do not use them or use biodegradable liners.
6. Eliminate individual bottles of water for staff and guests and install an onsite water filtration system on faucet.
7. Retailers eliminate single use plastic and paper bags and replace with reusable bags that are machine washable, or paper bags made with 100% recycled content and a minimum 40% post consumer recycled content. Do not use bioplastic bags made from corn or labeled "PLA" because they do not easily decompose. Non retail businesses should provide these bags for use in the workplace.
8. Practice efficient copying by making two-sided copies standard practice, using smaller fonts and margins, posting a diagram showing how to load paper to minimize misprints.
9. Reduce unwanted mail by getting removed from mailing list. (www.stopjunkmail.org) Purge your own mailing lists regularly.
10. Use electronic forms and contracts.
11. Post staff announcements, journals, etc. in single location (bulletin board) to reduce printed copies.
12. Marketing materials should require no envelopes. Substitute post cards or fold-and-mail.
13. Use vendors that recycle or take back products when life cycle is over.
14. Donate, sell, or exchange unwanted, but usable items.
15. When appropriate, offer incentives to customers who bring in their own "to-go" dishes, or reusable bags.
16. Use laundry service that provides reusable bags for dirty and clean linen.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

1. Replace incandescent lamps with high efficiency alternatives, compact fluorescent, LED, dimmable cold cathode, MR 16, optical reflectors or diffusers.
2. Show proof of regular maintenance on HVAC.
3. In low traffic areas, use lighting controls such as motion sensors, photocells, or time clocks.
4. Program computer monitors to sleep mode after 15 minutes or less of inactivity.
5. Set the Energy Saver feature on photocopier as the default.
6. Purchase Energy Star equipment/appliances.
7. Insulate water heaters, storage tanks, hot water pipes.
8. Use a solar water heater.
9. Install a solar electric system.
10. Use ventilation, or ceiling fans instead of air conditioning.
11. Install a programmable thermostat: set at 72 degrees with nighttime setting of 55 degrees.
12. Replace leaky, broken windows with double pane, low-E, energy efficient windows.
13. Apply window film to reduce solar heat gain on clear, single pane non-northern facing windows.
14. Shade sun exposed windows and walls during the warm season: use awnings, sunscreens, shade trees or shrubbery.
15. Weather strip windows and doors.
16. Implement an organization-wide policy encouraging staff to turn off equipment and lights when not in use.
17. Place "turn off light" labels on switches.
18. Use standby mode on equipment, energy saver buttons on copiers.
19. Clean skylights, light fixtures, and diffusers regularly for optimal light output.

WATER EFFICIENCY & URBAN RUN-OFF

1. Provide water bills for pre and post changes.
2. Regularly check for and repair leaks.
3. Replace pre-1992 toilets (3 gal.) and urinals with more efficient alternatives that use 1.6 gal. gpf or less.
4. Clean outdoor areas with broom and damp mop instead of hose.
5. Do not wash cars, equipment, floor mats where runoff water flows into the storm drain.
6. Keep receiving areas and dumpsters clear of litter. Ensure tight fitting lids.
7. Adjust sprinkler times according to laws and seasons. Sprinkler runoff is prohibited. No spray irrigation between 10 am and 4 pm.
8. Install faucet aerators or flow restrictors facility wide.
9. Post signs in restrooms and kitchens to encourage water conservation and to report leaks. Run dishwasher only when full.
10. Clean litter and debris in front of your organization on regular basis to minimize litter entering storm drains.



Motion to fund up to \$700 for Neighborhood Watch Signs

Agenda Item: GB021711-12

Date: February 17, 2011

Proposed By: Michael Lynn

A motion to approve funds to be used for printed signs for use in Neighborhood Watch programs within SORO.

Full Proposal

The SORO NC Public Safety Committee is in the process of creation, support and coordination of Neighborhood Watch programs within the community.

Neighborhood Watch signs are a building block to establishment of successful Neighborhood Watch programs. They help to deter criminal activity, as well as increase residential awareness of such programs.

Proposed Motion

I. To approve up to \$700 for printing of Neighborhood Watch signs.

Considerations

Pro

Signs help deter crime.

Signs enhance awareness of
Neighborhood Watch program

Con

Cost

Signs' direct effect on crime is minimal.

Board Notes

Votes For:

Against:

Abstain:

Proposed Amendments:

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Motion to fund up to \$500 for Emergency Notification Lawn Signs

Agenda Item: GB021711-13

Date: February 17, 2011

Proposed By: Michael Lynn

A motion to approve funds to be used for printed signs for use in an Emergency Notification program.

Full Proposal

As SORO NC develops an Emergency Response program and an Emergency Notification plan, these lawn signs will be used to provide stakeholders with necessary information.

Proposed Motion

- I. To approve up to \$500 for printing of lawn signs to be used for community Emergency Response and Notification purposes.

Considerations

Pro	Con
Lawn signs have proved effective in previous mass community notifications.	Cost
High visibility.	Lawn signs rely on Board Members for placement.

Board Notes

Votes For:

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Motion to approve design and use of Neighborhood Watch-Crime Alert Flyer.

Agenda Item: GB021711-14

Date: February 17, 2011

Proposed By: Michael Lynn

A motion to approve design and use of the “Neighborhood Watch/Crime Alert Flyer” to motivate participation in Neighborhood Watch Programs.

Full Proposal

The SORO NC Public Safety Committee is in the process of creation, support and coordination of Neighborhood Watch programs within the community. A major barrier to Residents’ involvement in NW programs is general apathy, mainly due to a lack of knowledge of crimes occurring close to them. The NW-CA flyer is designed to bring awareness (on a block-by-block basis) of such crimes and how NW programs can aid in their reduction.

Shortly after a crime has been reported, the Safety Committee Chair will print up a small quantity of customized NW-CA flyers (approximately 20) to be distributed by a Safety Committee member to the immediate area of the criminal activity. Printing services will be completely donated (no cost to SORO NC).

Interested residents that respond to the flyer will be given information and assistance in forming or joining a NW for their block, apartment building, or larger area. The Safety Committee will keep track of distributions and results, with the long-term goal of unifying the individual NW’s.

Proposed Motion

- I. To approve the design of the “Neighborhood Watch- Crime Alert” flyer and its distribution to Stakeholders.

Considerations

Pro

Many small distributions are easier to accomplish than a large one.

On-going campaign increases overall effectiveness of the NW programs.

No cost to SORO NC.

Con

Requires volunteers and follow-up.

No guarantee of successful results.

Focuses on negative neighborhood occurrences.

Board Notes

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Against:

Abstain:

Proposed Amendments:

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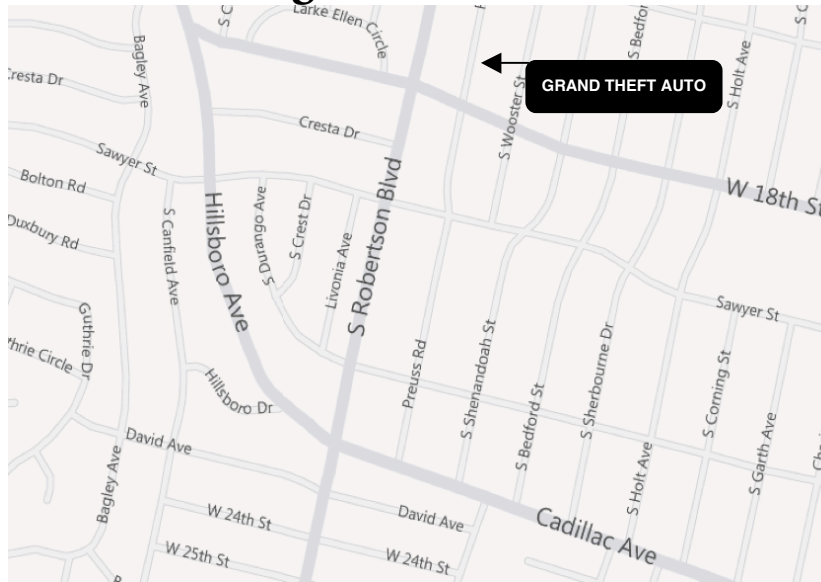
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Neighborhood Watch – What You Can Do!

