



# Motion to support Father's Office request for continued use of an alcohol beverage license

**Agenda Item:** GB061709-3  
**Date:** 6/17/09  
**Proposed By:** Brian Bergman

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## Summary

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## Full Proposal

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## Proposed Motion

- I. That the President of SORONC provide a signed copy of the attached letter in support of Father's Office request for continued use of an alcohol beverage license to a representative of Father's Office and/or any other relevant parties.

## Considerations

### Pro

Father's Office is a highly regarded bar/restaurant in our community.

The consumption of alcohol at this business is not known to have presented a problem for the community

### Con

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## Board Notes

**Votes For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Proposed Amendments:**

Friday, June 12, 2009

Re: Father's Office Restaurant  
3229 Helms Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90034

To Whom It May Concern:

"Father's Office" restaurant, located at 3229 Helms Avenue, has been in operation at the Helms Bakery Building for just over one year and in that time the owner and chef, Sang Yoon, has operated a Type 47 Alcohol Beverage License, #449353, in good standing. The Office of Zoning Administration approved alcohol service at the site four years ago. Today, the ZA's Office has requested that Mr. Yoon file a new case to continue the sales. That new Conditional Use Permit was filed on 12/22/08, given the number ZA 2008-4964, and is requesting the following:

*"The continued sale and consumption of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with an existing 3,596 square foot restaurant having hours of operation from 6:00am to 2:00am daily and seating 78 inside and 50 in an outdoor patio for a total of 128."*

The previous Conditional Use Permit was approved in 2005 allowing the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption for the 3,596 square foot restaurant seating 49 inside and 50 in an outdoor patio. The request now reflects the actual interior seating layout as it is at present with 78 seats.

As an existing establishment with no disciplinary actions from the Alcohol Beverage Control, Sang Yoon has proved that he and his staff are exemplary ABC license holders. In fact, the applicant has operated a valid ABC license at another "Father's Office" location in Santa Monica since 2000 with no disciplinary actions either.

As the owner of the Helms Bakery Building, I am seeking your support of this CUP renewal. In bringing Father's Office to the Bakery, I was keenly aware of the amount of customer traffic it would attract. His business is doing well. With all of our on-site parking, I believe there has not been a parking problem in the immediate neighborhood. Our office has not received any complaints and we have a good level of communication with our neighbors.

I ask that you lend your support to this CUP renewal by signing your name in the space provided below and returning this same copy to our office. Thank you kindly.

I am in support of ZA 2008-4964

Name/Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Motion to approve Paula Waxman and Larry Hess as Chair and Co-Chair respectively of the Green Team

**Agenda Item:** GB061709-4

**Date:** June 17, 2009

**Proposed By:** Marjan Safinia

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## Summary

Paula Waxman and Larry Hess have been nominated by the Green Team committee to chair and co-chair respectively, the South Robertson Neighborhood Council Green Team

## Full Proposal

Paula Waxman and Larry Hess have been nominated to chair and co chair the Green Team because of their interest in the environment and environmental policy and their desire to make the South Robertson Community a model of sustainable practices. Paula Waxman, a retired high school history teacher, conducted a recycling program at University High School and Larry Hess, a successful, local landscaper, understands environmental policy issues as well as gardens as they relate to the community, the environment and the drought issues facing Los Angeles today.

## Proposed Motion

To approve Paula Waxman and Larry Hess as chair and co chair respectively of the Green Team.

## Considerations

### Pro

Both have proven themselves to be committed, visionary and effective leaders.

### Con

Both are new to SORONC.

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## Board Notes

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**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Proposed Amendments:**



# Motion to recommend an additional tier to the current LADWP Three-Tier Rate Hike Plan and to draft a letter of this proposal to the DWP

**Agenda Item:** GB061709-5  
**Date:** June 17, 2009  
**Proposed By:** Paula Waxman, DWP Representative

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## Summary

Recommended that LADWP add a fourth tier to the current three-tier rate hike plan between tier one and tier two, to lessen the impact on ratepayers.

## Full Proposal

The LADWP is proposing a large rate increase beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> (16% for power, 28% for water, 41% for Energy Cost Adjustment Funds (aka "pass throughs" or "ECAFs"). Also beginning June 1st there will be a 15% reduction in water allotment .

The DWP will base billing rates also on three tiers. The rate tiers are based on an equation that considers geography, climate, square feet of house and lot, a ratepayer's past three years charges and HCF allotments. However, no consideration is taken into account for the number of people living on small lots.

Currently there will be about a 74% differential between tier one and two. It is clear that there is a pressing need to conserve water. However, the shock of the increases will be costly to the average residential single family living on a small lot and who, in addition, will have to reduce usage by 15%.

Therefore, the South Robertson Neighborhood Council recommends that there be a third tier added to the current LADWP three-tier plan, between tier one and two, to adjust for the disparity between tier one and tier two, and to lessen the blow to the average family.

## Proposed Motion

I. Whereas the current LADWP rate hike plan has three tiers, the step up differentiation between tier one and two is a large incremental difference. There will be a total of three increases by July 1, 2009: 16% for power, 28% for water, 41% for Energy Cost Adjustment Fund. Additionally, on June 1, 2009, the allotted HCF will be reduced by 15%,

It is therefore, moved that LADWP place a fourth tier, between current tiers one and two, to the new June 1<sup>st</sup> Tier Plan, in order to be more equitable and relieve the cost impact to the ratepayers in Los Angeles.

