

SORO NC Committee Memberships as of 3/19/24

(Board Members)

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



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General Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 15, 2024, 7:00pm

Meetings end at 9:30pm unless the Board votes to end earlier or extend the time.

Location: The Residence Inn, 1177 S Beverly Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90035- Meeting Room

Street Parking or free Self-Parking on level C.

Those with physical disabilities should see the Valet and enter the hotel on the street level.

1. **Call to Order 7:05 pm**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call (14 present Quorum) Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Laurie Levine, Stuart Weiss, Jason Plummer, Mitch Cohen, Benji Karben, Marlene Katz, Sara Messell, Joseph Mollaie, Barry Levine, Jon Liberman**
4. **General Public Comment: None**
- 5.
6. **Brief Board Announcements**
 - a. Items for General Board Agendas and other Brief Board Announcements
FRAD Need committed Volunteers or it will be canceled. SORO Festival the week prior. It's just too much.
7. **Community Reports**
 - a. LA Police Department (Baker - 39796@lapd.online / Ojeda - 36393@lapd.online)
Not Present
 - b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 (lafdbattalion18@lacity.org) **Not Present**
 - c. Office of Councilmember Hutt (Guevara - mayra.guevara@lacity.org) **Terrence Gomes Gave report**
 - d. Office of Councilmember Yaroslavsky (Rodriguez - cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org)
Gave report
 - e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Erving - commission@empowerla.org)
Not Present
 - f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Andrews- dina.andrews@lacity.org)
Sent report via email
 - g. Office of Mayor Bass (Ensley - marian.ensley@lacity.org)
 - h. Office of County Supervisor Horvath (Laflan - ALaflen@bos.lacounty.gov)
 - i. Office of State Bryan (Persoff - Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov) **Gave report**
 - j. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas **Not Present**
Elizabeth.Birks@sen.ca.gov)
 - k. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove (Riley - Naomi.Riley@mail.house.gov)

- I. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices

Sandy Block entered the meeting at 7:14 pm

Point of Order: Benji Karben has resigned 7:45 pm

8. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations (*Members of the public can choose to speak on multiple agenda items in this section for no more than one (1) minute total, with the time for speaker to be determined by- 5min divided by # virtual hands raised*)

- a. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Resident Zone 8 Representative - Term expires June 30, 2027)
 - **Gabriel Gershov Not Present will attend next month**
- b. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Business Representative 5- Term expires June 30, 2027)
 - **Candice Gliksberg Withdrew**
- c. Motion to Appoint At-Large 5 Representative (Term expires June 30, 2025)
 - **Benji Karben**
 - **Moved Baila Romm Second: Mitch Cohen**

Public Comment: None

14 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Vote Yes: Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Laurie Levine, Stuart Weiss, Jason Plummer, Mitch Cohen, Sandy Block, Marlene Katz, Sara Messell, Joseph Mollaie, Barry Levine, Jon Liberman

Benji Karben joined the board at 7:50 pm

- d. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Organization Representative 1 - Term expires June 30, 2027) **(No Applicants)**
- e. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Organization Representative 3 – Term expires June 30, 2027) **(No Applicants)**
- f. Motion to Appoint Student Representative (Term expires in 1 year) **(No Applicants)**
- g. Announcement of C. Hayes Blackwood’s resignation from the SORO NC, and the opening of the Zone 4 Representative seat (Term expires June 30, 2027)

9. Committees, Liaisons and Alliances

- a. Liaison and Alliance Representative Appointments
 - I. Motion to appoint LADWP Representative (GB021524-01)
 - II. Motion to appoint LADWP Alternate Representative (GB021524-02)
 - III. Motion to appoint Budget Advocates Representative (1) (GB021524-03)
- b. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports
 - I. Standing and Ad-hoc Committees: Executive; Education; Land Use; **Public Safety: NTP web page send info to Ken Blaker;** Homelessness; Outreach; Transportation; Business Advocacy & Development; Parks and Recreation; Budget & Finance; Bylaws; Board Development;

Fox Studios – February 28 5:30 pm zoom information to be posted on the SORO NC website

Jon Liberman is resigning from SORO NC on October 1, 2024.