SORO Neighborhood Crime Alert!



- A **recovered vehicle** and a **stolen vehicle** were reported at 7:50 p.m. on Feb. 9, 2011, in the 1700 block of South Preuss Road between [Mid-City](#) and [Pico-Robertson](#).
- The report has been classified as grand theft auto, which is the most severe crime included in the report.
- The report was filed as number **110805824** in the Los Angeles Police Department's [859 reporting district](#), which is in the [West Los Angeles division](#).
- Grand theft auto is defined as the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

What can you do?

Start a Neighborhood Watch: Learn strategies to work with your neighbors and law enforcement to reduce crime in our neighborhood.

Meanwhile, here's some tips to use now:

- **Personal Security:** Make sure your home and property are secure at all times- don't leave valuables untended in plain sight. Be aware of your surroundings and avoid potential threatening situations.
- **Find Five:** Get to know your neighbors (at least 5)- especially those next door, across the street/hall, and diagonally. Give them your phone number and/or email address. They can be an extra set of eyes protecting you and your property, as well as a vital contact in case of emergency or area disaster.
- **Share a tip with authorities:** Call the Los Angeles Police Department's [West Los Angeles division](#) at 310-444-0701.

For more information on the Neighborhood Watch Program, contact the South Robertson Neighborhood Council - Public Safety Committee:

(Email) MichaelLynn@soronc.org
(Phone) 310-845-9595



Motion to Approve Entering into an MOU with LADWP for a \$45,000 Community Grant

Agenda Item: GB021711-15
Date: 17 February 2011
Proposed By: Paula Waxman

The motion authorizes the NC to develop and sign an MOU with LADWP that would give us a \$45,000 community grant.

Full Proposal

At the initiation of the Green Team, SORO NC has been awarded a \$45,000 grant by the LA Department of Water and Power.

The grant will cover, free to the residences and businesses of our community, a series of workshops that deal with the environmental impacts of individual lifestyle choices and how they can change behavior to get more earth friendly results. These workshops will be conducted by a successful, non-profit environmental organization, Sustainable Works, located on the campus of Santa Monica City College. The grant will fund workshops throughout SORO and CD-5.

As a condition of the grant, SORO NC must enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the DWP. Any agreement will be subject to review by the City Attorney's office. The grant application and draft MOU template are attached after this motion.

Proposed Motion

- i. That subject to approval by the Los Angeles City Attorney, SORO NC approve the entering into a memorandum of understanding with the LA Department of Water and Power for a \$45,000 grant for community outreach, research, and public education to improve energy and water conservation in our area.
- ii. That SORO NC authorize the Green Team to organize such events within SORO and CD-5.

Considerations

Pro

It's a big coup for the NC

Con

It's a big project for the NC.

Board Notes

Votes For:

Against:

Abstain:

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BY AND BETWEEN

[NON-PROFIT OUTREACH GRANT AWARDEE]

AND

THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER

TO Conduct Community Outreach, Research & Education Grants for Non-Profit
Organizations

This **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** (MOU) is made and entered into by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), a Department organized and existing under the Charter of the City of Los Angeles, and [NON-PROFIT]. Hereinafter LADWP and [NON-PROFIT] shall be referred to individually as “Party”, and collectively as “Parties.”

Article I. RECITALS

WHEREAS, LADWP is awarding grants to local non-profit organizations for community outreach, research & public education to improve energy efficiency and water conservation in our communities.

WHEREAS, thirty grants of \$45,000 each are being funded through the City of Los Angeles’ Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), which is funded through the US Department of Energy with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds.

WHEREAS, the intent of this program is to distribute ARRA grant funds to multiple non-profit organizations in the City for the purpose of informing and energizing residents and businesses to reduce their energy and water use, and benefit from lower utility bills.

WHEREAS, the program will assist non-profit organizations to creatively reach populations that may not be addressed through more traditional communication strategies and to affect behavior change. We hope to learn new and effective methods of communicating from this process that can be applied to LADWP and other City programs in the future.

WHEREAS, eligible organizations must:

- Have been located in any City of Los Angeles location for at least 5 years
- Have 501(c)3 non profit status for at least 3 years
- Have established track record of providing services to the community – especially relating to education, energy, environment or economic issues
- Demonstrate a commitment toward encouraging energy efficiency and water conservation through its current and/or future programs and structure.
- Have the capacity to track numbers of constituents reached & referred, labor costs & expenditures, and maintain records acceptable for an audit by the federal officials as indicated in the Flow Down Terms and Conditions at www.ladwp.com/Special_Terms_and_Conditions_For_FlowDown_Awards.pdf

NOW, THEREFORE, the LADWP and [NON-PROFIT] agree to enter into and abide by the terms and conditions of this MOU.

Article II.

PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT

The parties to this MOU are:

- A. The Department of Water and Power, having its principal office at 111 North Hope Street, Room 1057, Los Angeles, CA 90012.
- B. [NON-PROFIT], having its principal office at.

Article III.

TERM OF AGREEMENT AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES

Section 301: Term. The Term of this MOU shall commence on the date of execution and shall end [12 MONTHS SUBSEQUENTLY].

Section 302: Responsibilities. The Parties' responsibilities for the implementation of the program are outlined in the sections below.

Section 303: Scope of Work to be Completed by [NON-PROFIT]. Scope of Work is attached as Exhibit A.

- a. **Coordination:** Upon execution of the MOU by the Parties, [NON-PROFIT] will maintain close coordination with LADWP regarding messaging content, publication of any materials, scheduling of any events, and referrals to energy efficiency and water conservation programs.
- b. **Funding:** LADWP shall provide funding in three installments and in a total amount not to exceed \$45,000.
 - o Funding Period No. 1 - \$9,000 , upon execution of MOU
 - o Funding Period No. 2 - \$18,000, upon 20% progress completion
 - o Funding Period No. 3 - \$18,000, upon 60% progress completionUpon each progress completion, [NON_PROFIT] shall submit an invoice evidencing milestones met and expenditures incurred in order to received the next advance payment. LADWP reserves the right to withhold up to 20% of funds until all milestones and reports are completed.
- c. **Reporting:** [NON-PROFIT] shall maintain records of work hours, activities, and expenditures in a manner to provide monthly reports to LADWP and, in the event of an audit, to be reviewed on site. Monthly reports shall be sent to nonprofitgrants@ladwp.com.

Article IV. FUNDING

Section 401: Fund transfers. All funding transfers from LADWP to [NON-PROFIT] shall occur within 30 days of funding request, upon written approval from the LADWP General Manager, and subject to the Terms and Conditions set forth in this MOU.

Section 402: Fund Amounts. Funding amounts may vary slightly from the amounts stated in this MOU.

