



Motion to Submit Letter in Support of Mixed Use Development Project at 9500 Pico Blvd

Agenda Item: GB031821-04
Date: March 2, 2021
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

The proposed mixed use development at 9500 W Pico Blvd is located at the intersection of Pico & Beverly. It is currently a single story car wash on a 26,000 square foot site. The applicant's goal is to create a mixed-use building that serves the neighborhood with ground floor retail and dining options, as well as five stories and 67 units of much-needed housing at a major public transit stop, including 7 affordable units in an area with a high median income and dearth of market rate housing options.

The project seeks Density Bonus exemptions and FAR, Height, and Parking Incentives. The C4-1VL-O Zone typically allows a FAR of 1.5, which was originally intended and optimized for non-residential development. The proposal is a mixed-use, mixed-income project with multifamily residential, restaurant, and retail uses.

Proposed Motion

Submit a letter in support of mixed use development at 9500 Pico Blvd.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 4 Against: 0

Arguments for:

Adds ample housing in an area with high public transit frequency that needs more market rate housing.

Arguments against:

Not enough affordable units.



Department of City Planning
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

March 18, 2021

Re: 9500 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035
Case Number CPC-2020-5837-DB-CU-SPR-VHCA

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council ("SORO NC") to comment on the request for Density Bonus exemptions and FAR, Height, and Parking Incentives within a forthcoming mixed-use development at 9500 W Pico Blvd.

At a duly-noticed meeting of the General Board on [DATE], SORO NC voted xx yes / xx no / xx abstain to recommend that the applicant's permit be (approved/opposed).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this comment letter.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Office of Council Member Paul Koretz
Charlie Stein, SORO NC President

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Motion to Create Community Impact Statement in Opposition to Council File 21-0182 re: Youth Council

Agenda Item: GB041521-03
Date: April 15, 2021
Proposed By: Terrence Gomes
Include motion in Consent Agenda? YES

Background

1. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORONC) supports the idea of the renaming the Youth Council to the Olivia Mitchell Youth Council CF 21-0182 . The SORONC is opposed to having the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) to be responsible for the Youth Council. The DONE does not currently have the bandwidth, staffing, or funding to take on another project because of budget and staffing cuts. The DONE cannot currently provide the support to the Neighborhood Council System it is mandated by City Charter to do.
2. The Youth Council has always been under the guidance of the Mayor's Office, which provided staffing support and funding. If the City Council wants to have a Youth Council of their own, then the City Council should provide their own funding and staffing to support their own Youth Council or a separate city department for the Youth Council and to sufficiently fund such a department.
3. The SORONC demands that the City Council to eliminate gender binary language in this Council Files and all Council Files moving forward and to include language that recognizes that gender is a spectrum.

Proposed Motion

- I. The SORONC moves to write a CIS in opposed to the current language of CF 20-0182 and to also send the CIS to Councilmembers Koretz, Rodriguez, and Ridley-Thomas

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Considerations

Committee review:
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Votes For:

Against:

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

N/A

Arguments for:

Arguments against:

This cuts into the student seats in the NC system

This is essentially a Civic U task that was already being handled by DONE

DONE doesn't have the ability to handle this, especially since no additional funding is being allocated for it



Council File: 21-0182

Community Impact Statement

As adopted by vote of the full SORO NC governing board

Yes:	No:	Abstain:	Ineligible:	Recuse:
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Adopted:	April 15, 2021
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Position:	Against unless amended
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Submitted by:	[Only Exec committee members are approved to submit CISs]
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Motion to Require All SORO NC Boardmembers to take the NTP Training by 12/01/2021 and form a Neighborhood Council Neighborhood Team with their local Neighbor Team Program (NTP)

Agenda Item: GB041521-04
Date: April 15, 2021
Proposed By: Public Safety Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? NO

Background

The Los Angeles Department of Emergency Management has publicly stated that in the event of a major disaster such as an earthquake the Emergency Response Services will not be available. Calls to 911 will go unanswered. We have been told to be prepared to self-survive for up to two or three weeks after a major event.

The Neighborhood Team Program has designed a program to train you and your neighbors to be your own first responders in your community until help from the Los Angeles Fire Department and others are available. They have combined the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN)/ Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) training programs with an easy to follow, step by step program.

Together with CERT Coordinator Team Leaders you will be given the tools and guidelines to work toward the goal of setting up self-sufficient teams.

