Motion to oppose proposed drastic reductions to NC system funding

Agenda Item: GB031512-5
Date: 15 March 2012
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

Once again, the City of Los Angeles faces a dire financial situation. At the latest meetings of the Council's Finance Committee, a proposal was floated to reduce funding for individual Neighborhoods Councils to $15,000 per year, a 63% reduction from current levels.

If passed, this would dramatically reshape our ability to invest in the community and would effectively gut the NC system as a whole.

Many see the extraordinary cuts as frontal assault on the NC system. City ordinance currently requires that the NCs be funded with enough money to have offices, staff, communication systems such as regular newsletters in order to be effective. While this has arguably never been the case, $15,000 is clearly not enough to satisfy the ordinance requirement.

Meanwhile, other departments face far less draconian cuts. The Mayor and Council offices will roll over funds in excess of $7 million--which, unlike the NCs, will probably not be swept.

The City has also not kept commitments to allow NCs to establish 501(c)3 non-profit arms, which effectively eliminates an NC's ability to seek outside funding. Even established relationships like SORO NC's partnership with SoRo, Inc. has been baselessly discouraged by DONE and the City Attorney.

Proposed Motion

I. To oppose any cuts to NC funding that threaten the City Charter-mandated mission of the Neighborhood Council system. While budget realities may call for temporary reductions, cuts beyond that which is fair and equitable threaten the legitimacy and effectiveness of the entire system.

II. To ask that the Mayor and Council reaffirm its commitment to local governance throughout the City by further strongly requesting that DONE, the Controller's office, and the City Attorney establish clear and workable processes and guidelines for Neighborhood Councils to establish 501(c)3 partnerships. As this has been "studied" for over ten years, we ask that these guidelines be put in place by the end of calendar year 2012.

III. To authorize the SORO NC Executive Committee to communicate the Board's opinion via appropriate channels, including but not limited to letters, press releases, and Community Impact Statements.
## Considerations

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<td>The City is in a real budget crisis, and the money saved by reducing NC funding could be used to save jobs.</td>
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Motion to support changing Venice Blvd. and surrounding streets into a parking meter zone

Agenda Item: GB031512-6
Date: 15 March 2012
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

The Expo line opens at Venice and National in spring of this year. Although the project includes a parking lot, nearby businesses and residents are concerned that overflow parking (and those looking to get around overnight parking restrictions) will flood the surrounding streets.

At a public meeting to discuss the problem in late February, the community attendees were in vocal support of the establishment of a parking meter zone (PMZ) along Venice and adjacent streets. The Department of Transportation is ready to implement a PMZ with enough community support. The PMZ does not mandate meters, but makes their installation possible. Indeed, residents requested that the PMZ be extended to include residential streets south of the 10 Freeway, in the hope that this would help in the establishment of a Preferential Parking area (once that moratorium is lifted). A map is attached.

Metering would likely be in effect from 8am-8pm with a two-hour maximum. Standard $1/hour rates would apply.

The SORO NC Transportation Committee voted unanimously to support the PMZ.

Proposed Motion

I. To strongly support the establishment of a parking meter zone along Venice Blvd. between Durango and Cattaraugus Avenues, including Regent St. and connecting residential streets south of the 10 Freeway.

Considerations

Committee review: (highly recommended)
Votes For: 3 Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: $0
Arguments for:
The residents and businesses want it.
Arguments against:
Somewhat surprising that there aren't meters along Venice already.
Motion to spend up to $550.00 total for two exterior recycling bins with lids for Shenandoah Elementary School

Agenda Item: GB031512-7
Date: March 15, 2012
Proposed By: Green Team Committee

Full Proposal

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council Green Team would like to purchase two lidded recycling bins in an amount up to $550 and place these bins on the campus of Shenandoah Elementary School. These bins are just one part of an informal program by the Green Team Committee to teach the community, parents, and students what can be recycled and how this directly benefits the community and the world at large.

Proposed Motion

That the South Robertson Neighborhood Council purchase two exterior recycling bins with lids totaling about $550 for both, to be used to teach students about recycling and its benefits.

Considerations

Committee review: 
Votes For: 0
Against:

(highly recommended)

Amount previously allocated in Committee’s working budget: $4900
The Green Team was allotted $4900 for Robertson Beautification. From these funds $2319 has already been allocated to improvements to the Hami Garden and Hamilton High School leaving $2581 unspent funds. A $550 expenditure has been proposed for Shenandoah trash bins, and an additional $560 to support Castle Heights’ Eco Fair. Total proposed expenditures from the Robertson Beautification fund is $1110, leaving an unspent balance of $1471.

Arguments for:

There is no money in Shenandoah’s budget to buy trash cans with lids.