Section 403: Use of Funds: [NON-PROFIT] shall only expend funds in conformity with this MOU, the strategies and programs developed as a result of this MOU, and as allowed under applicable City of Los Angeles, State of California and Federal laws. The Parties shall maintain records as required in conformance with applicable federal, State, and local regulations.

**Article V:
ACCESS TO RECORDS AND AUDITS**

[NON-PROFIT] shall provide LADWP with full and free access to all books, papers, documents and records that are pertinent to their performance under this MOU, including the right to audit, and to make excerpts from transactions and reports in compliance with laws, regulations and administrative requirements. If [NON-PROFIT] utilizes contractors to perform any of the work under this MOU, the contracts with those contractors must state that they are subject to audit, as are any subcontractors they may use. Any expenditure deemed to be improper shall be refunded by [NON-PROFIT] to LADWP within 60 days from the date of such determination.

**Article VI:
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Section 601: Indemnification

Unless caused by the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of LADWP, its directors, officer, employees, agents or persons under its control, [NON-PROFIT] shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless LADWP, and their respective directors, officers, managers, shareholders, employees, agents and representatives, from and against any claims, suits, actions, judgments, losses, damages, demands, and liability (legal, contractual or otherwise) which arise from, or are connected with [NON-PROFIT'S] obligations set forth in the Agreement and result in (i) injury to or death of persons; (ii) injury or losses to property or other rights and interests of any persons or parties; or (iii) violation of local, state, or federal laws, statues, rules, or regulations, including environmental laws or regulations or strict liability imposed by any laws and regulations, arising out of or caused by LADWP providing grant monies to [NON-PROFIT] pursuant to this Agreement or the Program, or that are in any way connected with [NON-PROFIT'S] management of grant monies provided by LADWP hereunder, or [NON-PROFIT'S] activities performed with the grant funds provided by LADWP hereunder.

Section 602: Governing Law

This Agreement was made and entered into in the City of Los Angeles and shall be governed by, interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California and the City of Los Angeles, without regard to conflict of law principles.

Section 603: Venue

All litigation arising out of, or relating to this Agreement, shall be brought in a State or Federal court in the County of Los Angeles in the State of California. The Parties irrevocably agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts in the State of California and waive any defense of forum non conveniens.

Section 604: Consents and Approvals: Waivers

Any consent or approval of [NON-PROFIT] or LADWP required under the MOU shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any approval required under this MOU shall be in writing and executed by an authorized representative of the Party granting approval.

Any waiver by [NON-PROFIT] or LADWP of any obligation in this MOU must be in writing. No waiver will be implied from any delay or failure by [NON-PROFIT] or LADWP to take action on any breach or default of the other or to pursue any remedy allowed under this MOU or any applicable law. Any extension of time granted to [NON-PROFIT] or LADWP to perform any obligation under this MOU shall not operate as a waiver or release from any of its obligations under this MOU. Consent by [NON-PROFIT] or LADWP to any act or omission by the other shall not be construed to be consent to any other or subsequent act or omission or to waive the requirement for [NON-PROFIT]'s or LADWP's written consent to future waivers.

Section 605: Conflicts of Interest

The parties shall comply with all relevant State and Federal rules and regulations with respect to conflicts of interest.

Each party to this MOU warrants that it has not paid or given or will not pay or give to any third person any money or other consideration for obtaining this MOU.

Section 606: Defaults and Termination

In the event that any party is in default of their obligations pursuant to this MOU, the performing party may send notice to the party in default describing the default and the actions required to cure.

If the defaulting party fails to cure the default within 30 days after notice, or fails within 30 days after notice to commence action necessary to cure the default, if longer than 30 days is reasonably required to cure the default, then the performing party may terminate this MOU by providing written notice to all parties.

Section 607: Representative of the Parties and Service of Notices

The representatives of the LADWP and the [NON-PROFIT] who are authorized to administer this MOU and to whom formal notices, demands and communication shall be given are as follows:

- A. The representatives of [NON-PROFIT] shall be, unless otherwise stated in this MOU:

Name
Title
Organization
Address
Telephone:

- B. The representatives of the LADWP shall be, unless otherwise stated in this MOU:

Lorraine A. Paskett
Senior Assistant General Manager
Sustainability Programs and External Affairs
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1021
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Telephone: (213) 367-0926

- C. Formal notices, demands and communications to be given hereunder by either party shall be made in writing and may be effected by personal delivery or by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, and shall be deemed communicated as of the date of mailing.
- D. If the name of the person designated to receive the notices, demands or communication or the address of such person is changed, written notice shall be given, in accordance with this section, within five (5) working days of said change.

Section 608: U.S.DOE Terms and Conditions

[NON-PROFIT] will also comply with the U.S. DOE Terms and Conditions found in Exhibit B.

Section 609: Entire MOU and Number of Pages

This MOU contains the full and complete MOU between the [NON-PROFIT] and LADWP. No verbal agreement or conversation with any officer or employee of either party shall affect or modify any of the terms and conditions of this MOU. This MOU is executed in four (4) duplicate originals, each of which is deemed to be an original. This MOU includes seven (7) pages plus Exhibits A and B.

(SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the [NON-PROFIT] and LADWP have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

Austin Beutner
General Manager
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Date

THIS CONTRACT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 23.141 OF THE LOS ANGELES ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

Name
Title
Organization
City of Los Angeles, California

Date

**LADWP SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS
& EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION**

**Community Outreach, Research and Public Education Grants
For Non-Profit Organizations**

APPLICATION FORM

1. Business name, address, and contact information:

South Robertson Neighborhood Association, Inc.
1836 ½ S. Robertson Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90035

Paula Waxman
Co chair, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council Green
Team Committee:
9725 Cresta Drive
Los Angeles, California 90035
(310) 559-2552

Date obtained 501c3 status (under what name):

August 2000

See attachments:

#1. SORO INC.-W9(3) Form 501C3

#2. SORO INC.- Letter IRS Non Profit Confirmation (3)

2. Provide the Los Angeles City Council District areas(s) your outreach will focus on:

Part of CD 5 and CD 10

3. Describe how your organization will effectively deliver energy efficiency and water conservation messages to constituents (include quantity and quality of efforts) or the specific research you will pursue to benefit this community:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council Green Team Committee:

Our organization is the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council Green Team Committee. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council is a group of neighborhoods comprising about 55,000 residents and located in both CD 5 and CD 10.

(See attachment “#3. MAP- SORO Neighborhoods”)

We are dedicated to thinking globally but acting locally to help make our world a healthier place. To that end, between 2009 and 2010, our committee of dedicated “greenies” has effectively delivered a recycling program at our local high school, two community learning gardens, e-waste drives, neighborhood clean-ups, compost bin and rain barrel sales, fruit tree give-away programs and many more hands-on programs.

We are also dedicated to educating our neighbors in order that they be more responsible stewards of the earth. We recently conducted a town hall in which we invited the two major lobbyists to a debate on both sides of the plastic bag ban ordinance. On the side wishing to ban plastic bags was Heal the Bay. Flying down from Sacramento was a representative from the American Chemical Council, the major lobbyist against banning plastic bags.

We hosted city officials to speak to our community regarding alternative waste management plans that the city is considering which will possibly be implemented when the primary Los Angeles landfill reaches capacity sometime in 2014.