All members of the SORO NC have the ability to undertake this free training and getting neighborhood teams set up where they live.

Proposed Motion

- I. To require all SORO NC Boardmembers to take the free training offered by NTP-LA.org and form their own Neighborhood Emergency Team to coordinate with the local NTPs.

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Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 7

Against: 0

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

\$ N/A

Arguments for:

Neighborhood Council members should be involved in emergency awareness and be a go-to source for neighbors in an emergency situation

Arguments against:

Neighborhood Council members are volunteers and while having a team may be a good idea, the NC members should not be forced to join



Motion to Train All SORO NC Board Members on Zello Radio Network

Agenda Item: GB041521-05
Date: April 15, 2021
Proposed By: Public Safety Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? NO

Background

In the event of a major disaster communication is truly critical.

In emergency situations when usual methods of communication will likely not be working. Zello is a “Push to talk” app that works on your smart phone. Zello is designed to make optimal use of whatever network resources are available. Even if phone towers are down and radio waves are saturated with other signals, Zello cuts through loud and clear, using low-bandwidth 2G connectivity if it has to.

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) have created groups on Zello for emergency communication purposes and are actively recruiting all community members to be trained on Zello emergency communications.

Proposed Motion

To have all SORO NC Boardmembers set up an account with Zello and download the app as a part of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and encourage their neighbors and community members to do the same. This training will be integrated into the Neighborhood Team Program (NTP).

Considerations

Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 7	Against: 0
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Motion to submit Letter in Support of La Cienega Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) (Metro File 2020-0595)

Agenda Item: GB041521-06
Date: April 15, 2021
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

In March 2021, Metro staff recommended five corridors for future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lines, including LaCienega Boulevard between Culver City and West Hollywood - a north-south route between Santa Monica Boulevard and Slauson Avenue that would connect the Purple, Expo, and future LAX lines.

A single standard 60 foot bus has the capacity to move 100 people in one vehicle, alleviating traffic significantly owing to the fact that it takes 99 vehicles off the road. A lane of passenger cars can carry around 3,000 passengers per hour, while buses have the capacity to carry 16,000-25,000 people per hour depending on headways. BRT has even higher capacity because it uses a dedicated lane. A Bus Rapid Transit line along LaCienega would significantly alleviate traffic, pollution, and parking woes, plus make public transportation much more efficient in the South Robertson area, guaranteeing connections to Downtown LA, LAX, Hollywood, Koreatown, and the Valley that are much faster than driving.

Proposed Motion

Submit a comment in support of the planned LaCienega BRT:

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, support efforts to install BRT on LaCienega Blvd, a major bus corridor. BRT on this section of LaCienega would allow for fast and convenient access between the Expo Line and future Purple Line stations, incentivizing residents to use public transportation.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 5 Against: 0

Arguments for:

Alleviates pollution, traffic, car accidents, and parking woes.

Arguments against:

The BRT wouldn't be built until 2028.



Motion to submit Community Impact Statement in Support of Council File 21-0350 Re: Supportive Housing

Agenda Item: GB041521-07
Date: April 15, 2021
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

Permanent supportive housing is the only scientifically-backed solution to ending homelessness. Studies have shown time and time again that the most high-risk individuals experiencing homelessness can be successfully housed when given access to permanent housing with voluntary supportive services and intensive case management — as many as 90% of individuals in these situations remain housed years later, as opposed to less than 30% of individuals receiving temporary housing without supportive services.

This motion aims to aggressively expand supportive housing throughout West Los Angeles. The locations specified in the motion, including Culver City, would allow unhoused individuals within SORO NC to remain in the area while they are placed into housing and would allow them to maintain more stability than is guaranteed in temporary shelters.

Proposed Motion

Submit the following CIS in support of Council File 21-0350:

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, support this motion's efforts to expand permanent supportive housing on the Westside. As research shows, permanent supportive housing is the only scientifically-backed solution to ending homelessness. Additionally, we ask our own Councilmembers Koretz and Ridley-Thomas to support similar efforts in CD 5 and 10.

Considerations

Committee review:	Votes For: 4	Against: 2
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Arguments for:

We should encourage these types of plans throughout the City.

Arguments against:

This council file doesn't apply to our NC.



Unhoused individuals prefer to live in the areas where they have always resided.

An unhoused person can't choose to live in the most sought after areas in the City (primarily near the beach).