These cans will be earmarked as “recycling bins” in order to teach the children exactly what materials can be recycled.

Arguments against:

These basic materials for schools should be paid for out of LAUSD budgets.
Safco
Outdoor Recessed Panel Receptacle - Ash Urn/Side Openings (38 Gallon)

Your Price: $233.99
Manufacturer's Price: $374.00
Save 37%

Click to Enlarge
Outdoor Recessed Panel Receptacle with Ash Urn and Side Openings

View specifications
See other sizes and configurations

Specifications
Type: Smoker Receptacle|Side-Open Receptacle
Base Material: Recycled post-consumer, high-density polyurethane
Top Material: Recycled post-consumer, high-density polyurethane
Capacity: 38 Gallons
Width: 18"
Depth: 18"
Height: 39"
Opening Dimensions: 13" W x 16" H
Material: Plastic
Weight: 23.0 lbs.
Shipping Method: UPS
Motion to approve $5000 for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for the 2012 SoRo Festival

Agenda Item: GB031512-8
Date: 15 March 2012
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

For fifteen years, the SoRo Community Festival has built bridges amongst our neighbors, local businesses and public service organizations and celebrated the cultural diversity of our community. The Festival is organized by SoRo, Inc. and this year has a new director: Marc Fiedler.

The single-day Festival includes activities for kids, a wide range of food, a live music stage and lots of exciting artist and vendor booths.

The Festival has been the Neighborhood Council's largest single outreach effort each year, attracting over 8,000 residents. It helps build pride in our community, and gives stakeholders a chance to talk with their NC board members and tell us about their priorities for the neighborhood. The Festival also provides unique opportunities for representatives of City departments and non-profit organizations to meet with residents and give them information about their services, and for local businesses to promote themselves to their community.

Proposed Motion

I. To approve a $5000 Neighborhood Purposes Grant to SoRo, Inc., for the purposes of putting on the 2012 SoRo Festival.

Considerations

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<td>This is our largest outreach effort to the immediate community.</td>
<td>The festival is structured to attract a small local audience at time when we need to raise the profile of our business community to a broader audience.</td>
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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 Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC)

SECTION I - APPLICANT VERIFICATION INFORMATION

1A) SoRo, Inc.  
Organization Name  

Federal I.D. # (EIN#)  
95-4756212  

State of Incorporation  
California  

Date of 501(c)(3)  
08/10/2000  

Status (if applicable)  

1B) 1836 1/2 S. Robertson Blvd.  
Organization Mailing Address  

City  
Los Angeles  

State  
CA  

Zip Code  
90035  

1C) N/A  
Business Address (If different)  

City  

State  

Zip Code  

1D) N/A  
Address of Affiliated Organization (If applicable)  

City  

State  

Zip Code  

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

Name: Laurence R. DeMers  

2) 1836 1/2 S. Robertson Blvd.  
Street Address  

City  
Los Angeles  

State  
CA  

Zip Code  
90035  

3) Type of Organization- Please select one:  

☐ Public School (not to include private schools)  

☐ 501(c)(3) Non-profits (other than religious institutions)  

4) Type of Organization- Please select one:  

Attach Letterhead  

Attach IRS Determination Letter  

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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

See Attachment 1.

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

See Attachment 1.
SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE - Please outline the project budget below.

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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

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8) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application:  $5,000

9) What is the expected completion date?  06/03/2012 (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.

Larry DeMers

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SECTION VI - AFFILIATIONS

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

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SoRo INC supports the Neighborhood Council on community projects and outreach efforts. We invite one NC board member to attend our meetings to be fully informed about what we are doing.

SoRo INC also sponsored the creation of the NC and was the group that originally had applied to DUME to create the NC. As such, our board members were the original NC board, replaced entirely at the first NC election.

The SoRo INC board are all volunteers and receive no compensation.
SECTION V - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein and communicated otherwise is truly and accurately stated. I further affirm that I have read Appendix A, "What is a Public Benefit," and Appendix B "Conflicts of Interest" of this application and affirm that the proposed project(s) and/or program(s) fall within the criteria of a public benefit project/program and that no conflict of interest exist that would prevent the awarding of

Two signatures required

12A) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal

Mary Earl
PRINT First Name/ Last Name
Title
Signature
Date

12B) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal

Terry Ring Schonwald
PRINT First Name/ Last Name
Title
Signature
Date

SECTION VII - FOR DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT USE ONLY

Date Received

Reviewer Name
Date Reviewed

REVIEWER’S NOTES

Date submitted to Funding Unit

Method: ☐ In-person ☐ E-mail ☐ Fax ☐ Inter-departmental mail

NPG #

Application ☐ Completed ☐ In Progress

Funding Unit Notes:

DONE Date Stamp Receipt

2010-11
4) Please describe the Neighborhood Improvement Project for which the grant is intended.

