



# General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 17, 2014, 7:00pm

Simon Wiesenthal Center, 3rd Floor

1399 S. Roxbury Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90035 (Pico and Roxbury)

## I. Call to Order & Roll Call

SORO Board President, Doug Fitzsimmons, called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM.

**Board Members Present (19):** Kevin Gres, Kimber Smith, Beth Ryan, Giovanni Ferdinand, Bette Billet, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Michael Bloom, Victoria Martin, Aimee Zeltzer, Beth Hirsch, Susan Burden, Marj Safinia, Terrence Gomes, Martin Epstein, Victor Mitry, Leo Portal and Sherilyn Correa.

**Board Members Absent (3):** Paula Waxman, Nahed Guirguis and Grant Cohen.

## II. General Public Comment

No public comment

## III. Community Reports

### a. LA Police Department (SLO Mario Gonzalez)

i. There will be a demonstration on Sunday with both a pro Israeli and a pro Palestinian contingency. Vandalism has occurred at 24<sup>th</sup> and Robertson and car break-ins continue in our area.

### b. Office of City Council President Herb Wesson (Liz Carlin)

i. Construction begins on Century and Aviation so make sure to find alternate routes to the airport or avoid the area altogether if possible..

### c. Office of Assemblymember Bloom (Kurpies)

i. State budget was passed in June including a balanced budget with a rainy day reserve and increased funding in education. Event on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM with Metro and representatives from LA, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica to discuss traffic congestion on the westside.

### d. Office of State Senator Lieu (Turner)

i. Janet Turner spoke about the crack down on people abusing handicap placards.

### e. Office of Assemblymember Ridley-Thomas

i. Assemblymember focused on ensuring peace officer trainings after the CHP officer beating of the women on the side of the road. Important for more mental illness training to prevent further incidents.

## IV. Approval of Minutes

### a. Draft Board minutes of June 19, 2014 - Motion GB071714-1

i. Minutes were unanimously approved by general consensus. (17 board members voted)

### b. Board attendance for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters, 2014 - Motion GB071714-2

i. Minutes were unanimously approved by general consensus. (17 board members voted)

## V. Special Orders

### a. Appointments of candidates to vacant Board seats – GB071714-3 and - GB071714-4

Motion to postpone Appointments.

**Doug Fitzsimmons**  
President

**Brian Kite**  
Vice-President

**Terrence Gomes**  
Treasurer

**Beth Ryan**  
Secretary

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- i. Jon Liberman moved the motion and it was seconded by Victoria Martin.
- ii. Vote Count was: (18 YES/0 NO/0 Abstain)
- iii. Motion was approved by the board with 18 board members voting.

b. Election of Board officer candidates – GB071714-5 through GB071714-8

Motion to postpone Election of board officer candidates.

- i. Jon Liberman moved the motion and it was seconded by Victoria Martin.
- ii. Vote Count was: (9 YES/10 NO/0 Abstain)
- iii. Motion was NOT approved by the board with 19 board members voting.

For President: Doug Fitzsimmons (GB071714-5)

- iv. Susan Burden moved the motion and it was seconded by Jon Liberman.
- v. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)

For Vice-President Kevin Gres (GB071714-6)

Aimee Zeltzer removed her name from consideration for Vice-President

- i. Marj Safinia moved the motion and it was seconded by Aimee Zeltzer
- ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)

For Treasurer: Terrence Gomes (GB071714-7)

- i. Jon Liberman moved the motion and it was seconded by Victoria Martin.
- ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)

For Secretary: Aimee Zeltzer (GB071714-8)

- i. Marj Safinia moved the motion and it was seconded by Michael Lynn.
- ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)

**c. Confirmation of Committee Chair nominees**

i. Education: Barry Levine and Kevin Gres, Co-Chairs (GB071714-9)

- i. Marj Safinia moved the motion and it was seconded by Terrence Gomes.
- ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)

ii. Green Team: Grant Cohen and Aimee Zeltzer, Co-Chairs (GB-071714-10)

- i. Jon Liberman moved the motion and it was seconded by Terrence Gomes.



- ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)
- iii. Land-Use: Terrence Gomes, Chair (GB071714-11)
  - i. Jon Liberman moved the motion and it was seconded by Bette Billet.
  - ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)
- iv. Outreach: Beth Ryan and Marj Safinia, Co-Chairs (GB071714-12)
  - i. Jon Liberman moved the motion and it was seconded by Bette Billet.
  - ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)
- v. Public Safety: Mike Lynn, Chair & Michael Bloom and Victoria Martin, Vice-Chairs (GB071714-13)
  - i. Beth Ryan moved the motion and it was seconded by Marj Safinia.
  - ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)
- vi. Transportation: Jon Liberman, Chair & Leo Portal and Ellen Lanet, Vice-Chairs (GB071714-14)
  - i. Sherilyn Correa moved the motion and it was seconded by Beth Ryan.
  - ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)

**d. Election of Board Liaisons**

- i. LA Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC): Terrence Gomes, Aimee Zeltzer, Leo Portal (GB071714-15)
  - o Votes were cast by 19 board members.
    - Terrence Gomes won with 15 votes.
    - Leo Portal received 3 votes.
    - Aimee Zeltzer received 1 vote.
- ii. Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC): Terrence Gomes, Doug Fitzsimmons, Aimee Zeltzer, Leo Portal (GB071714-16)
  - o Votes were cast by 19 board members.
    - Doug Fitzsimmons won with 12 votes.
    - Terrence Gomes received 3 votes
    - Leo Portal received 2 votes.
    - Aimee Zeltzer received 2 votes.
- iii. Department of Water and Power (DWP): Aimee Zeltzer (GB071714-17)
  - i. Jon Liberman moved the motion and it was seconded by Aimee Zeltzer.
  - ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)
- iv. SoRo Community Foundation: Leo Portal (GB071714-18)



- i. Marj Safinia moved the motion and it was seconded by Mike Lynn.
- ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)

v. Community-Police Advisory Board (C-PAB): Terrence Gomes, Beth Hirsch, Michael Bloom, Aimee Zeltzer, and Leo Portal (GB071714-19)

- i. Marj Safinia moved the motion and it was seconded by Terrence Gomes.
- ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)

vi. Five (5) authorized Community Impact Statement submitters: Executive Committee members (GB071714-20)

- i. Doug Fitzsimmons moved the motion and it was seconded by Victor Mitry.
- ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)

vii. Two (2) NC Budget Representatives: Terrence Gomes (GB071714-21)

- i. Jon Liberman moved the motion and it was seconded by Marj Safinia.
- ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)

viii. City Planning Contact: Terrence Gomes (GB071714-22)

- i. Marj Safinia moved the motion and it was seconded by Mike Lynn.
- ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)

ix. Second signatory on financial reports: Michael Lynn (GB071714-23)

- i. Marj Safinia moved the motion and it was seconded by Jon Liberman.
- ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)

**VI. Committee Reports**

a. Confirmation of Board committee membership (GB071714-24)

- i. Doug Fitzsimmons moved the motion and it was seconded by Jon Liberman.
- ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)

b. Financial report & approval of monthly expenses (Gomes / GB071714-25)

- i. Marj Safinia moved the motion and it was seconded by Mike Lynn.
- ii. Vote Count was: (19 YES/0 NO/0 Abstain)
- iii. Submitted financials were approved by the board with 19 board members voting.

c. President's report

- i. Discussion and possible action on canceling August meeting



Withdrawn – no vote taken

d. Board volunteers for Editorial staff

Names submitted for people interested. Discussed that there would be a training for all committee chairs to post agendas and minutes.

**MOTION:** Motion to move any motions pertaining to anyone in attendance to the front of the motion list.

- i. Jon Liberman moved the motion and it was seconded by Marj Safinia.
- ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)

**VII. New Business**

a. Motion to support a living wage ordinance for hotel workers (Fitzsimmons /GB071714-28)

- i. Kimber Smith moved the motion and it was seconded by Jon Liberman.
- ii. Vote Count was: (7 YES/10 NO/1 Abstain)
- iii. Motion was NOT approved by the board with 18 board members voting.

b. Motion to support the addition of On-Site Instructional Tastings of Alcoholic Beverages at Ralph's Supermarket (Gomes / GB071714-30)

- i. Kimber Smith moved the motion and it was seconded by Jon Liberman.
- ii. Vote Count was: (16 YES/1 NO/0 Abstain)
- iii. Motion was approved by the board with 17 board members voting.

c. Motion to Reconsider GB071714-28

- i. Kevin Gres moved the motion and it was seconded by Mike Lynn.
- ii. Vote Count was: (17 YES/0 NO/0 Abstain)
- iii. Motion to reconsider was approved by the board with 17 board members voting.