To get references for our work please contact the Field Deputies for Councilman Herb Wesson, CD 10: **Liz Carlin** (323) 733-8233 and Councilman Paul Koretz CD 5: **David Giron** (310) 289-0353

How will your organization effectively deliver energy efficiency and water conservation messages to your constituents?

We have always wanted to offer, free to the residences and businesses of our community, a series of six outstanding workshops that deal with the environmental impacts of individual lifestyle choices and how they can change behavior to get more earth friendly results. These workshops are conducted by a phenomenally successful, non-profit environmental organization, Sustainable Works, located on the campus of Santa Monica City College. This non-profit organization

presented their successful workshops to 150 constituents in-Councilman Rosendahl's district last year and was hugely well received by the attendees.

Three of the workshops are directly related to water and energy conservation (Water, Energy, Transportation). The other three are interconnected to water and energy conservation in significant ways (Toxic Chemicals, Consumer Choices, Recycling). We have not able to offer these workshops because we are mandated to make them available to anyone, free of charge. With a grant subsidy these workshops would be possible.

Sustainable Works' mission is to foster a culture of sustainability in individuals, cities, colleges, and businesses. They have been conducting workshops in Santa Monica and Los Angeles for over eight years. Clever interactive education techniques sensitize students to their water, and energy consumption. The workshops help change behavior in a simple step-by-step manner, by showing individuals and businesses how they can alter practices to conserve on water and energy. Trainers explain in simple language how conservation of our resources can improve their quality of life, and save money.

Workshops meet once a week for an hour and half for six weeks. They provide a workbook that is a comprehensive, up to date resource guide that contains valuable information and recommendations in six resource areas. Each chapter increases one's understanding of the local, regional, and global environmental impact of their daily choices.

See #5 for a description of the 6 workshop evenings.

Please list your anticipated costs:

Labor:

We are all volunteers. Labor would be free.

Materials:

Advertising:

Lawn signs (Spanish/ English): c. 100 @\$5.00 ea.	\$500.00
Two Farmer's Market Banners:	\$300.00
Flyers/sign up sheets/printing costs, etc.:	\$500.00
Table linens for table at Farmer's Market:	\$50.00

Other (describe):

Sustainable Works:

Sustainable Works charges \$60/person for the 6 workshops. For this, Sustainable Works provides Trainer/instructors, comprehensive work books (in Spanish and English), and depending on funding availability,

5. Will your activities feature any public events? If so, please provide a brief description and the expected dates(s).

SIX EVENING WORKSHOPS FOR RESIDENTS: Each workshop will be 1-1/2 hours from 7-8:30 over a 6 week period.

EXPECTED DATES:

We would like to promote the workshops over the 3 summer months using a table at our local farmer's market, lawn signs, neighborhood home owner's associations email newsletters, temples, churches, schools, Facebook, Twitter, email mailing lists, council district newsletters, etc. We would like to begin the workshops in early September, after school has started but before the holiday season in late November.

I. WATER EFFICIENCY

Water is a limited and precious resource, especially in Southern California. In fact, we import the majority of our water from other places, such as the California Bay Delta and the Colorado River. When you conserve water, you're also conserving electricity (moving water hundreds of miles along the California Aqueduct) and natural gas (water heating)! Saving resources means saving money. Water efficiency can mean everything from toilets to landscaping. Sustainable Works helps to identify where one can save water and money through rebates, aerators, low flow devices, etc.!

Did you know?

- A steady drip can waste 20 gallons of water per day. A toilet can leak up to 200 gallons.
- The average Santa Monica resident uses 144 gallons of water each day.
- In most U.S. households, about 30 percent of the water used is flushed down the toilet.

II. ENERGY EFFICIENCY

The world's current energy production is unsustainable. The burning of fossil fuels such as coal or oil to produce electricity depletes non-renewable resources and releases pollutants that contribute to acid rain and global climate changes. Conserving energy doesn't mean that you have to be in the dark. There are so many easy ways to light up your life while reducing your energy consumption. Workshops illustrate how to save energy and money too!

Did you know?

- Incandescent light bulbs use 75% more energy than compact fluorescent bulbs.
- America's refrigerators consume 7 percent of our country's electricity, which equals the output of about 25 large power plants.
- By turning down your central heating thermostat only one degree in winter, your fuel consumption can be cut by as much as 10 percent.

III. TRANSPORTATION

You can improve your quality of life and the environment when you reduce the amount of time you spend in your car. If you have to commute, consider moving closer to where you work, carpool or take advantage of the public transportation system. Another wonderful mode of transportation is walking and biking. You not only get to where you are going, you also get exercise. We have resources that will make it easier for you.

Did you know?

- The biggest single technology causing greenhouse emissions is the automobile.

- If each commuter car carries one more passenger, an estimated 600,000 gallons of gasoline will be saved, and 12 million pounds of carbon dioxide will be kept out of the air.

IV. CONSUMER CHOICES

Consumerism is economically manifested in the chronic purchasing of new goods and services, with little attention to their true need, durability, product origin or the environmental consequences of manufacture and disposal. From the super market to the shopping mall, making informed choices can help influence business to become more sustainable in their business practices. Your purchasing power can support social change on many levels from fair labor standards to reducing the amount of non-recyclable packaging and toxic chemicals you bring home. We can help you vote with your dollar!

Did you know?

- It takes 2000 gallons of water to produce 1 pound of beef. It takes 800 gallons of water to produce 1 pound of chicken.
- On average, American food travels about 1,200 miles from the farm to the consumer.
- A child born in the industrial world adds more to consumption and pollution over his or her lifetime than do 30 to 50 children born in developing countries.

V. RECYCLING

All products we consume require energy and water in their production. Our current patterns of waste generation and disposal contribute significantly to environmental, economic, and public health problems. The EPA estimates that half the landfills operating today will be closed in the next 5 years because they will be full or because they are suspected or known to be leaking toxic materials into lakes, streams and aquifers. An easy step for residents to make is to recycle their bottles, cans, and paper. By participating in curbside recycling programs and proper disposal of hazardous wastes, you will be diverting waste from the landfill and keeping our water clean of pollutants. We'll help residents reduce the amount of waste they produce and demystify what can and cannot be put in the recycling bin. Remember, there is no such place as "away"!

Did you know?

- 2.5 million plastic bottles are thrown away each HOUR in America.
- Plastic outweighs plankton by a factor of 2.5 in the surface waters of Southern California.
- Californians create 46 million tons of trash a year, enough to fill two freeway lanes 100 feet deep from the Mexican to the Oregon border.

VI. ELIMINATE TOXIC CHEMICALS

It has been determined that home Indoor Air Quality can be more toxic than the air outside? You can help "Clear the Air" in your own home by replacing toxic cleaners and chemical solvents with less toxic alternatives. We identify the top hazardous household and cosmetic chemicals, hazardous materials, suggest alternative chemical recipes for cleaners, pest control, and more.

Did you know?

- Organic gardening uses less water than gardens fertilized with synthetic chemicals. Learn why.
- The instead of a pesticide, green lacewings, can eat up to 60 aphids an hour.
- Grinding ice and using lemon or orange in a garbage disposal, will freshen the scent and the ice will clean and sharpen the blades.

Signature of authorized official:

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Motion to Support the City's Proposed Community Care Facilities Ordinance

Agenda Item: GB021711-16

Date: 17 February 2011

Proposed By: Terrence Gomes

Motion supports the proposed ordinance, and recommends further restrictions.