This grant is intended to support an event: the 15th Annual South Robertson Community Festival will be held on June 3, 2012, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on South Robertson Boulevard. This Festival, held annually since 1998, has become a community tradition, growing gradually each year in size, sophistication and reputation. Each year, an estimated 6,000 to 8,000 people attend.

Open to the public, the Festival features local and regional entertainment, special ecological and greening pavilions (featuring energy and water conservation and waste recycling), and 60 to 70 booths featuring neighborhood businesses and information. A particularly popular feature, which has grown each year, is the “Camp SoRo” area for children; this all-day activity engages leadership students from Hamilton High School, children from the community and their parents in creative arts and crafts activities.

The Festival celebrates the broad cultural diversity and sense of unity that exists among the some 45,000 residents in the seven neighborhoods encompassed in the South Robertson community area. It attracts local businesses and organizations and elected representatives including local legislators and heads of our public agencies. The Festival encourages beautification and revitalization of the SoRo corridor where people can shop, dine, and enjoy a good quality of life, and it is committed to strengthening local educational institutions.

This annual Festival has broad and continuing community support and involvement, including: the City’s Department of Cultural Affairs; the two local Councilmembers (CD-5 and CD-10) who represent our community; the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council; local businesses, schools, houses of worship, non-profit organizations, and individuals; and local representatives of City agencies including LAPD and LAFD.

With the Festival area bounded on the south by Cattaraugus and on the north by Beverlywood, with the central point at approximately 2730 South Robertson, this site has proven to be logistically optimal for managing the event efficiently and for ensuring optimum accessibility for the community.

The Festival is managed under the auspices of SoRo, Inc. (South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, Inc. – a name that pre-dates the founding of the Neighborhood Council system), a non-profit 501c3 charitable organization dedicated to the revitalization and beautification of South Robertson Blvd. between the Santa Monica Freeway and Pico Blvd. and its surrounding residential neighborhoods. SoRo, Inc. is an all-volunteer organization, and its largest activity is this Annual Festival.
The Festival is organized and implemented by the Festival Organizing Committee, comprised of volunteers from SoRo, Inc., the South Robertson Neighborhood Council (SORO NC), the local community, and staff of the offices of Councilmembers Koretz (CD-5) and Wesson (CD-10). The Committee begins its work early in the calendar year, contacting hundreds of local businesses and organizations by mail and email with invitations to participate in and/or contribute to the Festival and firming up logistical arrangements. Committee members also visit personally many businesses and organizations to discuss the Festival and post flyers in local businesses to raise residents’ awareness. Two weeks before the Festival, Committee members post some 200 eye-catching lawn signs in strategic locations throughout SoRo neighborhoods. Articles in local media, wherever possible, as well as emails to community members, also help to encourage broad community participation. Publicity provided by the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (listing in its Festival Guide) and our own press releases to local media outlets help spread the word even more broadly in the community.

The Festival budget (Attachment 2) and SoRo, Inc. 501(c)3 letter (Attachment 3) are attached. As part of the City’s application and permit process for the event (Bureau of Street Services), SoRo, Inc. obtains the insurance coverage required by the City before the permit is issued.

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

This lively and highly successful annual event provides fun and education for the whole family. The Festival is open to the public with no admission fee. It features local and regional entertainment, emphasis on environmental issues and emergency preparedness, arts and crafts and games for children. The Festival attracts local businesses and organizations and elected representatives including local legislators and heads of our public agencies. More than 60 neighborhood businesses, non-profit organizations, and city service representatives have booths so they can provide information about their services. The Festival involves local schools, their students and their parents in arts and crafts projects and environmental issues. The Festival provides the community an opportunity to honor individuals who volunteer in their communities and businesses that practice sound environmental policies.

The Annual Festival brings community members together to recognize, learn about, and celebrate the cultural, economic and social well-being of the South Robertson neighborhoods. The enhanced feeling of community the Festival engenders, and the ties with public service providers it strengthens, serves to promote, market and enhance the South Robertson neighborhoods and make them a cleaner, more attractive and safer environment in which to work, visit and live.
SoRo Inc.
Profit & Loss
January through December 2011

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**Income**

*Contributions, Gift & Grants*
- Direct Public Support UR: 6,500.00
- Gov Contr & Grants: 7,000.00
- **Total Contributions, Gift & Grants**: 13,500.00

*Program Service Revenue*
- Food: 800.00
- Raffle/Silent Auction: 0.00
- Booths: 5,000.00
- Paid Attraction Ticket sales: 5,000.00
- T-Shirts: 1,000.00
- **Total Program Service Revenue**: 11,800.00