I. It is also moved that the South Robertson Neighborhood Council draft a letter to be sent to:

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The DWP Board of Commissioners

c/o Barbara Moschos

111North Hope Street, Room 1550, 15<sup>th</sup> floor

LA 90012

“Dear LADWP Board of Commissioners:

In a meeting of the South Robertson Neighborhood Council on June 17<sup>th</sup> it was resolved that the LADWP place a fourth tier between tier one and tier two, to the new June 1<sup>st</sup> Tier Plan.

We understand the need for conservation of water, but the costs are not just for water and ECAF, but they are to cover additional salary and wage increases. There is no sharing the pain when other city departments are releasing personnel, furloughing employees, and cutting wages.

The LADWP will also be transferring monies to the city based on surpluses. If there are over \$200 to \$300 million in surplus this coming year, that money should be used to relieve the ratepayers. The illegal money in reserve now for water should also be used to relieve the ratepayers. The Superior Court ordered that the ratepayers receive that accumulated \$200 million and that it not be used to bail out the city deficit.

The LADWP has become a “cash cow” for city hall’s departments. Ratepayers’ money should be for 15 years of deferred infrastructure, paying pension funds, health benefits, maintaining and operating water and power services and ensuring that the supply is there. All other expenditures outside of utility use should not be done.

The General Manager, David Nahai said there would not be an increase asked on June 16<sup>th</sup>. In fact the increases are in effect.

Yours truly,

SORONC”

## Considerations

### Pro

By equalizing the spread differential between tiers, it makes rates more equitable

The motion eases some of the enormous financial impact of the rate hikes on those in the lower tiers.

### Con

DWP contacted. Has not responded.



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# Motion to Increase Food Allowance for July General Board Meeting from \$100 to \$200

**Agenda Item:** GB061709-6  
**Date:** June 17, 2009  
**Proposed By:** Christine Aghassi

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## Summary

Proposed increase of the food allowance for the July General Board Meeting from \$100 to \$200.

## Full Proposal

At the July 2009 General Board meeting, SORO NC will recognize the 10 individuals that were nominated by community members for the 2009 SORO Festival Susan Bursk Founder's Award. It is therefore appropriate as part of a celebration of activism and commitment to community to increase the food budget to allow for additional food items and drinks for attendees. Such additional items may include but are not limited to: cookies and other dessert items, coffee and water.

## Proposed Motion

To increase the food allowance for the July General Board Meeting from \$100 to \$200.

## Considerations

<b>Pro</b>	<b>Con</b>
Appropriate to celebrate the nominees.	Cost
One-time cost	

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## Board Notes

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

**Proposed Amendments:**



# Motion to shift the General Board meeting to the second Thursday of the month

**Agenda Item:** GB061709-7  
**Date:** 17 June 2009  
**Proposed By:** Doug Fitzsimmons

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## Summary

Posting requirements and business hours mean that Wednesday General Board agendas must be posted by 5:00 Friday. Moving the meeting day back to Thursday would give the board the weekend to prepare materials.

## Full Proposal

Current and past Executive Committees have struggled to get the General Board agenda and supporting materials out in time to meet the requirements of the Brown Act. Although the 72 hour rule technically means that agendas for a Wednesday meeting must be posted by 7pm Sunday, many of our posting locations are unable to post over the weekend. This means everything must go out by end of day Friday.

Pulling together the agenda, motions, and supporting documents into a coherent PDF package typically takes hours. Given the other professional commitments of Board members, this can be problematic. Moving the General Board meeting a day later would mean that agendas would not need to be posted until Monday, giving the Exec Committee the weekend to assemble the documents.

## Proposed Motion

To move the General Board meetings to the second Thursday of the month.

## Considerations

### Pro

Solves the Friday crunch problem.

Gives the Board more time to prepare motions and supporting documentation.

### Con

Wednesday Board meetings are well established in the community.

We have a large number of postcards with Wednesday printed on them.

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# Motion to draft a letter of support for Brooke Powers and the Robertson Recreation Center

**Agenda Item:** GB061709-8  
**Date:** 17 June 2009  
**Proposed By:** Doug Fitzsimmons

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## Summary

The current budget crisis may endanger the future of the Robertson Recreation Center and the important work of Brooke Powers.

## Full Proposal

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council has enjoyed a long and effective partnership with the Robertson Recreation Center, including the development of the Robertson Activities League program. The current City budget crisis may mean that funding is cut or scaled back for the Center.

As the Recreation Facility Director, Brooke Powers has shown enormous energy and enthusiasm for SORONC projects. We should take every opportunity to make sure the Parks & Recreation Department understands how important the work she does is to South Robertson.

## Proposed Motion

To write a letter of support for Brooke Powers and the Robertson Recreation Center, expressing the value she brings to our community.

## Considerations

### Pro

Brooke is a huge asset to the community.

### Con

The City is experiencing an unparalleled fiscal crisis.

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