Full Proposal

(Background text adapted from materials prepared for the Pacific Palisades Community Council)

The City Planning Department has drafted proposed amendments to the existing Los Angeles Municipal Code (the "Ordinance") to help reign in problems associated with illegal and unlicensed group living homes, including drug & alcohol treatment facilities and "sober living homes", that are operated out of single family residences in areas that are zoned low density (R1, RD1.5, R2 and RD). The City believes that this Ordinance is necessary to enable the Department of Building & Safety to effectively enforce the City's zoning laws with respect to transient homes in residential neighborhoods. By strengthening certain language and definitions, the City believes that Building and Safety can work closely with the City Attorney's office to prosecute these cases and protect the established character of residential neighborhoods.

What Are the Problems?

Homeowners throughout Southern California and the City of LA have raised concerns regarding transient residential uses in single-family neighborhoods. These concerns include high occupancies, secondhand smoke, aggressive behavior, foul language, traffic congestion, parking problems, excessive noise and police activity. In areas of Los Angeles such as Mar Vista and Venice, there are concentrations of multiple group homes operating on a single block. Because these facilities are unregulated and unlicensed, it is impossible to determine the number of operators, number of locations, quality of operators, approved fire clearances, local building use permits, possibility for on-site inspection and review, and compliance with basic health and safety standards.

In addition, group parolee homes can currently operate as a "family" in any single-family area. They are not restricted, as other correctional institutions are, as a conditional use permit in these zones.

Why Are These Uses Housed In Residential Neighborhoods?

The Fair Housing Act protects persons with special needs, including recovering drug and alcohol addicts, from being discriminated against because they are classified as disabled by federal law. California has enacted a complicated series of laws and regulations to support the placement of disabled persons into single-family residential neighborhoods.

On a municipal level, there have been four other cities that have passed so called "sober living" ordinances (akin to the Ordinance now proposed by Los Angeles). Murietta and Riverside chose to regulate sober living homes as a "class" or particular housing "use". The City of LA rejected the Riverside/Murietta approach due primarily to right of privacy constitutional concerns. Newport Beach passed an ordinance seeking to regulate sober living and other community-care facilities by using an

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elaborate permitting scheme, including a 27-page conditional use process. Two years of litigation ensued and Newport has spent over \$2 million defending claims. With a still uncertain outcome, the City of LA adopted portions of the Newport Beach ordinance but rejected its overall approach¹. Finally, Lompoc adopted a regulatory scheme that the State Attorney General has upheld which prohibits boarding/rooming houses in low-density residential zones. Since LA's zoning code has prohibited boarding houses in single-family and R2 zones for over 40 years and, in light of the AG Opinion, LA chose to model its Ordinance after the Lompoc approach.

What Does the City's Proposed Ordinance Do?

In areas zoned low-density residential, the Ordinance seeks to provide an effective enforcement mechanism to prohibit transient uses by creating "bright line" definitions between boarding/rooming houses, on the one hand, and family (as a "single housekeeping unit in one dwelling unit") on the other². As applicable to SORO NC and other areas of LA, there are four possible community care, i.e., "sober living" scenarios:

1. *State Licensed Facilities, Serving Less than 6 Residents* – cannot be covered by the proposed Ordinance. As mandated by state law, these facilities can operate in any zone that permits single-family homes.
2. *Unlicensed Facilities, Serving Less than 6 Residents* - residents must be members of the same household. Common areas and chores must be shared and there cannot be single locked doors, hotplates, mini-refrigerators, etc. If a household takes in a boarder, that person must become a household member. No more than one oral or written lease can be in operation. If there are multiple lease agreements, then the use is classified as a boarding/rooming house and becomes subject to abatement proceedings.
3. *State Licensed Facilities, Serving More than Seven Residents* – are allowed to operate as "Public Benefits" provided that they meet seven performance tests (parking, access, noise, residential character, night lighting, peaceful enjoyment and density restrictions).
4. *Unlicensed Facilities, Serving More than 7 Residents* – see subparagraph (b) above.

Finally, with respect to group parolee homes, the ordinance seeks to clarify definitions that subject them to the CUP process in residential neighborhoods.

What is the Motion Asking Me to Vote On?

The Motion asks for your vote to support the general approach taken by the City of LA's Ordinance. However, there are four (4) areas of major concern articulated by other Westside Neighborhood Councils that would require the City to further amend its proposed Ordinance.

¹ LA did utilize many of Newport's definitions and concepts; however, the fundamental procedural difference is that LA will utilize "back end" nuisance abatement procedures rather than new "front end" discretionary land use approvals.

² The Ordinance does not prohibit community care/sober living in multi-family (R3 and above) or commercial zones. Likewise, the Ordinance does not regulate homes that are licensed and regulated by the State Dept. of Social Services such as housing for the physically disabled, elderly, etc.



- a. Limit the concentration of facilities
- b. Require a public hearing for all applications directing that a public benefit must be demonstrated and/or where the applicant requests a reasonable accommodation,
- c. Provide an affirmative statement that no legal non-conforming use is created by the ordinance
- d. Restrict location near schools and other sensitive uses by 1,000 feet

The proposed ordinance has been approved by the LA Planning Commission. The 4-1 vote moves the ordinance to the City Council's PLUM committee. The ordinance will still require a 2/3 vote when it does come before the full Council.

Proposed Motion

- I. To support the City Council’s CCF Ordinance and hereby urge that the Ordinance shall also:
 - (i) limit the concentration of facilities, (ii) require a public hearing for all applications directing that a public benefit must be demonstrated and/or where the applicant requests a reasonable accommodation, (iii) provide an affirmative statement that no legal non-conforming use is created by the ordinance, and (iv) restrict locations near schools and other sensitive uses by 1,000 feet
- II. To add SORO NC to the Westside Regional Alliance of Council's endorsement of the ordinance and write letters of support to Councilmembers and the Council's Planning and Land Use Management committee.
- III. To write a Community Impact Statement to be added to the Council file on the issue.

Considerations

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First argument in favor.

Second argument in favor.

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First argument against the motion. Try to be fair.

Board Notes

Votes For:

Against:

Abstain:

Proposed Amendments:



DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING
RECOMMENDATION REPORT



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE: February 10, 2011
TIME: after 8:30 a.m.*
PLACE: Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Room 350
Los Angeles, CA 90012

CASE NO:

CEQA:
LOCATION:
COUNCIL DISTRICT:
PLAN AREAS:

CPC-2009-800-CA
ENV-2009-801-ND
Citywide
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PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED


MATTER CONTINUED FROM MEETINGS OF OCTOBER 14, 2010 and NOVEMBER 4, 2010


SUMMARY: A proposed ordinance (Appendix B) defining *Community Care Facility, Licensed; Residential Care Facility for the Elderly, Licensed; and Alcoholism or Drug Abuse Recovery or Treatment Facility, Licensed* bringing the LAMC into conformity with State law; regulating these facilities as public benefits; defining *Single Housekeeping Unit* and amending the definitions for *Boarding or Rooming House* and *Family*.


RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. **Adopt** the initial and supplemental staff reports (dated October 14, 2010 and February 10, 2011) as its reports on the subject.
2. **Adopt** the findings in Attachment 1.
3. **Approve** the Negative Declaration as the CEQA clearance on the subject.
4. **Approve** the proposed ordinance in Appendix B and recommend its adoption by the City Council.

