



Public Safety Committee Meeting Approved Minutes

May 1, 2023, 7:00pm

Meetings end at 9:00pm unless the Board votes to end earlier or extend the time.

Location: Kosher Pizza Station 8965 W. Pico Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90035

1. Call to Order 7:05 pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call- Present: Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Sheina Gilbert

a. Co-chairs: Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm

b. Committee members: Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Laurie Levine, Joseph Mollaie, Sheina Gilbert, Daniel Braum, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Daniel Ferszt

4. General Public Comment: None

5. Approval of Outstanding Public Safety Committee Minutes

Moved: Baila Romm Second: Jon Liberman

Public Comment: None

Vote: 7 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Yes: Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Sheina Gilbert

Passes

6. Community Reports

a. LAPD (Ojeda, Baker) Officer Ojeda and Officer Pech (for Baker) gave reports. WLAPD Gang Enforcement and Motor Sergeant Tony Moon gave reports

i. Discussion and possible action to have street vending enforced.

ii. Bridge housing enforcement on La Cienega.

iii. Safety Concerns, Business disruption and violation of 41.18 of a camper and encampment on the South West corner of La Cienega and Pickford Street and next steps to address the long term plan for resource refusal/resistant individuals that have been camping in this area for a long time

b. LAFD – Not present

c. Office of CD 5 The Melaleuca trees at RRC are a safety hazard and need to be inspected and trimmed citing recent tree failure. **CD5 Not present. Laurie Levine will get contact information for Urban Forestry**

d. Office of CD 10 – Not Present

- e. Office of City Attorney – Not Present

7. Brief Committee Announcements

- a. Items for Future Public Safety Committee Agendas – **Lighting for Shenandoah alley between Olin and Gibson; Contact Michael from the La Cienega Plaza regarding increasing safety with lighting and remote cameras**
- b. Other Brief Committee Announcements - None

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Discussion and possible action to open alleys at Holt and Sherbourne. **CD 10 not present. Move to next month.**
- b. Discussion and possible action to write an opposition letter of the closure of the alley on Cadillac. **CD 10 not present. Move to next month**
- c. Discussion and possible action to send letter to CD 5 and CD 10 for speed survey on 18th Street at Preuss for possible stop sign. **Jon Liberman to resend letter due to no response.**
- d. Discussion and possible action on increased crime at the La Cienega Plaza and surrounding areas. Next Month

9. New Business

- a. Discussion and possible action to have a first responder appreciation day.
Motion for the SORO NC – Public Safety Committee host a first responder appreciation day on July 23, 2023 on the 1700 block of Preuss Rd from 11 am – 4 pm with a budget up to \$3000.
Notes: First Responders include: LAPD, LAFD. Invite city, state and county officials including EMD, 311, Shakey Quaky, Fly overs, Metropolitan Mounted Unit, SWAT Bear Cat, K-9, Cadets, CERT, Narcan training, CPR training, Stop the Bleed, Stage, LAPD Mobile Substation,
Request funding from CD5. CD5 to print 1000 flyers, provide gift handouts for public. SORO NC has bags to be filled for handouts. Request Council Offices to make official commendation and appreciation certificates for WLPD station and LAFD FS 58.
Moved: Baila Romm Second: Joseph Mollaie
Public Comment: Steve
Vote: 7 yes 0 no 0 abstain
Yes: Terrence Gomes, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Laurie Levine, Sheina Gilbert, Michael Lynn, Baila Romm
Motion passes
- b. Discussion and possible action to have a town hall meeting on child protection.
Motion for the SORO NC to have a town hall meeting on child protection on September 10, 2023 at 7 pm with Jonathan Hatami, Child Abuse Prosecutor, as guest speaker with a budget up to \$300.
Public Comment: None
Moved: Joseph Mollaie Second: Sheina Gilbert
Vote: 7 yes 0 no 0 abstain
Yes: Terrence Gomes, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Laurie Levine, Sheina Gilbert, Michael Lynn, Baila Romm
Motion passes

- c. Discussion and possible action to have a Public Safety town hall with CPR and Overdose training on July 23, 2023. (combine with First Responder Appreciation Day??)
- d. Discussion and possible action for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to oppose [Council File 23-0036](#): Title, Council Chamber / Public Disruption or Unrest / De-escalation and mediation /Unarmed officers. In recent months, there have been a number of uncivil disruptions and unrest at Los Angeles City Council meetings by members of the public. These disruptions have effectively shut down the conduct of the people’s business, resulting in meeting delays and the Council being unable to address important stakeholder concerns. Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez has introduced this resolution to develop mediation methods, rather than enforcement, to deal with uncivil and unlawful disruptions at meetings. The motion also seeks a report on disarming police, who protect our City Council members. Such changes would be unworkable and dangerous. Speakers and audience members at meetings should follow the rules while engaged in civic discourse, not break them. The proposals would only encourage lawlessness and more disruptions of Council operations, and threaten the safety and security of our elected representatives. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0036. LINK: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0036>