Motion to Write Letter to Councilmember Ridley-Thomas re: Operation of Illegal Flea Market on Venice Blvd.

Agenda Item: GB041521-08

Date: April 15, 2021

Proposed By: Public Safety

**Include motion in
Consent Agenda?** No

Background

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORONC) is requesting CM Ridley-Thomas' assistance to resolve the illegal flea market happening on Venice Blvd at Hargis, Olin and one block east of Olin Streets every weekend. We would also like to bring to your attention the negative impacts that this weekly flea market has created for the community. This issue has been plaguing the community for over ten years and has recently reached its peak in the last two years.

After every weekend, the residents and business owners are met with heaps of trash, from cardboard boxes, unsold furniture, and piles of debris to illegally removed shopping carts which in turns migrates to the residential areas blocks away (exhibit A). LA Sanitation and LA Bureau of Street Services are called frequently. As can be seen from the heatmap of the problem area (exhibit B), the three problem areas are Venice and Hargis, Venice and Olin, and one block east of Olin on Venice where most of the illegal flea markets takes place. Through meetings that your office and the SORONC Public Safety Committee has hosting to address this problem, we have discovered and have been told that Street Services is unable to enforce the laws, either because they are unable to cite the vendors who do not provide ID or they do not have enough staff to provide enforcement. One productive outcome of these meetings is that LAPD officers have been informed of what constitutes a violation and what the LAPD is able to enforce, namely, it is illegal to set up a vending stand in a parking space which previously was thought legal as long as the vendor did not impede traffic. We also find it troubling that Street Services' Investigation Unit is continuing to not enforce the ordinance or refusing to write Administrative Code Enforcement (ACE) Citations because the vendor was not aware of the ordinance. The ordinance was created out of CF 13-1493-S5 that became Ordinance 185900 that included an urgency clause that regulation be enacted by January 1, 2019,

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over two years ago. Also, LADOT is not enforcing the illegal parking that is created by this illegal flea market.

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council believes it is time to clean up our neighborhood and to restore the quality of life that the residents and business owners expect and deserve. Since the City of Los Angeles has been unable to combat this problem, both before and after the ordinance for the last ten years, the only equitable solution is to create a restricted zone on Venice Blvd between La Cienega and National Blvd just like the City did to protect the viability of other areas throughout Los Angeles.

Proposed Motion

- I. Motion to write a letter to CM Ridley-Thomas to address the issue of an illegal flea market and for the Public Safety Committee to monitor the progress.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 6

Against: 0

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

\$



Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas
Council District 10
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

April 15, 2021

Dear Councilmember Ridley-Thomas,

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORONC) is requesting your assistance to resolve the illegal flea market happening on Venice Blvd at Hargis, Olin and one block east of Olin Streets every weekend. We would also like to bring to your attention the negative impacts that this weekly flea market has created for the community. This issue has been plaguing the community for over ten years and has recently reached its peak in the last two years.

The neighbors and the businesses along that stretch of Venice Blvd have observed the flea market growing exponentially over the past few years. The weekend vendors sell used items like clothing, unwanted furniture, and of course bicycles. Given that bicycle thefts are one of the highest theft categories in Los Angeles, the community is very concerned about the potential for increased theft in the area to fuel this flea market. These flea markets have gone beyond the scope of the Street Vending Ordinance. The vendors also sell used, serialized items that are not covered under the current Street Vending Ordinance and is covered under the secondhand dealer codes and would normally be handled by a unit of LAPD, but due to Defund the LAPD, the LAPD does not have the resources to enforce the law pursuant to Business and Professions Code, section 21641 and Financial Code section 21300, city/county licensing agencies have the responsibility to incorporate the Secondhand Dealer and Pawnbroker licensing process into their local programs. It is the responsibility of the local licensing agency to administer, maintain, and enforce state law regarding the secondhand dealer or pawnbroker licenses.

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The quality of life and the enjoyment to live in South Robertson near Venice Blvd has been greatly diminished since the City of Los Angeles has taken over the responsibility of Venice Blvd (Hwy 187) from the State of California and allowed the unregulated flea markets to flourish. Businesses and property owners are paying the price for additional maintenance and damage to their properties caused by the lack of enforcement of the basic rules that are given out as part of the permitting process.

