

# GB021524 - MOTIONS



south robertson neighborhoods council

**Seeking:** Board Position - At-Large Representative (Term expires June 30, 2025)

**First Name:** Benjamin

**Last Name:** Karben

**Statement:** I would like to apply for the At-Large Representative position with the Term expiration at June 30, 2025. I would like to continue my board service as my Student-rep term has expired. I look forward to learning more about our community and serving it in the best way I can! Thank you, Benji.

# **SORO NC Committee Memberships as of 2/15/24**

## **(Board Members)**

<b>Land Use Committee</b>	Barry Levine, Ken Blaker, Joseph Mollaie, <b>Mitch Cohen</b> , Jon Liberman
<b>Business Advocacy &amp; Development Committee</b>	Ken Blaker, <b>Jon Liberman</b> , Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Shirley Traum, Joseph Mollaie, Baila Romm
<b>Outreach Committee</b>	Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, <b>Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman</b> , Baila Romm, Stuart Weiss, Sara Messall, Marlene Katz
<b>Parks and Recreation Committee</b>	Barry Levine, <b>Jon Liberman</b> , Laurie Levine, Sandy Block, Benji Karben
<b>Public Safety Committee</b>	Michael Lynn, <b>Terrence Gomes</b> , Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman, Laurie Levine, <b>Baila Romm</b> , Joesph Mollaie, Daniel Ferszt, Stuart Weiss
<b>Transportation Committee</b>	Barry Levine, <b>Joel Weinberger</b> , Terrence Gomes, Michael Lynn, Benji Karben, Jason Plummer
<b>Homelessness Committee</b>	<b>Terrence Gomes</b> , Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, <b>Jon Liberman</b> , Laurie Levine, Marlene Katz
<b>Education Committee</b>	Shirley Traum, Barry Levine, <b>Jon Liberman, Benji Karben</b>
<b>Bylaws Committee</b>	<b>Ken Blaker</b> , Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Jon Liberman, Barry Levine, Joel Weinberger, Joseph Mollaie
<b>Budget &amp; Finance Committee</b>	<b>Terrence Gomes</b> , Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman
<b>Board Development</b>	<b>Baila Romm</b> , Sara Messall



## Motion for the SORO NC to file a CIS in Opposition of Council File 15-0389-S2:

**Agenda Item:** GB021524-07  
**Date:** February 15, 2024  
**Proposed By:** Executive Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** Yes

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### Background

Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.819 requires that City boards and commissions allow Neighborhood Council representatives to share their council's formal position on an agenda item and, at the discretion of the Chair, more comment time than allotted to members of the general public.

There are entities which share the same purpose as NCs, but are not granted similar privileges as those found under LAAC 22.819. Examples of these non-charter entities include the Brentwood Community Council, founded in 1998, and the Pacific Palisades Community Council, founded in 1973. Representing more than 70,000 stakeholders, these two community councils serve as the official representative bodies of these neighborhoods, fostering participation in local government, reviewing community issues and acting in an advisory capacity to the local council office.

The motion contained in [Council File 15-0389-S2](#) would have City Council instruct the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to explore the feasibility of granting community councils the same privileges as those afforded to neighborhood councils under Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.819., including an overview of legal and charter considerations, in addition to Brown Act compliance.

Further background info:

- Memo: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/About-the-CCs-R.pdf>; Agenda w/link to memo: <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/WRAC-agenda-8-21-23.pdf>
- Position taken by WRAC in 2015 (in the original iteration of this CF): [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0389\\_pc\\_6-17-15.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0389_pc_6-17-15.pdf)

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- WRAC letter was referenced in a DONE report in June 2015: [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0389\\_rpt\\_DONE\\_06-25-2015.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0389_rpt_DONE_06-25-2015.pdf)
- 2014, the City Council, per motion by then-CM Bonin, **voted unanimously to grant to PPCC and BCC the same privileges as NCs** with respect to notice of Planning matters. See the Bonin letter in CF 13-1625: [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1625\\_mot\\_12-4-13.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1625_mot_12-4-13.pdf)

## Proposed Motion

- I. That the SORO NC file the following CIS in Opposition of Council File 15-0389-S2:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council OPPOSES Council File 15-0389-S2 granting community councils the same privileges as those afforded to certified neighborhood councils under Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.819. Instead, we recommend that community councils should follow the current procedures on how an area can become a certified neighborhood council.

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## Considerations

Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 4	Against: 0
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$ N/A
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Dissenting Arguments:

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