- II. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC, WRAC, LADWP, Budget Advocates, City Attorney, Sustainability, District 37 Congressional Council, Homelessness
- c. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB021524-04) **Baila Romm join Budget & Finance, Sara Messell joined Land Use**

10. Unfinished Business

- a. None

10. Consent Agenda Public Comment:

Moved: Terrence Gomes Second: Jon Liberman

Public Comment: None

- a. Motion to approve January 15, 2024 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB021524-05)
- b. Motion to approve January 2024 MERS Report (GB021524-06)
- c. Motion for the SORO NC to 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. (GB021524-07)

Vote: 15 yes 0 no 0 abstain

Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Laurie Levine, Stuart Weiss, Jason Plummer, Mitch Cohen, Sandy Block, Marlene Katz, Sara Messell, Joseph Mollaie, Barry Levine, Jon Liberman, Sandy Block
Consent Agenda Passes

11. New Business

- a. Motion for the SORO NC to create an Ad-Hoc Tree Removal Notification Committee to address the tree removal notifications from Urban Forestry. This committee will require monthly reports, consist of the following three members, Barry Levine, Joseph Mollaie, Marlene Katz and terminate February 2025 (GB021524-08)

Moved: Jon Liberman Second: Laurie Levine

Public Comment: User_1

Vote: Terrence Gomes, Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Laurie Levine, Stuart Weiss, Jason Plummer, Mitch Cohen, Sandy Block, Marlene Katz, Sara Messell, Joseph Mollaie, Barry Levine, Jon Liberman, Sandy Block

Yes: 15 0 no 0 abstain

Motion Passes

12. Adjournment: 8:27 pm

Monthly Expenditure Report


Reporting Month: February 2024
Budget Fiscal Year: 2023-2024
**NC Name: South Robertson
Neighborhood Council**

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$31410.05	\$1207.60	\$30202.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30202.45

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$26500.00	\$1207.60	\$14880.83	\$0.00	\$14880.83
Outreach		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$5500.00	\$0.00	\$5321.62	\$0.00	\$5321.62
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$-12000.00	\$0.00	\$-12000.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$22589.95	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	THE WEB CORNER, INC	02/01/2024	Web support	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$199.00
2	PUBLIC STORAGE 21914	02/03/2024	Storage	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$551.00
3	PARTNERS IN DIVERSITY	02/07/2024	Minutes	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$123.48
4	KOSHER PIZZA STATION	02/15/2024	Meeting food	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$232.21
5	VONAGE PRICE+TAXES	02/24/2024	phone service	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$26.91
6	MAILCHIMP	02/25/2024	email newsletter service	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$75.00
Subtotal:						\$1207.60

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

The Web Corner, Inc.

Invoice

15300 Ventura Blvd. Suite 400
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
818-345-7443

Date	Invoice #	Terms
02/01/2024	26653	

PAID
02/01/2024


Bill To
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council Terrence Gomes

Ship To

QTY	Description	Price Each	Amount
1	February 2024 Monthly Maintenance : includes up to 1.5 hours for; phone support, website requests, & adjustments Cloud DNS Management Free SSL Certificate & Management Hosting	199.00	199.00
		Total	\$199.00
		Payments/Credits	-\$199.00
		Balance Due	\$0.00

Terrence Gomes

From: Public Storage <DoNotReply@Publicstorage.com>
Sent: 02/03/2024 1:17 PM
To: Terrencegomes@soronc.org
Subject: Your AutoPay confirmation

Have questions? Ask our [virtual assistant](#) 



Thanks for your AutoPay payment!

Hi Terrence,

We're confirming that a payment in the amount of \$551.00 was made on 02/02/2024 from your Master Card CreditCard account ending in 4914 and entry type is manual.

Your confirmation number for this transaction is 045367.