Moved: Baila Romm Second: Laurie Levine

Public Comment: None

Vote: 7 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Yes: Terrence Gomes, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Laurie Levine, Sheina Gilbert, Michael Lynn, Baila Romm

Terrence Gomes will write

Motion passes

- e. Discussion and possible action for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to oppose Council File 23-0002-S28: Title, AB 28 (Gabriel) / Firearm and Ammunition Tax / Protection Against Gun Violence. Assemblymember Gabriel has introduced an Assembly bill that would impose a state excise tax on firearms and ammunition costing Californians \$110 million each year. This bill would only result in further, unnecessary restrictions on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Californians. It would prevent many Angelenos from being able to afford a firearm for self-defense in crime-plagued neighborhoods. A tax on ammo and firearms simply would not prevent criminals and gangs from committing violent acts. At a time when crime rates are up and local district attorneys are not prosecuting many crimes, the right to self-defense by law-abiding citizens should be encouraged and not hindered. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0002-S28. LINK: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0002-S28>

Moved: ?? Second: ??

Public Comment:

Sheina Gilbert left the meeting at 8:36 pm

Vote: 6 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Yes: Terrence Gomes, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Baila Romm

Motion passes

Terrence Gomes will write

- f. Discussion and possible action for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to support [Council File 23-0002-S29](#): Title, Prohibit Sale of Vehicles Without Catalytic Converter / Etched Engraved Vehicle Identification Number / Legislative Program. Catalytic converter thefts have been on the rise throughout the state. 1,600 catalytic converters are stolen every month in the state. Thousands are stolen every year in Los Angeles alone. More needs to be done to stop this criminal scourge. [Senate Bill 55](#) has been introduced in the Senate to prohibit the sale of new or used vehicles unless the VIN has been engraved or etched onto the converter. This would make it more difficult for thieves to fence stolen converters, and thereby reduce thefts. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0002-S29.
LINK:<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0002-S29>

Moved: Michael Lynn Second: Laurie Levine

Public Comment: None

Vote: 4 yes 1 no 1 abstain

Yes: Terrence Gomes, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Baila Romm

No: Jon Liberman

Abstain: Joseph Mollaie

Motion passes

- g. Discussion and possible action for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to support [Council File 23-0002-S43](#): Title, https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB43 / Gravely Disabled Definition Expansion / Physical and Mental Health / Serious Harm. This bill would revise the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) that governs involuntary detention and mental health treatment for individuals found to be a danger to themselves or others. It would expand the definition of what constitutes being “gravely disabled” to also include a condition that will result in substantial risk of serious harm to the physical or mental health of a person due to a mental health disorder or substance abuse disorder. This change in the law would make it easier for authorities to get mentally ill and drug-addicted homeless individuals off of the streets and into life-saving treatment programs. This is a practical way to deal with the service resistant homeless who continually refuse help by outreach workers. It would benefit not only the affected individuals and their families but local neighborhoods adversely affected by criminal activity and open drug use of the service resistant. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0002-S43.
LINK:<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0002-S43>

Moved: Jon Liberman Second: Terrence Gomes

Public Comment: None

Vote: 5 yes 1 no 0 abstain

Yes: Terrence Gomes, Joseph Mollaie, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Baila Romm

No: Jon Liberman

Motion passes

- h. Discussion and possible action for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to support supports [Council File 23-0002-S32](#), Title: AB 1082 (Kalra) / Authority Removal / Police Officer / Public Employee / Vehicle Immobilization / Highway / Public land. State [Assembly bill 1082](#) would weaken the laws on removing vehicles that have been issued 5 or more parking citations and prevent DMV registration for unpaid parking penalties. The bill would: (1) prevent a peace officer from removing a vehicle with 5 or more parking citations; (2) repeal the authority to conduct a lien sale of a towed and stored vehicle; and (3) extend the authority to remove a vehicle with an expired registration from 6 months to one year. The lessening of penalties on parking scofflaws would only encourage more lawlessness and increase the number of abandoned vehicles in our city. Councilmember Lee's motion OPPOSES this impractical Assembly bill. LINKS: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1082 <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0002-S32>

Moved: Joseph Mollaie Second: Michael Lynn

Public Comment: None

Vote: 6 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Yes: Terrence Gomes, Joseph Mollaie, Jon Liberman, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Baila Romm

Motion Passes

10. Adjournment: 9:00 pm