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SUMMARY

For over 40 years, state and federal governments have favored de-institutionalizing persons with disabilities and encouraged their placement in homes in residential neighborhoods. This policy is implemented in California through the Community Care Facilities Act of 1973. The Act regulates facilities for persons with special needs who require personal services, supervision, or assistance essential for sustaining the activities of daily living. The proposed ordinance (Appendix B) brings the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) into conformance with this State law.

The proposed ordinance (Appendix B) recognizes the importance of balancing the goals of the Community Care Facilities Act while maintaining the quality of life in single-family neighborhoods. Although State law prevents cities from regulating licensed facilities serving six or fewer residents differently from other single-family residences, it does allow for some regulation for licensed facilities serving seven or more residents. As such, the proposed ordinance simply categorizes the smaller facilities as by-right uses in all zones that allow single-family residences and regulates the larger facilities as “public benefits” in those zones. Public benefits are permitted through a ministerial process and are subject to parking, density, noise and other land use based performance standards.

The proposed ordinance also makes a clear distinction between unlicensed group homes and families by limiting the members of a household to a maximum of one lease. Consequently, any single family home will be regulated as a boarding house once a second lease is established and can only be located in the R3 Zone and above. This difference protects single-family neighborhoods from transient types of businesses that often operate in single-family neighborhoods.

STAFF REPORT

BACKGROUND

On October 14, 2010 the Planning Department presented a proposed ordinance (Appendix A) to the City Planning Commission (CPC) to update the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) regarding various licensed community care facilities and other related items. One primary objective of that ordinance was to place definitions of various licensed community care facilities into the LAMC in order to bring it into conformance with State law. It also amended the definitions for *Boarding or Rooming House, Family*, and added the definition of *Single Housekeeping Unit* to distinguish unlicensed group homes from families by limiting the members of a household to a maximum of one lease. Lastly, Appendix A added a new definition for *Correctional or Penal Institution* to include group homes for parolees, thereby categorizing them as conditional uses in all zones.

Over 60 people testified on this item with approximately equal numbers in opposition

and in favor and the matter was continued to November 4, 2010 to allow for additional testimony. Following the hearings, the CPC directed staff to organize a committee comprised of Planning Department staff, a representative from the City Attorney's office, and City Planning Commissioners to address the concerns raised at both hearings regarding potential impacts of the proposed ordinance. The issues focused, primarily, on the following:

1. What is the rationale for a higher parking requirement for *Alcoholism or Drug Abuse Recovery or Treatment Facilities* versus the other licensed community care facilities?
2. Neighborhoods should be notified of public benefits.
3. The proposed definition changes regarding *Boarding or Rooming House* and *Family* may conflict with permanent supportive housing programs.
4. Will these revisions still allow business owners to place tenants in single-family homes in single-family neighborhoods on a fluid lease?

DISCUSSION

The proposed ordinance (Appendix B) has two main objectives: (1) to update the LAMC to be consistent with the goals of the Community Care Facilities Act; and (2) to create a clear distinction between group homes inhabited by families and those operating as boarding houses.

With regard to the Community Care Act, the proposed ordinance regulates State licensed community care facilities. Although the proposed ordinance does not change City zoning practice for such facilities with six or fewer residents, it codifies that they are permitted in any zone where single-family uses are allowed, as mandated by State law. However, the proposed ordinance does modify City practice for such facilities with seven or more residents by permitting them as "public benefits". As public benefits in the agricultural, residential, and commercial zones, these State licensed facilities must meet performance standards on an array of land use issues such as parking, noise, and lighting.

With regard to distinguishing between group homes inhabited by families and those inhabited by boarding houses, the proposed ordinance modifies existing definitions of *family* and *boarding/rooming house* and adds the definition of *single housekeeping unit*. This objective is primarily met by defining a family as persons who choose to live together as a single housekeeping unit with residents under one lease; boarding/rooming house lodging is provided to individuals under two or more leases. These definitions provide effective tools for the City to enforce its zoning laws with regard to businesses and transient types of occupancy that are not allowed in single-family neighborhoods.

During the Planning Department's public outreach, community members identified problems associated with boarding houses that are not operated as single

housekeeping units. Some of these boarding houses are sober living homes, which are group living arrangements for persons recovering from alcoholism or drug addiction but provide no care or supervision. As such, they are not licensed and regulated by the State. Since persons recovering from alcohol and drug addiction are considered to be disabled, they are protected from discrimination by the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Federal Fair Housing Act. Thus, any regulation that treats sober living homes less favorably than analogous uses is discriminatory and therefore unlawful.

Accordingly, to protect the character of low-density residential neighborhoods, address the community's concerns, and ensure a lawful ordinance, the Planning Department therefore recommends new provisions intended to strengthen the regulation of the broader category of boarding or rooming houses without singling out sober living homes, as such.

The CPC-initiated subcommittee reviewed the issues raised at the public hearings and modified Appendix A. The subcommittee met three times with Planning staff and the City Attorney. In addition to these meetings, staff met with various mental health care providers, briefed PlanCheck NC, received information from County Mental Health and County Probation, and reviewed the Mayor's Policy on homelessness titled "Home For Good."

In response to item #1, the separate parking requirement proposed in Appendix A for *Alcoholism or Drug Abuse Recovery or Treatment Facility, licensed*, for seven or more residents has been changed to be consistent with the parking requirements for other licensed community care facilities. The committee did not find any conclusive evidence that residents of these facilities use personal vehicles substantially more than residents of other licensed community care facilities.

In response to item #2, public notification will now be required of all public benefits. This new requirement will inform adjacent property owners, the applicable neighborhood council, and the City Council district office of the new public benefit. Although public benefits are by-right as long as specified performance standards are met, they cannot be denied or appealed. However, notification of the new use will inform neighborhood stakeholders of required performance standards.

In response to item #3, the placement of homeless persons in licensed community care facilities in any zone that permits single-family residences will be allowed under this proposed ordinance. From the information gathered, the Planning Department could not justify the necessity for excepting to the lease provision of the definition for governmentally supported services would be inconsistent with City policy and could be legally indefensible.

In response to item #4, the definition of *Single Housekeeping Unit* has been refined to add that the adult residents of this residential use have chosen to live together and determine the makeup of the household rather than the landlord or property manager.

In addition to the issues raised at the public hearing, the Planning Department has removed sections of the proposed ordinance that pertain to *Correctional and Penal Institutions* and *Group Homes for Parolees and Probationers*. Further research is necessary on this issue and a follow-up ordinance will comprehensively address it.

CONCLUSION

Synchronizing the LAMC with the California Community Care Facilities Act reinforces the City's commitment to maintaining the quality of life in single-family neighborhoods while supporting the de-institutionalizing of persons with special needs. The proposed ordinance addresses regulation and enforcement concerns by filling in the gaps that exist in the current vague definitions and regulations. The proposed ordinance achieves an equitable solution that maintains the City's priority of neighborhood character preservation through enforceable quantifiable standards while meeting the State's Community Care Facility Act requirements.