Your Account Details [Log In](#)

TERRENCE GOMES

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 13352721
PHONE: (310) 387-1374
EMAIL: Terrencegomes@soronc.org

Payment Details

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

SPACE NUMBER: 254

SPACE SIZE: 10x10

PAYMENT AMOUNT:
\$551.00

	PAST DUE/DUE NOW	DUE NEXT 03/01/2024
RENT	\$0.00	\$542.00
INSURANCE	\$0.00	\$9.00
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$551.00

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INVOICE

Invoice Amount
\$123.48

Payment Terms	Invoice Date
Due On Receipt	01/29/2024
Invoice No.	Customer No.
41750	1936

Neighborhood Council/South Robertson
P.O. Box 35836
Los Angeles, CA 90035

Customer Name	Department	Customer No.	Payment Terms
Neighborhood Council/South Robertson	Corporate	1936	Due On Receipt

Description	Type	Units	Rate	Amount
Week ending: 01/21/2024				
POZO, MICHAEL A Minute Taker	Reg	4.22	\$29.26	\$123.48
Total This Week ending:				\$123.48

Reg: 4.22 OT: 0 DT: 0	Total - This Invoice: \$123.48
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PARTNERS IN DIVERSITY
690 E GREEN ST STE 101
PASADENA, CA 91101-2190
626-793-0020

PARTNERS IN DIVERSITY

Date: 02/07/2024 01:26:03 PM

CREDIT CARD SALE

MASTERCARD
CARD NUMBER: *****4914 K

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$123.48

APPROVAL CD: 038726
RECORD #: 000
CLERK ID: Officeassist1
CUST CODE: 1936
INVOICE #: 41750

Customer Copy

EmployeeName	CustomerName	DepartmentName	ApprovedDate	ApprovedBy	WeekEndDate	TransactionType	DateWorked	DayLabel	StartTime	BreakOut	BreakIn	EndTime	BillUnit	PayUnit	BreakHours
Pozo, Michael A	Neighborhood Council/South Robertson	Corporate	1/30/2024 13:01	Michael Lynn	1/21/2024	Reg	1/21/2024	Sunday	22:00:00			23:30:00	1.5	1.5	0
Pozo, Michael A	Neighborhood Council/South Robertson	Corporate	1/30/2024 13:01	Michael Lynn	1/21/2024	Reg	1/18/2024	Thursday	19:00:00			21:43:00	2.72	2.72	0

From: Kosher_Pizza_Station-noreply@thrivepointofsale.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 1:49 PM
To: terrencegomes@soronc.org
Subject: Order confirmation from Kosher Pizza Station



Kosher Pizza Station
8965 W Pico Blvd Los Angeles CA 90035
310-276-8708x

02/15/2024 2:54 pm Ticket #73
Delivery

TERRANCE
1177 S Beverly Dr
Los Angeles, 90035
310-387-1374

\$88.00 4 Regular Crust L Size **Cheese and Sauce Pizza**
\$78.00 1 Full Pan Size **Catering Tacos**
\$17.75 1 Quart **Guacamole TO**
\$15.00 1 Half Pan Size **Catering Tortilla Chips**
\$4.75 1 **Salsa Pint**

THRE 6:45PM

\$203.50 Subtotal
\$4.00 Delivery Fee
\$19.71 Sales Tax
\$5.00 Tip
\$232.21 Total
\$232.21 MasterCard *4914 AUTH: 046624

Thank you for your order

Thank you for ordering from
Kosher Pizza Station



Summary of Charges

Billing Name:	South Robertson	Account #:	1003736616
Billing Address:	200 N Spring Street 224 Los Angeles, CA 90012 UNITED STATES	Billing Period:	01/24/2024-02/23/2024

Your charges for this period:

\$26.91

This bill cycle ended on 02/23/2024



Questions about your bill?

