



Draft Motion to Approve Topic, Date, and Palms NC as Cohost of the FY 2019–2020 Town Hall

Agenda Item: N/A (for now)
Date: Thursday, November 21, 2019
Proposed By: Linda Theung
Include motion in Consent Agenda? If possible

Background

The SORONC bylaws state that “[a] community meeting or town hall in which government leaders and representatives speak to stakeholders shall be held at a minimum of once per year with at least a fourteen (14) day notice.” The last SORONC town hall was in 2016, and the topic was homelessness.

This year, the Outreach Committee unanimously agreed that housing is one of the most important issues in our city right now, and constituents in SORONC are affected by everything from lack of affordability to lack of inventory. To that end, members of the committee recommended that the fiscal year town hall address housing as its main topic. The official synopsis of the town hall is as follows:

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/or developers. 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 Motion

SORO NC should approve the following:

- I. The topic of the FY 2019–2020 town hall will be housing.
- II. SORONC is to partner with Palms NC to host the town hall.
- III. The date of the town hall is Sunday, March 1, 2020.

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Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 0

Against:

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

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Arguments for:

Arguments against:

Housing is one of the most pressing issues today and deserves to be discussed as a community.

There are other topics that may be of more interest to our neighborhood.

Partnering with Palms NC, which shares similar land-use conditions of SORONC in terms of impacted housing and development, will allow both NCs to attract a bigger audience.

Doing this on our own allows us to be autonomous in the decisionmaking process.

People tend to attend talks on weekdays instead of weekends.

The date works with state representatives, who the Outreach Committee might invite as panelists/speakers. These representatives tend to be in Sacramento during the weekday.