REVOTE: Motion to support a living wage ordinance for hotel workers (Fitzsimmons /GB071714-28)

- i. Doug Fitzsimmons moved the motion and it was seconded by Kimber Smith.
- ii. Vote Count was: (14 YES/1 NO/2 Abstain)
- iii. Motion was approved by the board with 17 board members voting.

c. Motion to establish a LGBTQ Committee for the SORO community (Portal / GB071714-26)

- i. Marj Safinia moved the motion and it was seconded by Victoria Martin.
- ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)



- d. Motion to write a letter of support for the Peace Picnic (Safinia / GB071714-27)
  - i. Marj Safinia moved the motion and it was seconded by Kimber Smith.
  - ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (18 board members voted)
  
- e. Motion for a Neighborhood Purposes Grant of \$2000 for Castle Heights playground equipment (Fitzsimmons / GB071714-29)  
  
Motion withdrawn
  
- f. Motion to fund up to \$900 for SORO NC business cards (Fitzsimmons / GB071714-31)
  - i. Jon Liberman moved the motion and it was seconded by Mike Lynn.
  - ii. Vote Count was: (18 YES/0 NO/0 Abstain)
  - iii. Motion to reconsider was approved by the board with 18 board members voting.
  
- g. Motion to approve an interim 2014 strategic plan and outreach survey for the NC budget approval process (Executive / GB071714-32)
  - i. Jon Liberman moved the motion and it was seconded by Kimber Smith.
  - ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (19 board members voted)
  
- h. Motion in support of AB 2222 to replace SB 1818 Bonus Density Law (Gomes / GB071714-33)
  - i. Jon Liberman moved the motion and it was seconded by Victoria Martin.
  - ii. Motion was unanimously approved by general consensus. (18 board members voted)
  
- i. Motion to postpone CF 13-1478 Small Lot Subdivision ordinance (Gomes / GB071714-34)
  - i. Bette Billet moved the motion and it was seconded by Marj Safinia
  - ii. Vote Count was: (4 YES/13 NO/0 Abstain)
  - iii. Motion to postpone was NOT approved by the board with 17 board members voting.
  
- j. Motion to support CF 13-1478 Small Lot Subdivision ordinance (Gomes / GB071714-34)
  - i. Jon Liberman moved the motion and it was seconded by Michael Bloom.
  - ii. Vote Count was: (12 YES/3 NO/2 Abstain)
  - iii. Motion was approved by the board with 17 board members voting.

VII. Adjournment

The SORO NC Board President, Doug Fitzsimmons, adjourned the meeting at 10:15 PM.



## Board Vote Tally Sheet

Meeting Date: July 17, 2014

Votes taken	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Kevin Gres	C	C	Y	N	C	C	C	C	C	C
Kimber Smith	X	X	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	C	C
Beth Ryan	C	C	Y	N	C	C	C	C	C	C
Giovanni Ferdinand	X	X	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	C	C
Bette Billet	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	C	C
Michael Lynn	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	C	C
Jon Liberman	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	C	C
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	C	Y	N	C	C	C	C	C	C
Paula Waxman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michoel Bloom	C	C	Y	N	C	C	C	C	C	C
Victoria Martin	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	C	C
Nahed Guirguis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
At-Large 3										
Aimee Zeltzer	C	C	Y	N	C	C	C	C	C	C
Beth Hirsch	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	C	C
Susan Burden	C	C	Y	N	C	C	C	C	C	C
Marj Safinia	C	C	Y	N	C	C	C	C	C	C
Terrence Gomes	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	C	C
Martin Epstein	X	X	X	N	C	C	C	C	C	C
Victor Mitry	C	C	Y	N	C	C	C	C	C	C
Leo Portal	C	C	Y	N	C	C	C	C	C	C
Sherilyn Correa	C	C	Y	Y	C	C	C	C	C	C
Org 4										
Grant Cohen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
School 2										

### Votes taken

1. Motion GB071714-1 - Minutes
2. Motion GB071714-2 - Attendance
3. Motion GB071714-3 and GB071714-4 = Postpone
4. Motion GB071714-5 - President
5. Motion GB071714-6 – Vice President
6. Motion GB071714-7 - Treasurer
7. Motion GB071714-8 - Secretary
8. Motion GB071714-9 – Education Committee
9. Motion GB071714-10 – Green Team
10. Motion GB071714-11 – Land Use



## Board Vote Tally Sheet - continued

Meeting Date: July 17, 2014

Votes taken	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Kevin Gres	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Kimber Smith	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Beth Ryan	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Giovanni Ferdinand	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Bette Billet	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Michael Lynn	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Jon Liberman	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Paula Waxman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michoel Bloom	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Victoria Martin	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Nahed Guirguis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
At-Large 3										
Aimee Zeltzer	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Beth Hirsch	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Susan Burden	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Marj Safinia	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Terrence Gomes	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Martin Epstein	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Victor Mitry	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Leo Portal	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Sherilyn Correa	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Org 4										
Grant Cohen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
School 2										

