

South Robertson Neighborhoods Council and Palms Neighborhood Council Town Hall
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Synopsis

- Housing is one of the most pressing and complex issues facing Los Angeles—if not the United States. Residents face a lack of affordable housing, displacement, lack of inventory, and homelessness. This town hall, cohosted by South Robertson Neighborhoods Council and Palms Neighborhood Council, examines the intersecting elements of housing, including gentrification, density, zoning, demand, and current policy that influences where and how we live in LA.

Panelists include representatives from city departments or council offices, tenant advocates, researchers working on housing and urban studies, and developers [need to confirm last element in series]. The town hall aims to offer diverse perspectives about the housing crisis in this city, as well as empowering attendees to act on solutions to the problem.

Proposed date

- Thursday, February 27, 2020

Proposed speakers (per suggestions by members of SORONC's Outreach Committee)*

- Mike Bonin (councilmember, CD 11)
- Representative from Bridge Housing (LA city)
- Eric Garcetti (mayor of LA)
- Paul Koretz (councilmember, CD 5)
- Michael Lens (associate faculty director, UCLA Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies, associate professor urban planning and public policy, UCLA)
- Susan Hunter (caseworker, LA Tenants Union)
- Paavo Monkkonen (vice chair, Department of Urban Planning, associate professor of urban planning and public policy, UCLA)
- Representative from PATH (Haley Fuselier, regional director of West LA)
- David Ryu (councilmember, CD 4)
- Meghan Sahli-Wells (mayor, Culver City)
- Herb Wesson (councilmember, CD 10)
- Scott Wiener (senator, 11th district, California State Senate)

* Goal is to get about four panelists.

Proposed panelists

- Madeleine Brand (host, *Press Play* on KCRW)
- Laura Nelson (staff writer, *LA Times*)
- Christina Pascucci (reporter, KTLA)
- Alissa Walker (urbanism editor, Curbed LA)