**Total Income**: 25,300.00

**Gross Profit**: 25,300.00

**Expense**

*Advertising*: 2,800.00
*Bank Service Charges*: 0.00
*Equipment Rental*: 13,500.00

*Event Expenses - Other*
- Decorating & Setup: 600.00
- **Total Entertainment**: 6,500.00
- Carnival Games: 0.00
- Paid Attractions Camp SORO: 2,800.00
- Music & Stage: 3,100.00
- Camp SORO Arts & Crafts (free): 600.00

*Total Event Expenses - Other*: 15,850.00

*Supplies*: 150.00

**Total Expense**: 32,300.00

**Net Ordinary Income**: -7,000.00

**Other Income/Expense**

*Other Income*
- SORO NC Sponsorship & Exp Paid: 5,000.00

**Total Other Income**: 5,000.00

**Net Other Income**: 5,000.00

**Net Income**: -2,000.00

*Note: Deficit to be covered by SoRo Inc as a community project.*
Dear Applicant:

Based on information you supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 509(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably expect to be a publicly supported organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Accordingly, during an advance ruling period you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation. This advance ruling period begins and ends on the dates shown above.

Within 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period, you must send us the information needed to determine whether you have met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. If you establish that you have been a publicly supported organization, we will classify you as a section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization as long as you continue to meet the requirements of the applicable support test. If you do not meet the public support requirements during the advance ruling period, we will classify you as a private foundation for future periods. Also, if we classify you as a private foundation, we will treat you as a private foundation from your beginning date for purposes of section 507(d) and 4940.

Grantors and contributors may rely on our determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you send us the required information within the 90 days, grantors and...
SOUTH ROBERTSON NEIGHBORHOODS

contributors may continue to rely on the advance determination until we make a final determination of your foundation status.

If we publish a notice in the Internal Revenue Bulletin stating that we will no longer treat you as a publicly supported organization, grantors and contributors may not rely on this determination after the date we publish the notice. In addition, if you lose your status as a publicly supported organization, and a grantor or contributor was responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, that resulted in your loss of such status, that person may not rely on this determination from the date of the act or failure to act. Also, if a grantor or contributor learned that we had given notice that you would be removed from classification as a publicly supported organization, then that person may not rely on this determination as of the date he or she acquired such knowledge.

If you change your sources of support, your purposes, character, or method of operation, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. If you amend your organizational document or bylaws, please send us a copy of the amended document or bylaws. Also, let us know all changes in your name or address.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for social security taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act on amounts of $100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the private foundation excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other federal taxes, please let us know.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Internal Revenue 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.

Donors may deduct contributions to you only to the extent that their contributions are gifts, with no consideration received. Ticket purchases and similar payments in conjunction with fundraising events may not necessarily qualify as deductible contributions, depending on the circumstances. Revenue Ruling 67-246, published in Cumulative Bulletin 1967-2, on page 104, gives guidelines regarding when taxpayers may deduct payments for admission to, or other participation in, fundraising activities for charity.

You are not required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, if your gross receipts each year are normally $25,000 or less. If you receive a Form 990 package in the mail, simply attach the label provided, check the box in the heading to indicate that your annual gross receipts are normally $25,000 or less, and sign the return. Because you will be treated as a public charity for return filing purposes during your entire advance ruling...
SOUTH ROBERTSON NEIGHBORHOODS

period, you should file Form 990 for each year in your advance ruling period that you exceed the $35,000 filing threshold even if your sources of support do not satisfy the public support test specified in the heading of this letter.

If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month following the end of your annual accounting period. A penalty of $20 a day is charged when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty charged cannot exceed $10,000 or 5 percent of your gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. For organizations with gross receipts exceeding $1,000,000 in any year, the penalty is $100 per day per return, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. The maximum penalty for an organization with gross receipts exceeding $1,000,000 shall not exceed $50,000. This penalty may also be charged if a return is not complete. So, please be sure your return is complete before you file it.

You are not required to file federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

You are required to make your annual information return, Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, available for public inspection for three years after the later of the due date of the return or the date the return is filed. You are also required to make available for public inspection your exemption application, any supporting documents, and your exemption letter. Copies of these documents are also required to be provided to any individual upon written or in person request without charge other than reasonable fees for copying and postage. You may fulfill this requirement by placing these documents on the Internet. Penalties may be imposed for failure to comply with these requirements. Additional information is available in Publication 957, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, or you may call our toll free number shown above.

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, we will assign a number to you and advise you of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

If you distribute funds to individuals, you should keep case histories showing the recipients' names, addresses, purposes of awards, manner of selection, and relationship (if any) to members, officers, trustees or donors of funds to you, so that you can substantiate upon request by the Internal Revenue Service any and all distributions you made to individuals. (Revenue Ruling 56-304, C.B. 1956-2, page 306.)