### Votes taken

11. Motion GB071714-12 – Outreach Co-Chairs
12. Motion GB071714-13 – Public Safety
13. Motion GB071714-14 – Transportation
14. Motion GB071714-15 – LANCC
15. Motion GB071714-16 – WRAC
16. Motion GB071714-17 – DWP
17. Motion GB071714-18 - SoRo Community Foundation
18. Motion GB071714-19 – CPAB
19. Motion GB071714-20 - CIS Submitters
20. Motion GB071714-21 – NC Budget Representatives





## Board Vote Tally Sheet - continued

Meeting Date: July 17, 2014

Votes taken	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Kevin Gres	C	C	C	Y	C	N	X	Y	Y	C
Kimber Smith	C	C	C	Y	C	Y	N	Y	Y	C
Beth Ryan	C	C	C	Y	C	N	Y	Y	Y	C
Giovanni Ferdinand	C	C	C	Y	C	N	Y	Y	Y	C
Bette Billet	C	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	C
Michael Lynn	C	C	C	Y	C	N	Y	Y	Y	C
Jon Liberman	C	C	C	Y	C	N	Y	Y	A	C
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	C
Paula Waxman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michoel Bloom	C	C	C	Y	C	N	Y	Y	Y	C
Victoria Martin	C	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	C
Nahed Guirguis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
At-Large 3										
Aimee Zeltzer	C	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	C
Beth Hirsch	C	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	C
Susan Burden	C	C	C	C	C	A	A	Y	A	C
Marj Safinia	C	C	C	Y	C	Y	Y	Y	Y	C
Terrence Gomes	C	C	C	Y	C	N	Y	X	Y	C
Martin Epstein	C	C	C	C	C	X	X	X	X	X
Victor Mitry	C	C	C	Y	C	N	A	Y	A	C
Leo Portal	C	C	C	Y	C	N	Y	Y	Y	C
Sherilyn Correa	C	C	C	Y	C	N	Y	Y	Y	C
Org 4										
Grant Cohen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
School 2										

### Votes taken

21. Motion GB071714-22 - City Contact
22. Motion GB071714-23 – Second Signatory
23. Motion GB071714-24 – Board Committees
24. Motion GB071714-25 – Financials
25. Motion to Move Motions forward
26. Motion GB071714-28 – Living Wage for hotel workers
27. Motion GB071714-30 – Ralph's Wine Tasting
28. Reconsider Motion GB071714-28
29. Revote on Motion GB071714-28 – Living Wage for hotel workers
30. Motion GB071714-26 - LBGTQ Committee



## Board Vote Tally Sheet - continued

Meeting Date: July 17, 2014

Votes taken	31	32	33	34	35	36
Kevin Gres	C	Y	C	C	N	Y
Kimber Smith	C	Y	C	C	X	X
Beth Ryan	C	Y	C	C	Y	A
Giovanni Ferdinand	C	Y	C	C	N	Y
Bette Billet	C	Y	C	C	Y	N
Michael Lynn	C	Y	C	C	N	Y
Jon Liberman	C	Y	C	C	N	Y
Doug Fitzsimmons	C	Y	C	C	N	Y
Paula Waxman	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michoel Bloom	C	Y	C	C	N	Y
Victoria Martin	C	Y	C	C	Y	N
Nahed Guirguis	X	X	X	X	X	X
At-Large 3						
Aimee Zeltzer	C	Y	C	C	N	C
Beth Hirsch	C	Y	C	C	N	C
Susan Burden	C	Y	C	C	N	A
Marj Safinia	C	Y	C	C	Y	N
Terrence Gomes	C	Y	C	C	N	Y
Martin Epstein	X	X	X	X	X	X
Victor Mitry	C	Y	C	C	N	Y
Leo Portal	C	Y	C	C	N	Y
Sherilyn Correa	C	Y	C	C	N	Y
Org 4						
Grant Cohen	X	X	X	X	X	X
School 2						

### Votes taken

- 31. Motion GB071714-27 – Peace Picnic
- 32. Motion GB071714-31 – Business Cards
- 33. Motion GB071714-32 – Strategic Plan
- 34. Motion GB071714-33 – Bonus Density
- 35. Postpone Motion GB071714-34
- 36. Motion GB071714-34 – Small Lot ordinance