<https://streetsla.lacity.org/sites/default/files/Flyer.pdf>

Below is a list of visible, continual violations: (Exhibit C)

- No vending within 500 feet from a school
- Only vend on sidewalk
- Do not block fire hydrant
- Keep 3.5 feet from side walk

The City of Los Angeles requires licenses and permits to vend on sidewalks and parks to benefit the health and safety of the public because it increases vendor accountability in following the City's rules and regulations by identifying vendors out of compliance with the City's vending program and protects vendors assigned to vend in certain locations, but the City has failed in its responsibility to enforce the ordinance either because it is unable to or does not want to. The SORONC sees that the City of Los Angeles protects the economic interests of private enterprises like Dodger Stadium, Staples Center, Universal Studio/ City Walk, and government owned interests like The Hollywood Bowl and The Los Angeles Coliseum with restricted vending zones, but unleashes unregulated street vending and these illegal flea markets in the South Robertson area to the detriment to the quality of life for its residents and business owners.



The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council believes it is time to clean up our neighborhood and to restore the quality of life that the residents and business owners expect and deserve. Since the City of Los Angeles has been unable to combat this problem, both before and after the ordinance for the last ten years, the only equitable solution is to create a restricted zone on Venice Blvd between La Cienega and National Blvd just like the City did to protect the viability of other areas throughout Los Angeles.

The SORONC is looking forward to hear from you and to work with you to solve this problem in our area.

Respectfully,

Charlie Stein, President
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Exhibit A: Examples of Trash left behind by the Flea Market

Exhibit A-1 and A-2: Trash left right on residential street alley



Exhibit A-3: Same boxes in Exhibit C-9 that are being shown with illegal flea market vendors



Exhibit A-4: More trash left behind on Hargis Street



Exhibit A-5: Trash left beside 8600 Venice Blvd after the weekend, see the stalled ice cream truck in the background with trash spilling onto the sidewalk.



Exhibit A-6: Illegal dumping on residential Hargis street after vending ended



Exhibit A-7: Debris left behind. The bottles most likely contained urine.



Exhibit A-8: More debris left behind on residential street.



Exhibit A-9: Frequent illegal dumping on 8545 Hargis after the weekend vendors leave.



Exhibit B: Heatmap of the problem area.



Exhibit C: Visible Violations from the Flea Market

Exhibit C-1 and C-2: Multiple new bicycles for sale. Not adhering to the 3.5 feet rule from the curb, blocking fire hydrant, and vending within 500 yards of daycare.



Exhibit C-3 and C-4: Flea Market tent blocking the entire sidewalk, cars parked in red zone, cars blocking traveling traffic from Hargis to Eastbound Venice Blvd, not adhering to the 3.5 foot rule from the curb, and vending within 500 yards of daycare.



Exhibit C-5 and C-6: Flea Market tent blocking the entire sidewalk, not adhering to the 3.5 feet rule from the curb, and vending within 500 yards of daycare.