If we said in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Letter 1045 (DO/CG)
SOUTH ROBERTSON NEIGHBORHOODS

Because this letter could help us resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Steven T. Miller
Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure(s):
Form 872-C

Letter 1045 (DO/CG)
**Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification**

**General Instructions**
Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Purpose of Form**
A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

**Note.** If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

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**Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

**South Robertson Neighborhood Association, Inc**

**Business name, if different from above**

List account number(s) here (optional)

**Address (number, street, and apt., or suite no.)**

1836 1/2 S Robertson Blvd

Ct., state, and ZIP code

Los Angeles, CA 90035

**Social security number**

**or**

**Employer identification number**

95 : 4756212

**Part II Certification**

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this Form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because:
   a. I am exempt from backup withholding,
   b. I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or
   c. the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding,
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

**Sign Here**

**Signature of U.S. person**

**Date**

**10/09/2010**

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:
- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, or other association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,
Mail renewal form and payment to:

City of Los Angeles
Office of Finance
P.O. Box 513996
Los Angeles, CA 90051-3996

Business Tax Renewal Form – 2012
Renew Online! Delinquent After: February 29, 2012

1. Small Business Exemption – Enter the total of your worldwide gross receipts here: $27,364.62
2. Newly Established Business
3. Creative Activities Exemption: Check this box only if the worldwide gross receipts attributable to “Creative Activities” are $300,000 or less. Enter the total gross receipts from Creative Activities inside the City of Los Angeles
4. Enter the number of persons employed by your business at this location, if none enter 0
5. Do you provide leased parking for employees at this location? Yes [X] No [ ]

III. Tax Worksheet

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Late Payment
16. Interest (If paid after February 29, 2012) – See Instruction Sheet
17. Penalty (If paid after February 29, 2012) – See Instruction Sheet
18. Total Amount Due:

I DECLARE, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS RENEWAL IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.

19. Signature: [Signature]
20. Print Name: Lawrence Demers
Phone No.: (310) 384-0340

21. Date: 2/9/12
Email: [Email]

All payments of $50,000 or more must be made electronically via Automated Clearing House (ACH) through your bank. See instruction sheet for further information. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Office of Finance Los Angeles. Please write your account number on your check. Checks and money orders must be drawn on United States banks only. NO SPLIT PAYMENTS.

22. Payment Type:
☐ Check ☐ MasterCard
☐ Visa ☐ ACH

23. Name on Credit Card: [Name on Credit Card]

24. Exp. Date: [Exp. Date] Amount Paid: $ [Amount Paid]

Authorized Signature: [Authorized Signature]

Account #: 000044535-0001-5

2861 S Robertson Blvd
Los Angeles CA 90034-2439

C/O Larry Demers
So Robertson Neighborhood Council
Larry Demers
1836 1/2 S Robertson Blvd
Los Angeles CA 90035-4362

☐ Change of Information: Check this box if there are any changes regarding your taxpayer information. Record the changes on the Information Update section (back of this form).

Please make a copy for your records.
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### Declaration

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19. Signature: [Signature]

20. Title: CPA

21. Date: 2/17/11

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Account #: 0000445350-0001-5

2861 S ROBERTSON BLVD
LOS ANGELES CA 90034-2439

C/O LARRY DEMERS
SO ROBERTSON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
LARRY DEMERS
1836 1/2 S ROBERTSON BLVD
LOS ANGELES CA 90035-4362
Motion to approve up to $2750 for Phase II website enhancements

Agenda Item: GB031512-9
Date: 15 March 2012
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

The design and functionality of soronc.org was finalized in late 2009 and development of the robust, content-driven site began. In the meantime, a temporary site was created to make basic NC information available to the public. When the permanent site was finally launched in March 2011, it was clear (and expected) that the NC needed additional functionality not anticipated in 2009. For example, social media, email communications and standards, and committee posting requirements all evolved over that period.

The work will be done by SASNet, the company that developed the site, as they are most familiar with the extensive custom development used in soronc.org.

Enhancements were planned in two phases: Phase I enhancements was completed in May 2011. This phase completes the project, although the content and technology of our website will certainly require additional updates in the future. A list of enhancements in this phase follows (exception: while on the list, this phase will not include attendance tracking due to cost considerations).

The bid was $2500 and that amount was approved by the Exec committee. The final motion, however, includes a 10% variance to cover unexpected programming issues.