APPENDIX B

ORDINANCE NO. _____

A proposed ordinance amending Sections 12.03, 12.05, 12.07, 12.07.01, 12.08, 12.08.1, 12.08.3, 12.08.5, 12.09.1, 12.09.5, 12.10, 12.12, 12.12.2, 12.21, 12.22, 12.24, and 14.00 of the LAMC adding definitions of *Community Care Facility, licensed*; *Residential Care Facility for the Elderly, licensed*; and *Alcoholism or Drug Abuse Recovery or Treatment Facility, licensed* to the LAMC to bring it into conformance with the California Community Care Facilities Act. As mandated by State law, the ordinance permits these State licensed facilities with six or fewer residents in any zone that permits single-family homes. It also permits those with seven or more residents in any zone that permits single-family homes as public benefits, requiring performance standards. The proposed ordinance also amends the definitions of *Boarding or Rooming House* and *Family* to provide clear guidelines for the appropriate enforcement of boarding homes with transient characteristics and prohibits *Boarding or Rooming Houses* in one-family dwellings zoned RD.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 12.03 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to add or amend the following terms alphabetically:

ALCOHOLISM OR DRUG ABUSE RECOVERY OR TREATMENT FACILITY, LICENSED. As defined in Section 11834.02 of the Health and Safety Code, any premises, place or building licensed by the State of California that provides 24-hour residential nonmedical services to adults who are recovering from problems related to alcohol, drug or alcohol and drug misuse or abuse, and who need alcohol and drug recovery treatment or detoxification services.

BOARDING OR ROOMING HOUSE – A dwelling containing a dwelling unit and not more than five guest rooms or suites of rooms, where lodging is provided with or without meals, for compensation. A one-family dwelling where lodging is provided to individuals with or without meals, for monetary or non-monetary consideration under two or more separate agreements or leases, either written or oral, or a dwelling with five or fewer guest rooms or suites of rooms, where lodging is provided to individuals with or without meals, for monetary or non-monetary consideration under two or more separate agreements or leases, either written or oral. Boarding or rooming house does not include an alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facility, licensed; community care facility, licensed; or residential care facility for the elderly, licensed.

COMMUNITY CARE FACILITY, LICENSED. As defined in Section 1502 of the Health and Safety Code, any facility, place or building licensed by the State of California that is maintained and operated to provide nonmedical residential care, day treatment, adult day care, or foster family agency services for children, adults, or children and adults, including but not limited to, the physically handicapped, mentally impaired, incompetent persons, abused or neglected children.

FAMILY. One or more persons living together in a dwelling unit ~~with common access to, and common use of all living, kitchen, and eating areas within the dwelling unit,~~ as a single housekeeping unit.

RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY FOR THE ELDERLY, LICENSED. As defined in Section 1569.2 of the Health and Safety Code, a housing arrangement licensed by the State of California chosen voluntarily by persons 60 years of age or over, or their authorized representative, where varying levels of intensities of care and supervision, protective supervision, or personal care, or health-related services are provided, based upon their varying needs, as determined in order to be admitted and to remain in the facility. A Residential Care Facility for the Elderly, Licensed, may house residents under 60 years of age with compatible needs pursuant to Section 1569.316 of the Health and Safety Code and provide health-related services pursuant to Section 1569.70 of the Health and Safety Code.

SINGLE HOUSEKEEPING UNIT. One household where all the members have common access to and common use of all living, kitchen, and eating areas within the dwelling unit, and household activities and responsibilities such as meals, chores, expenses and maintenance of the premises are shared or carried out according to a household plan or other customary method. If a resident owner rents out a portion of the dwelling unit, those renters must be part of the household and under no more than one lease, either written or oral. If a non-resident owner rents out the dwelling unit, all residents 18 years and older have chosen to jointly occupy the entire premises of the dwelling unit, under a single written lease and the makeup of the household occupying the unit is determined by the residents of the unit rather than the landlord or property manager.

Sec. 2. New Paragraph 17 is added to Subsection A of Section 12.05 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read:

17. Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities, licensed; community care facilities, licensed; and residential care facilities for the elderly, licensed; for six or fewer residents.

Sec. 3. New Paragraph 15 is added to Subsection A of Section 12.07 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read:

15. Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities, licensed; community care facilities, licensed; and residential care facilities for the elderly, licensed; for six or fewer residents.

Sec. 4. New Paragraph 10 is added to Subsection A of Section 12.07.01 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read:

10. Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities, licensed; community care facilities, licensed; and residential care facilities for the elderly, licensed; for six or fewer residents.

Sec. 5. New Paragraph 10 is added to Subsection A of Section 12.08 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read:

10. Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities, licensed; community care facilities, licensed; and residential care facilities for the elderly, licensed; for six or fewer residents.

Sec. 6. New Paragraph 7 is added to Subsection B of Section 12.08.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read:

7. Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities, licensed; community care facilities, licensed; and residential care facilities for the elderly, licensed; for six or fewer residents.

Sec. 7. New Paragraph 8 is added to Subsection B of Section 12.08.3 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read:

8. Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities, licensed; community care facilities, licensed; and residential care facilities for the elderly, licensed; for six or fewer residents.

Sec. 8. New Paragraph 6 is added to Subsection B of Section 12.08.5 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read:

6. Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities, licensed; community care facilities, licensed; and residential care facilities for the elderly, licensed; for six or fewer residents.

Sec. 9. New Paragraph 12 is added to Subsection A of Section 12.09.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read:

12. Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities, licensed; community care facilities, licensed; and residential care facilities for the elderly, licensed; for six or fewer residents.

Sec. 10. New Paragraph 7 is added to Subsection B of Section 12.09.5 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read:

7. Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities, licensed; community care facilities, licensed; and residential care facilities for the elderly, licensed; for six or fewer residents.

Sec. 11. New Paragraph 13 is added to Subsection A of Section 12.10 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read:

13. Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities, licensed; community care facilities, licensed; and residential care facilities for the elderly, licensed; for six or fewer residents.

Sec. 12. New Paragraph 13 is added to Subsection A of Section 12.12 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read:

13. Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities, licensed; community care facilities, licensed; and residential care facilities for the elderly, licensed; for six or fewer residents.

Sec. 13. New Paragraph 15 is added to Subsection A of Section 12.12.2 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read:

15. Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities, licensed; community care facilities, licensed; and residential care facilities for the elderly, licensed; for six or fewer residents.

Sec. 14. New Sub-subparagraph (6) added to Subparagraph (d) of Paragraph 4 of Subsection A of Section 12.21 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read:

(6) Any alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facility, licensed; community care facility, licensed; or residential care facility for the elderly, licensed; shall meet the following requirements for automobile parking spaces:

(i) If the, licensed; community care facility, licensed; or residential care facility for the elderly, licensed; is for six or fewer residents, then the facility shall meet the requirements for automobile parking spaces set forth in Section 12.21 A 4 (a) of this Code; or

(ii) If the alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facility, licensed; community care facility, licensed, or residential care facility for the elderly, licensed, is for seven residents, then a minimum of two automobile parking spaces must be provided, with 0.2 automobile parking space provided for each additional resident over the number seven.

Sec 15. Subsection D of Section 12.21 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is deleted:

~~D. Location Of Hospitals. No hospital, sanitarium or clinic for mental, or drug or liquor addict cases shall be established or maintained on any property within 600 feet of the property on which an elementary or high school is being maintained.~~

Sec. 16. A new Subdivision 30 is added to Subsection A of Section 12.22 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read:

30. Boarding or Rooming Houses in the RD Zone. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 12.09.1 of this Code, any one-family dwelling located on a lot zoned RD shall not be used as a boarding or rooming house.