Visit us at www.vonage.com

Monthly Charges	\$14.99
Surcharges	\$3.99
Government Mandated Taxes & Fees	\$7.93
Final Balance	\$26.91



Charges for 01/24/2024-02/23/2024

Account #: 1003736616

Monthly Charges **\$14.99**

U.S. and Canada 400 for 1-(310)-295-9920 (24/Feb-23/Mar)	\$14.99
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Usage Summary**(310) 295-9920****In Plan Minutes***You have not used any In Plan Minutes in this period.***Charged Calls***You have no charged calls for this period.*

Surcharges **\$3.99**

Regulatory, Compliance and Intellectual Property Fee	\$3.99
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Government Mandated Taxes & Fees **\$7.93**

State 911 Fee	\$0.30
Sales Tax	\$0.00
Federal Program	\$4.25
Local Utility Users Tax	\$2.19
State E-988 (VOIP) Tax	\$0.08



Charges for 01/24/2024-02/23/2024

Account #: 1003736616

Government Mandated Taxes & Fees (Continued) \$7.93State CA Public Purpose Program Surcharge \$1.11

Final Balance \$26.91Final Balance \$26.91



Charges for 01/24/2024-02/23/2024

Account #: 1003736616

Charged Calls: \$0.00



Terrence Gomes

From: No Reply - Mailchimp <no-reply@mailchimp.com>
Sent: 02/25/2024 1:27 AM
To: terrencegomes@soronc.org
Subject: Mailchimp Order



Your order has been processed.

Order MC22008252

Processed on February 25, 2024 01:26 AM Los Angeles.

Essentials plan	\$75.00
5,000 contacts	

Paid via Mast ending in 4914 which expires 12/2026	\$75.00
on February 25, 2024	

Balance as of February 25, 2024	\$0.00
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Issued to

Terrence Gomes
soromail
terrencegomes@soronc.org
200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Final Report of Ad Hoc Medallion Location Committee

Gomes List # order	Street Location	Intersection Orientation	Direction Sign facing
1	ROBERTSON/National	NE Corner	South towards Robertson
2	CADILLAC/Robertson	NE Corner	West towards Cadillac
3	Pickford/ROBERTSON	SW Corner	East towards Pickford
4	PICO/Robertson	SW Corner	North towards Robertson
5	Olympic/ROBERTSON	SW Corner	North towards Robertson
6	Olympic/LACIENEGA	SW Corner	North towards LaCienega
7	LACIENEGA/Pico	SW Corner	North towards LaCienega
8	PICO/LaCienega	NW Corner	East towards Pico
9	Airtrome/LACIENEGA	SW Corner	East towards Airtrome
10	Sawyer/LACIENEGA	SW Corner	East towards Sawyer
11	Cadillac/LACIENEGA	SW Corner	East towards Cadillac
12	CATTERAUGUS/Venice	NW Corner	East towards Catteraugus
13	ROBERTSON/Venice	NW Corner	South towards Robertson
14	ROBERTSON/10Fwy	NW Corner	South towards Robertson
15	Palms/MANNING	NE Corner	South towards Palms
16	Meter/Phoe	REJECT O/S Soro	REJECT O/S Soro
17	Meter/MonteMar	REJECT O/S Soro	REJECT O/S Soro
18	PICO/Century Pk East	On Pico first clear Fole East of intersection	South towards C Pk East
19	BEVERLY DR/Pico	SW Corner	South towards Pico
20	DOHENY/Pico	SW Corner	South towards Pico

ALTERNATES

a1	Beverwil/PICO	SW Corner	North towards Beverwil
a2	Roxbury/PICO	SW Corner	North towards Roxbury
a3	PICKFORD/LaCienega	NW Corner	East towards Pickford
a4	BAGLEY/Harlow	NW Corner	South Towards Bagley
a5	Venice/LACIENEGA	NW Corner	South towards Venice
a6	Beverly Dr/WHITW/C RTH	SE Corner	West towards Whitworth
a7	WHITWORTH/Doheny	SW Corner	South towards Doheny
a8	CATTERAUGUS/Beverwil	SE Corner	West towards Beverwil
a9	KINKARDINE/Shelby	SE Corner	West towards Shelby
a10	BEDFORD/Gregory Way	NW Corner	South towards Bedford



Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter to all of the Councilmembers, (cc Mayor Bass and the Police Commission) to open a council file to explore drone-as-a-first-responder programs that allow LAPD to utilize drones to combat crime

Agenda Item: GB031924-10
Date: March 19, 2024
Proposed By: Public Safety Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes

Background

The Since 2019 the LAPD has lost thousands of officers. Recruitment is down. We currently have 8800 sworn LAPD officers, far below Mayor Karen Bass' goal of 9,500 and about 300 below what the current budget allows, roughly 9,300 officers. In 2019, the LAPD had 10,008 sworn officers. Drones and use of ALPR and CCTV cameras would boost the LAPD's ability to do their job and increase public safety. We also request that the Council District supply the LAPD with financial assistance to install and utilize ALPRs and CCTV cameras similar to the system used in the city of Beverly Hills, West Hills Sheriff's Station and others. Drones and use of ALPR and CCTV cameras would boost the LAPD's ability to do their job and increase public safety.

Proposed Motion

- I. Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter to all of the Councilmembers, (cc Mayor Bass and the Police Commission) to open a council file to explore drone-as-a-first-responder programs that allow LAPD to utilize drones to combat crime.

In addition, request that the CD's supply the LAPD with financial assistance to install and utilize ALPRs and CCTV cameras similar to the system used in the city of Beverly Hills.

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Considerations

Committee review:
(Highly recommended)

Votes For: 5

Against: 0

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

\$ N/A

Arguments for:

Arguments against:



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March 19, 2024

Councilmembers:

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Paul Krekorian
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Nithya Raman
Katy Yaroslavsky
Imelda Padilla
Monica Rodriguez
Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Curren D. Price, Jr.
Heather Hutt
Traci Park
John Lee
Hugo Soto-Martínez
Kevin de León
Tim McOsker

200 N Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council is requesting that you open a council file to explore drone-as-a-first-responder programs that allow LAPD to utilize drones to combat crime.

Since 2019, the LAPD has lost thousands of officers. Recruitment is down. We currently have 8800 sworn LAPD officers, far below Mayor Karen Bass' goal of 9,500 and about 300 below what the current budget allows, roughly 9,300 officers. In 2019, the LAPD had 10,008 sworn officers.

Drones and the use of ALPR and CCTV cameras would boost the LAPD's ability to do their job and increase public safety.



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We also request that the Council Districts supply the LAPD with financial assistance to install and utilize ALPRs and CCTV cameras similar to the systems used in the city of Beverly Hills, West Hills Sheriff's Station and others.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynn
President
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council



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March 19, 2024

Councilwoman Heather Hutt
Council District 10
200 N Spring St #420
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilwoman Hutt,

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council is requesting that "No Parking at Any Time" signs be installed in the Garth Underpass under the 10 Freeway on both sides of the street from Corning to Beverlywood.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynn
President
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council



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March 19, 2024

Councilwoman Heather Hutt
Council District 10
200 N Spring St #420
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilwoman Hutt,

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council is requesting that CD-10 create a special account for brighter streetlights in the SORO area.

Each location is \$1000 per light and the SORO NC Public Safety Committee would focus on 10 locations for a total of \$10,000.00. The SORO NC Public Safety Committee would work with LAPD to determine the best locations to decrease crime.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynn
President
South Roberston Neighborhoods Council



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March 19, 2024

Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky
Council District 5
200 N Spring St #440
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Councilwoman Heather Hutt
Council District 10
200 N Spring St #420
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilwomen Yaroslavsky and Hutt,

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council is requesting that LADOT change the cross walk light on Robertson Boulevard at Sawyer Street from a flashing yellow light to a solid red Light for pedestrian safety.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynn
President
South Roberston Neighborhoods Council



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March 19, 2024

Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky
Council District 5
200 N Spring St #440
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilwoman Yaroslavsky,

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council is requesting a traffic study be performed for a possible "No right turn on red" on eastbound Airdrome Street, at the southwest corner of Airdrome and La Cienega.