Proposed Motion

I. That SORO NC fund up to $2750 for a Phase II enhancements to soronc.org by SASNet.

Considerations

Committee review: (highly recommended)
Votes For: 4 Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: $2500

Arguments for:

Helps soronc.org better meet the needs of its stakeholders and Board members

The 10% variance allows for flexibility if we need it.

Arguments against:

Cost.

The Exec committee only approved $2500.
Enhancements

- Bug: Committee members (other than Chairs) are not displaying on Committee pages.
- Bug: When creating a meeting, currently unable to browse for files. This is true across the site. ("There is no valid directory specified for the file browser").
- Ability to create pages and nav items that only are only visible/accessible to logged in users (e.g., a Board Resources section). Also, I’d like the link to the Panel to be under this Resource section (see latest homepage mockup).
- Big issues with uploading files in meeting creation. Often, the upload hangs while uploading, and the upload status icon just continues to spin for hours, even with small files. This seems to be most pronounced with Safari: see http://drupal.org/node/375914
- Add ability to share posts via FB and Twitter
- Ability to save default info for Meeting Scheduling (time, location, map link)
- When creating/adming a meeting, Meeting Status should be a checkbox, not dropdown.
- When sorting the blog by month or tag--and especially when paging through the blog--I’d prefer that the url NOT continue to be root. Could it be something like http://www.soronc.org/blog/ [sortterm1]/page/[1#]? So if I click on "Earlier Posts" at the bottom of the page, I’d go to http://www.soronc.org/blog/page/2, and if I sort by Bylaws tag, I’d go to http://www.soronc.org/blog/bylaws/page/1, and if I sort by April 2011, I’d go to http://www.soronc.org/blog/2011/april/page/1. It's very easy to get lost in the blog as it stands.
- Ability to reorder the Board list
- On the Committee pages, add role email address after officer and committee chair names (e.g., president@soronc.org)
- Add Blog Editor role: ability to approve posts before they go live. We should be able to decide on an individual Board member basis whether or not to route that Board member’s posts through the Editor (i.e., we trust some members to post without supervision, but not all of them).
- Workflow enhancement: add a link to Create Another Holiday on the confirmation page for Create Public Holiday. Or better, a way to bulk add/edit holidays.
- Ability to have multiple meetings each month (displays on its own line in Archive list)
- Needs a Cancel link at bottom of Create Blog page
- Clean up Board Role admin process--including the overwhelming Board admin role list
- The ability to create one-off meetings that don’t fall under any particular committee
- Past Events organized by year and collapsable (current year expanded by default)
- The ability to add a 200px wide image to event listings--just like blog posts.
- "Sticky" posts that stay at the top of the homepage
- Integration of MailChimp via Drupal plug-ins/API, specifically, the ability to pull formatted meeting info into an email without having to cut and paste. This might also be accomplished via RSS; see http://blog.mailchimp.com/new-feed-merge-tag-options/#more-12601
- Committee meeting archives & page content should not be included in the RSS feed
- If a Board member requests a new password (http://www.soronc.org/user/password), the response page
Other enhancements

- Ability to enter Board member attendance for each meeting and generate a monthly aggregate report.
- Add new section under "Get Involved" for press releases. Ability to create a press release; publish new releases via rss feed; main page lists all past releases, which link to individual pages.
- Agendas uploaded to a committee meeting automatically get emailed to postings@soronc.org (email header: "Please post: SORO NC [committee name] agenda." Other attachment types do not.)
Motion to fund up to $1210 for NC projector and screen

Agenda Item: GB031512-10
Date: 15 March 2012
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

The NC is often asked if it has projector equipment for presentations at meetings. Most of our town hall speakers, too, rely on projected slideshows and videos. On occasion we've been able to borrow a projector—a situation that is inconvenient, unpredictable, and unsustainable.

The motion approves funds for a slightly better than entry level projector. The model under consideration has built-in speakers (not booming, but there), a resolution large enough to display modern web pages and HD video, multiple connection options, and decent brightness. User reviews are generally positive. Cost is approx. $600.

It also approves funds for a portable 80” projection screen (suitable for meetings and small Town Halls — approx. $260), a case to protect the screen (approx $100) and necessary cables (approx $40). Details are attached. The motion includes tax and a 10% variance in case of price fluctuations.

Proposed Motion

I. To approve expenditures up to $1210 for a video projector, portable projection screen, case to protect the screen, and various connection cables (a second VGA cable, an HDMI cable, an audio cable, and adapters for Mini DisplayPort/Thunderbolt).

Considerations

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Amount previously allocated in Committee’s working budget: $6000

(apply to funding motions only)

Arguments for:  
We cannot rely on being able to borrow equipment.

The projector, while not wireless, does have HDMI connections, can project HD video (at slightly reduced resolution) and is 3D capable. It's therefore reasonably future-proofed.