Sec. 17. Paragraph 9 of Subsection X of Section 12.24 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is deleted:

~~9. Foster Care Homes. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, any person may, with the express written permission of a Zoning Administrator and subject to the following limitations, use a dwelling unit for the operation of:~~

~~(a) A foster care home occupied by a total of five or six children in the A, R, CR, C1 or C1.5 Zones; provided that the total number of persons (including servants) living in any dwelling unit used as a foster care home shall not exceed eight; or~~

~~(b) Limitations:~~

~~(1) The floor space of any dwelling unit used as a foster care home shall not be increased for that use and the floor space shall not be arranged so that it would reasonably preclude the use of the buildings for purposes otherwise permitted in the zone in which the property is located.~~

~~(2) No permission for the operation of a foster care home shall become valid unless it is licensed for foster care use by the State of California, or other agency designated by the State, and the operation shall not be valid for more than one year.~~

~~(c) Procedures. An application for permission pursuant to this subdivision shall follow the procedures for adjustments set forth in Section 12.28C1, 2 and 3.~~

Sec 18. Subsection A of Section 14.00 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read:

A. Public Benefit Projects and Performance Standards. Where not permitted by right or by Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Subsections U, V or W of Section 12.24, the following public benefit uses are permitted in any zone, unless restricted to certain zones or locations. The uses shall meet the following performance standards or alternative compliance measures approved pursuant to Subsection B.

Upon the Director's determination that the public benefit use meets the stated performance standards, the Director shall record a covenant of the determination with the Office of the County Recorder. The covenant shall be valid as long as the property is used as a public benefit. The covenant must be removed when the land is no longer used as a public benefit. Upon recordation with the Department of City Planning of a covenant affirming the performance standards of a public benefit, notification of the public benefit shall be sent to adjoining and abutting property owners, the applicable certified neighborhood council, and the applicable City Council office. Public notification shall identify the applicable performance standards and a statement that if the

public benefit does not adhere to the performance standards, the Director of Planning can revise the performance standards or discontinue the use.

If the use fails to operate in accord with the stated performance standards the Director may modify the conditions of operation or discontinue the use.

Sec. 19. A new Paragraph 10 is added to Subsection A of Section 14.00 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read:

10. Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities, licensed, community care facilities, licensed, and residential care facilities for the elderly, licensed, for seven or more residents in the A, R, and C zones.

(a) Performance standards:

(1) The facility meets the applicable automobile parking space requirements set forth in Section 12.21A 4 (d)(6);

(2) The facility avoids interference with traffic by providing access through driveways and/or loading docks for deliveries and pickups;

(3) The facility conforms to the City's noise regulations pursuant to Chapter 11 of this Code; any household noise or music shall be sufficiently modulated to ensure that adjacent residents are not disturbed;

(4) In the A and R zones, the existing residential character of the building and site are maintained, including the exterior façade, landscaping, fences, walls, lawn areas, and driveways;

(5) Security night lighting is shielded so that the light source cannot be seen from adjacent residential properties;

(6) The facility does not create an unreasonable level of disruption or interference with the peaceful enjoyment of adjoining and neighborhood properties;

(7) Total occupancy in the facility does not exceed two residents for every bedroom or guest room as shown on the building plans approved by the Department of Building and Safety.

(b) **Purposes:** Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities, community care facilities, and residential care facilities for the elderly for seven or more residents in the A, R and C zones shall be compatible with the character of the neighborhood and not adversely impact the health, safety and welfare of the persons residing in the facility or the neighborhood. Parking, traffic and transportation impacts shall be insignificant. The operation must comply with State law and must have a State license. The number of residents allowed per facility is limited in order to keep density within acceptable limits.

Sec 20. The City Clerk shall certify ...

ATTACHMENT 1

LAND USE FINDINGS

The City Planning Department recommends that the City Planning Commission, in accordance with Charter Sections 556 and 558, find:

1. In accordance with Charter Section 556, the proposed ordinance (Appendix B) is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan in that it supports several of the Goals and Objectives outlined in the Housing Element of the General Plan including:

Goal 1 of the City's Housing Element to create "a City where housing production and preservation result in an adequate supply of ownership and rental housing that is safe, healthy, sanitary, and affordable to people of all income levels, races, ages, and suitable for their various needs" which through implementation of Objective 1.1 which prompts the Department to "plan the capacity and develop incentives for the production of an adequate supply of rental and ownership housing for households of all income levels and needs."

Goal 3 of the City's Housing Element to create a City where there are "housing opportunities for all without discrimination" by specifically addressing Housing Objective 3.1 to "assure that housing opportunities are accessible to all residents without discrimination on the basis of race, ancestry, sex, national origin, color, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, familial status, age, disability (including HIV/AIDS), and student status" by identifying appropriate zones to locate alcohol/drug recovery or treatment facilities and community care facilities serving the disabled and other persons with special needs; and Housing Objective 3.2 to "promote fair housing practices and accessibility among residents, community stakeholders and those involved in the production, preservation, and operation of housing" by identifying appropriate zones to locate alcohol/drug recovery or treatment facilities and community care facilities serving the disabled and other persons with special needs;

Goal 4 of the City's Housing Element to create a "city committed to ending and preventing homelessness" specifically addressing Housing Objective 4.1 to "provide an adequate supply of short-term and permanent housing and services throughout the City that are appropriate and meet the special needs of persons who are homeless or who are at high risk of homelessness" by identifying appropriate zones to locate alcohol/drug recovery or treatment facilities and community care facilities for persons who are in danger of becoming homeless through implementation of Policy 4.1.6, which recommends "eliminating zoning and other regulatory barriers to the placement and operation of housing facilities for the homeless and special needs populations in appropriate locations throughout the City" by permitting community care facilities in single-family zones; and

2. In accordance with Charter Section 558 (b)(2), the proposed ordinance (Appendix B) will be in conformity with the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice in that it supports several goals of the Framework Element of the General Plan.

Goal 3B of the Framework Element of the General Plan seeks to preserve the City's stable single-family neighborhoods. Appendix B addresses Framework Element Objective 3.5 "to ensure that the character and scale of stable single-family residential neighborhoods is maintained allowing for infill development provided that it is compatible with and maintains the scale and character of existing development" by providing effective tools for the City to enforce its zoning laws with regard to businesses and transient types of occupancy that are not allowed in single-family neighborhoods.

Goal 3A of the Framework Element of the General Plan, to create "a physically balanced distribution of land uses that contributes towards and facilitates the City's long-term fiscal and economic viability, revitalization of economically depressed areas, conservation of existing residential neighborhoods, equitable distribution of public resources, conservation of natural resources, provision of adequate infrastructure and public services, reduction of traffic congestion and improvement of air quality, enhancement of recreation and open space opportunities, assurance of environmental justice and a healthful living environment, and achievement of the vision for a more livable city." Appendix B addresses Framework Element Objective 3.1 "Accommodate a variety of uses that support the needs of the City's existing and future residents, businesses, and visitors" through implementation of Policy 3.1.9 to "Assure that fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, incomes and education levels with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies, including affirmative efforts to inform and involve environmental groups, especially environmental justice groups, in early planning stages through notification and two-way communication."

Goal 4A of the Framework Element to create "an equitable distribution of housing opportunities by type and cost accessible to all residents of the City" and specifically addressing Framework Objective 4.4 to "reduce regulatory and procedural barriers to increase housing production and capacity in appropriate locations" by identifying appropriate zones to locate alcohol/drug recovery or treatment facilities and community care facilities serving persons with special needs.

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING

A Negative Declaration, ENV-2009-801-ND, was published on this matter on March 19, 2009, and it was determined that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment. An addendum to the Negative Declaration was issued on November 19, 2009 to address all changes to the proposed ordinance from its original CEQA publication.