Due to the curvature of La Cienega Boulevard as it crosses Airdrome Street southbound, it is not possible to see southbound traffic when a vehicle is stopped at the traffic light on eastbound Airdrome Street.

It becomes particularly dangerous during the rush hour traffic when the parking lane of southbound La Cienega becomes a travel lane. Vehicles wanting to turn right on to La Cienega when the light is red have to move into the travel lane blinded to oncoming traffic.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynn
President
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Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
200 N Spring St #2005
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners
200 N Spring St
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear DONE and BONC,

In light of the requirement that Neighborhood Council (NC) board members take and pass the city's Anti-Bias testing module, we urge you to immediately address and fix inherent problems with the training and the manner in which it is being implemented.

In recent years we have seen outrageous and vitriolic behavior at NC meetings, often disparaging or demeaning or addressing with vulgar profanity directed toward NC board members based on ethnicity or gender or other protected class. Much of it came from members of the public during comment periods, but there were also many instances of biased comments and behavior from board members. We universally abhor such behavior and are pleased that BONC and DONE seem to feel the same way. However, the current Anti-Bias training is a misguided means of addressing the issue.

1 – NC board members are elected officials of the NC system, which is established by Article 9 of the Los Angeles City Charter. Under the California Constitution, Article XX, Section 3, it is illegal to impose a test requirement on elected officials. After providing text for an oath of office, the Constitution clearly states: “**And no other** oath, declaration, or **test, shall be required as a qualification for any public office** or employment.” It is therefore alarming that our right to serve and to vote is threatened on the basis of testing, as stated in the March 1, 2024 email announcing the new training requirements.

2 – We believe that the training itself has defects. It relies heavily on Implicit Association Tests (IAT). For many of us that type of testing became famous almost 20 years ago when it was discussed in the bestseller “Blink.” But anyone who read “Blink” learned more about that testing than the Anti-Bias training teaches, including the effect of information that the test subject is exposed to before taking the test, and the fact that test results can vary greatly, over time and even on the same day, for a test subject. The training described IAT testing merely as



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a means of static evaluation. Further, the means of testing through the presentation of arbitrary and unnatural associations is inherently suspect, as well as the counting of milliseconds to indicate bias when it may merely reflect the fact that the subject has been given impossible choices.

While the topic is interesting and important, we believe that participants could learn more by reading “Blink” (the LA public library has print and audiobook copies available) than by means of the current training.

3 – In the training, participants are offered a link to do their own IAT testing, with numerous alternative versions focused on different possible biases. As an NC in an area with a large Jewish population we are distressed to see that there is no testing of antisemitic bias. This is alarming at a time when antisemitic rhetoric and violence are growing and outpacing any other form of bias expression or crime. In our neighborhood two Jewish people were recently shot merely because they appeared to be Jewish, and there have been incidences of attempted car ramming, obscene speech aimed at young children, antisemitic graffiti and defacing of Jewish images.

We recognize that bias exists, and it would be a violation of our mission if we were to ignore the awful and sometimes terrifying antisemitic bias which has been acted out directly against our stakeholders. Nobody should ignore the alarming rise in antisemitism – but the training does.

We are also concerned about the prospect of disparate enforcement. As mentioned above, we have witnessed demeaning and even harassing behavior by board members, and in most instances there were DONE employees present at those meetings, yet no action was taken at any time, during or after the meeting. The offending members were never reprimanded or disciplined or even informed of their biased and unethical behavior.

We support the objective of a harassment-free NC and feel strongly that this goal cannot be achieved when standards are subject to be applied with bias. While good training is a valuable tool, we do not support any limitation of our voting or service due to unconstitutional testing requirements.

Sincerely yours,

The South Roberston Neighborhoods Council Board