Arguments against:  
We could continue to borrow, which has worked in most situations in the past.

It isn’t bright enough to be completely clear or color-accurate in a fully lit room. The speakers are fairly weak (25-watt speakers). Using it for movies in the park would be a stretch.
The ViewSonic® PJD6531w is a wide format 120Hz / 3D-ready DLP® projector which includes BrilliantColor™ technology to produce more vibrant colors, while the high brightness and contrast ratios make this projector shine in virtually any lighting situation. It delivers 3200 lumens with a 1280x800 WXGA native wide resolution. Ideal for classrooms, living rooms or board rooms. This projector is designed for table-top use or can be mounted on the ceiling for classrooms and meeting rooms. The top load lamp and filterless design provide for easy maintenance and low total cost of ownership. RJ-45 connectivity enables remote network control, while the extensive input options and integrated 10W speakers give amazing multimedia performance and effective presentations or classroom lessons.
**PJD6531w**
HIGH BRIGHTNESS WXGA PROJECTOR – 120HZ AND 3D-READY

**DISPLAY**
- Type: 0.55" Digital Micromirror Device (DLP™)
- Resolution: WXGA 1280x800
- Lens: 1.2× Manual optical zoom / Manual optical focus
- Keystone: Vertical digital keystone correction: +/- 40 degrees
- Size: 27~300” / 0.69m~7.6m
- Throw Distance: 1.2m–10m / 3.9ft–32.8ft
- Throw Ratio: 1.5–1.8:1
- Lamp: 230 watt
- Lamp Life (Normal / Eco-mode): 4000 / 6000* hours
- Brightness: 3200 Lumens
- Contrast Ratio: 2000:1 (typ), 3200:1 (dynamic)
- Aspect Ratio: 16:10 (native) and 4:3
- Color Gamut: 70% NTSC, 1931 CIE

**INPUT SIGNAL**
- Computer and Video: NTSC M (3.58 MHz), 4.43MHz, PAL (B, D, G, H, I, M, N, 60), SECAM, SD 480i and 576i (24fps, 25fps and 30fps), ED 480p and 576p (24fps, 25fps and 30fps), HD 720p, 1080i and 1080p (24fps, 25fps and 30fps)
- Frequency: Fs: 56.25KHz, Fv: 50–120Hz

**COMPATIBILITY**
- Mac®: Up to 1152×864 (scaled)
- RGB Input: 15-pin mini D-sub (x2)
- RGB Output: 15-pin mini D-sub
- Digital Input: HDMI 1.3
- Component: 15-pin mini D-Sub (shared with RGB) (x2)
- Composite Input: RCA jack
- S-video Input: 4-pin mini-DIN
- Audio Input: 3.5mm mini jack
- Audio Output: 3.5mm mini jack
- Control: RS-232 (9 Pin D-sub)
- Network: RJ-45

**AUDIO**
- Speaker: 5W (x2)

**POWER**
- Voltage: 90–240VAC (Auto Switching), 50/60Hz (universal)
- Consumption: 305W (typ) / <1W (stand-by mode)

**CONTROLS**
- Basic: Power, keystone/arrow keys, left/blank, menu/exit, right/panel key lock, auto, mode/enter, source
- OSD: Picture: Brightness, Contrast, Color Setting, Keystone, Aspect Ratio, Image, White Intensity, Gamma, 3D Sync, 3D Sync Invert

**OPERATING CONDITIONS**
- Temperature: 41°F–104°F (5°C–40°C)
- Humidity: 5%–85% (non-condensing)
- Altitude: 0–6,000 ft (1800m), operational up to 10,000 ft (3048m)

**NOISE LEVEL**
- Normal / Eco-mode: 34dB / 29dB

**DIMENSIONS**
- (W x H x D): Physical: 11.5 × 4.5 × 8.6 (in) / 280 × 114 × 218 (mm)
- Packaging: 13.6 × 8.7 × 12 (in) / 345 × 220 × 305 (mm)
- WEIGHT: Net: 5.9 lb. (2.7 kg)

**REGULATIONS**
- CB, RoHS, WEEE, UU/CUL, FCC-B, ICES-003, IRAM (Argentinia), NOM, PSB, C-tick, EC, CE, TUV/GS, GOST-R, Hygienic, Saso Ukespro, CCC

**PACKAGE CONTENTS**
- ViewSonic projector, power cable, VGA cable, remote control with laser, lens cap, soft case, Quick Start Guide, ViewSonic Wizard DVD (with User Guide)

**WARRANTY**
- 3-year limited warranty on parts, 1-year limited warranty on lamp, 1st year Express Exchange® service.

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Optional Accessories
- Replacement Lamp: RLC-049
- Universal Ceiling Mount Kit: WMK-005
- Wireless G Presentation Gateway: WPG-350
- Extended Express Exchange®: PRJ-EE-08-03