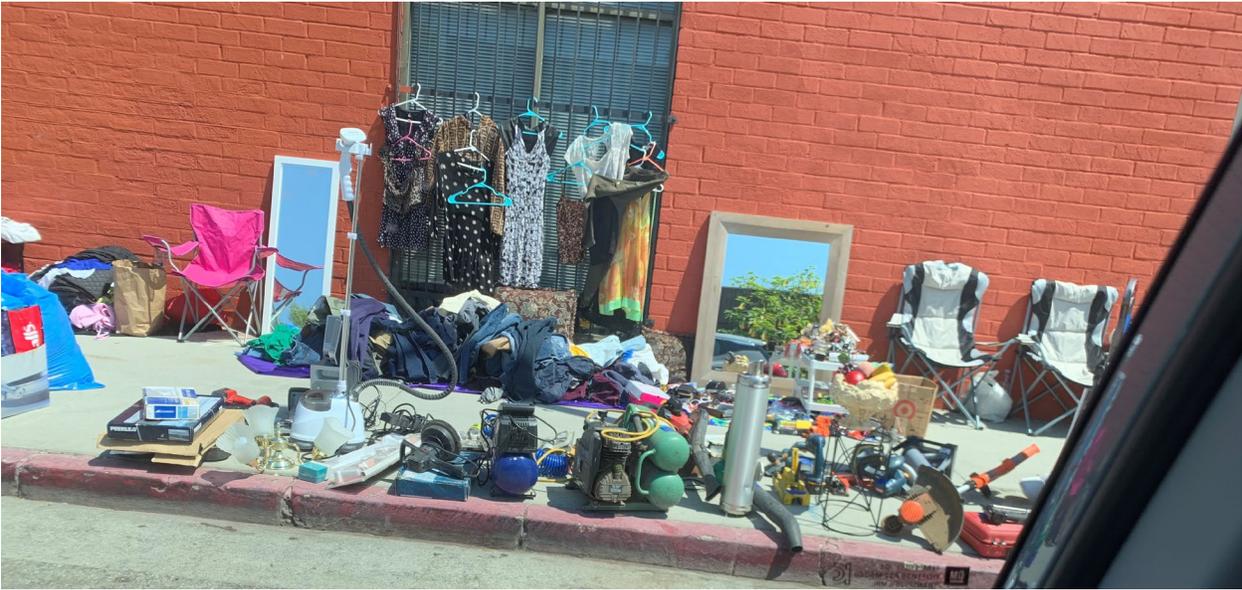


Exhibit C-7 and C-8: Flea Market tent blocking the entire sidewalk, not adhering to the 3.5 feet rule from the curb, vending on grass (non concrete sidewalk) and vending within 500 yards of daycare.



Exhibit C-9: Same boxes illegally dumped in residential street alleys in Exhibit A-3. The green building is a daycare, the flea market is set up directly outside of it.



Exhibit C-10: Flea market vendors parked in red zone, blocking fire hydrant, vending on non sidewalk (damaged plants and sprinklers), less than 3.5 feet from the curb and vending within 500 yards of daycare.





Motion to Request LADOT to Post Updated “No Oversized Vehicle Parking” Restriction Signs in Cattaraugus Underpass

Agenda Item: GB041521-09
Date: April 15, 2021
Proposed By: Public Safety Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? NO

Background

For the past 7 years, motorhomes and other large vehicles have been prohibited from parking overnight on various streets within the South Robertson boundaries, including Cattaraugus Avenue (under the I-10 Freeway). The current prohibition is from 2am-6am for vehicles over 7’ tall or 22’ long (except by permit), as designated by posted signs.

A number of these illegally parked vehicles have frequently been used in illegal activity (such as drug dealing, etc...), become “tagged” with gang graffiti, abandoned and often set on fire. At this point, they have become an increased hazard (especially in the Underpass) and their removal becomes logistically problematic.

There are no longer regular parking enforcement patrols at night, so the reporting of the illegal parking mostly requires residents to be awake between 2-5am in order to call in to LADOT, who often do not have the resources to respond during those hours. Expanding the posted parking restriction to begin at 10PM would allow residents to report the parking violations early enough for LADOT to provide more enforcement and timely removal of these large vehicles.

Proposed Motion

- I. To send a request to LADOT to replace the “No parking 2am-6am Vehicles over 7’ Tall or 22’ Long” signs on the 8800 block of Cattaraugus Avenue (between Regent Street and Reynier Avenue) with “No parking 10pm-6am Vehicles over 7’ Tall or 22’ Long” signs.

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Considerations

Committee review:
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Votes For: 6

Against: 0



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Arguments for:

These oversized vehicles are being abandoned or used for drug sales

Can aid in prosecution of thieves, reducing further thefts.

Arguments against:

This may be an attack primarily on unhoused neighbors



Daisy Balcazar
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April 15, 2021

Dear Ms. Balcazar,

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORONC) is requesting your assistance to have LADOT replace the “No parking 2am-6am Vehicles over 7’ Tall or 22’ Long” signs on the 8800 block of Cattaraugus Avenue (between Regent Street and Reynier Avenue) with signs reflecting an earlier Enforcement start time “No parking 10pm-6am Vehicles over 7’ Tall or 22’ Long”.

The request to change the start time of the parking restrictions was originated by a number of Stakeholders living in the vicinity of the Cattaraugus underpass. These residents have expressed difficulty in reporting these Illegal Parking Violations during those posted hours, as well as receiving response for enforcement.

A number of these illegally parked vehicles have frequently been used in illegal activity (such as drug dealing, etc...), become “tagged” with gang graffiti, abandoned and often set on fire, at which this point they become an increased hazard and their removal becomes logistically problematic for the towing company.

The earlier Restriction start time of 10pm will help residents assist LADOT with Enforcement and earlier removal of these vehicles before they become a hazard.

The SORONC is looking forward to hear from you and to work with you to solve this problem in our area.

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