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For more product information, visit us on the web at ViewSonic.com

*Running eco-mode exclusively can extend lamp life. See ViewSonic.com for full Express Exchange details. Specifications and availability subject to change without notice. Selection, offers and programs may vary by country; see your ViewSonic representative for complete details. GeForce and NVIDIA logo are trademarks and/or registered trademarks of NVIDIA Corporation in the United States and other countries. Corporate names, trademarks stated herein are the property of their respective companies. Copyright © 2010 ViewSonic Corporation. All rights reserved [15013-02B-06/10] PJD6531w-1*
TRIPOD AND PORTABLE SCREENS

THEATER-LITE

Lightweight, Portable Screen

- Lightweight and sets up quickly.
- Extension arm features four height settings.
- Stores easily when not in use.
- Available in all sizes with our exclusive Wide Power screen surface with a gain of 2.2 and a generous 45 degree viewing angle.

16:9 HDTV FORMAT DIMENSIONS

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Available Screen Surface: Wide Power.

Ease of setup makes the Theater-Lite an ideal choice for a portable home theater.

Extension arm features four height settings to perfectly match your application.
Most in-stock items ordered by 2PM Pacific Time ship the same business day!

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Wish List

The "Temporary Wish List" function uses cookies stored on your web browser. You will not be able to see this list if you switch browsers or computers. If you want to save items to your account so that you can see them on a different computer or browser, please save the items after logging into your account.

Create New Folder

Folder Name

Import Items from Your Friend’s Wish List

Folder No. Folder Name

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Customer Service

- Contact Us
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- New Account Registration
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Motion to fund up to $1100 for NC informational postcards

Agenda Item: GB031512-11
Date: 15 March 2012
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

At every event, SORO NC distributes postcards with information about the NC and its committees. Our current postcard was printed four years ago, and since then our general meeting date and location has changed twice.

The motion seeks funding for a new round of cards. If feasible for the amount approved, the card size would be increased to 6”x8” in order to include meeting information for NC standing committees. We anticipate printing 4000-5000 full-color cards.

Note that the cards would not be mailed, but rather handed out at events.

Proposed Motion

I. To approve up to $1100 for informational SORO NC postcards.

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Amount previously allocated in Committee’s working budget: $0

Arguments for: Our current cards are out of date, and have already been stickered once.

Arguments against: We did not previously budget for this expense.
Board survey: 2012 NC elections

Agenda Item: GB031512-12
Date: 15 March 2012
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

WRAC (Westside Regional Alliance of Councils) is asking each NC to fill out the following questions about 2012 NC elections. We will poll the Board for consensus opinions.

Questions

I. What day of the week would be best for your NC to hold 2012 elections?

II. What month would be best for your NC to hold 2012 elections?

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III. What hours are best for your NC 2012 Elections?
( 8am-noon / Noon-6pm / 2pm-8pm / 10am-4pm )

IV. How many polling locations would your NC need to hold proper elections? ( 1 / 2 / 3 / Other_____ )

Considerations

Committee review: (highly recommended)
Votes For: 0  Against: 0

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

Arguments for:  Arguments against:
Support of Fay Triangle 3217 Fay Ave

Agenda Item: GB031512-13
Date: March 15, 2012
Proposed By: Terrence Gomes

Applicant is asking the support of the SORO NC for a small lot development at 3217 Fay Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90034

Full Proposal

In December 2004 the City of Los Angeles implemented the Small Lot Ordinance as a way to provide a new type of housing for Los Angeles. Small Lot Subdivision offers the following benefits to both the developer and the future buyer/owner:

- Lower liability for the developer - no Home Owners’ Association
- Fee simple home ownership at a lower cost
- Lower developer insurance rates vs. condo construction
- Future owners can modify the home without HOA issues
- Ability to develop feasible projects on RD 1.5, RD2, & R2 Lots. They also work on C zoned properties.

The applicant is asking for the support of the SORO NC for a four home, small lot development at 3217 Fay Ave. A site plan with a hardscape and plant plan was presented. The committee voted 4-0-1 to move forward the motion to the full board with a recommendation to support the project as presented.

NOTE: additional information about this project may be downloaded at http://soronc.org/files/committees/Land Use and Economic Development/2012/030612_SORONC_landuseandeconomicdevelopment_SORONC_LUED_MEETING_03052012.pdf

Proposed Motion

I. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council moves to support the small lot development at 3217 Fay Ave.

II. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council moves to submit a letter of support to the Zoning Administrator for the small lot development at 3217 Fay Ave as presented.

Considerations

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