



# General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 20, 2021, 7:00pm

## I. Call to Order & Roll Call at 7:10pm

**Board Members Present:** Ken Blaker, Olga Lexell, Krystal Navar, Shevy Dorfman Lieder, Barry Levine, Jonathan Tessler, Terrence Gomes, Charlie Stein, Richard Bloom, Jared Weston, Michael Lynn, Jon (Martin) Liberman, Gloria Dioum, Steve Chocron

**Board Members Absent:** Gary Kasbarian, Sophia French, Susan Burden, Dan Fink, Paula Peng, Jonathan Brand, Bryan Warman, Dina Leeds, Robby Naoufal, Gideon Pardo, Armeen Neshat

## II. Pledge of Allegiance

## III. General Public Comment

## IV. Brief Board Announcements

## V. Community Reports

- a. Office of Councilmember Koretz (Fisher) = yes
- b. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames)
- c. City Attorney's Office (Veronica de la Cruz).

## VI. Consent Agenda

- a. Draft meeting minutes of April 15, 2021 (Dioum / GB052021-01)  
Charlie Stein moved, and Jon Liberman seconded.  
Yes -14; No – 0; Abstentions – 0
- b. Motion to Send Letter Requesting Homelessness Services Information (Homelessness / GB052021-02)  
Charlie Stein moved, and Jon Liberman seconded.  
Yes -14; No – 0; Abstentions – 0
- c. Motion to submit letter in support of Ballona Creek Bike Path extension (Land Use / GB052021-03)  
Charlie Stein moved, and Jon Liberman seconded.  
Yes -14; No – 0; Abstentions – 0
- d. **Pulled off consent agenda/voted separately:** Motion to submit Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 17-0447 re: neighborhood oil drilling (Land Use / GB052021-04)  
Jared Weston moved, and Jon Liberman seconded.  
Yes -8; No – 3; Abstentions – 2

## VII. Committee Reports

- a. President's Report
- b. Changes to Board committee membership = None
- c. Committee and liaison reports, events, and legislative issues
  - i. Appointment of 3 Data Liaison Representatives (Executive / GB052021-05) : Sophia French, Olga Lexell, Ken Baker  
Charlie Stein moved, and Barry Levine seconded.  
Yes -14; No – 0; Abstentions – 0
- d. Treasurer's Report
  - i. Motion to approve April 2021 MERS report (Liberman / GB052021-06)

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Jon Liberman moved, and Terry Gomes seconded.  
Yes -14; No – 0; Abstentions – 0

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

- a. Motion to submit Letter in Support of La Cienega Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) (Metro File 2020-0595) (Land Use/ GB041521-06)  
Jon Liberman moved, and Olga Lexell seconded.  
Yes -12; No – 2; Abstentions – 0

**IX. Neighborhood Purpose Grant Allocation**

- a. Motion to Allocate up to \$1,000 to the Congress of Neighborhood Councils and \$1,000 to the Budget Advocates (GB052021-07)  
Charlie Stein moved, and Jon Liberman seconded.  
Yes -13; No – 0; Abstentions – 0
- b. Motion to Approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$1,700 to Shenandoah Street Elementary School (GB052021-08)  
Jon Liberman moved, and Olga Lexell seconded  
Yes -13; No – 0; Abstentions – 0
- c. Motion to Approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$5,000 to Jewish Family Services to fund home meals (GB052021-09)  
Jon Liberman moved, and Olga Lexell seconded  
Yes -14; No – 0; Abstentions – 0
- d. Motion to Approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$5,000 to Eayikes to fund Home-y Made Meals (GB052021-10)  
Charlie Stein moved, and Jon Liberman seconded.  
Yes -13; No – 0; Abstentions – 0 Olga Recused
- e. Motion to Approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$2,500 to Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles (GB052021-11)  
Jon Liberman moved, and Olga Lexell seconded  
Yes -12; No – 1; Abstentions – 0

**X. New Business**

- a. Motion to adopt proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (GB052021-12)  
Jon Liberman moved, and Olga Lexell seconded  
Yes -13; No – 0; Abstentions – 0

**XI. Adjournment at 8:23pm**



First	Last	Attendance	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12	#13
Gary	Kasbarian														
Sophia	French														
Ken	Blaker	y	y	y	y	n	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Olga	Lexell	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	r	y	y	y
Krystal	Navar	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Shevy	Dorfman	y	y	y	y	a	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Barry	Levine	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Jonathan	Tessler	y	y	y	y		y	y			y	y			y
Susan	Burden														
Terrence	Gomes	y	y	y	y	n	y	y	y	y	y	y	n	y	n
Dan	Fink														
Paula	Peng														
Charlie	Stein	y	y	y	y	a	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Richard	Bloom	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Jonathan	Brand														
Jared	Weston	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Bryan	Warman														
Michael	Lynn	y	y	y	y	n	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Jon	Liberman	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Gloria	Dioum	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Dina	Leeds														
Robby	Naoufal														
Steve	Chocron	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
Gideon	Pardo														
Armeen	Neshat														
<b>Yes</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>No</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Abstain</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>								
<b>Recuse</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Ineligible</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Missed Vote</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>

Legend for Motions	
#1	GB051521-(Draft meeting minutes of Apr 15, 2021
#2	GB051521-(Motion to send letter requesting Homelessness Info
#3	GB051521-(Motion to submit letter in support of Ballona Creek Bike Path Extension
#4	GB051521-(Motion to submit CIS in support of Council File 17-0447
#5	GB051521-(Motion to appoint up to 3 Data Liaison Rep
#6	GB051521-(Motion to approve April 2021 MERS report
#7	GB051521-(Motion to Allocate up to \$1K to Congress of NC + \$1K to Budget Advocates
#8	GB051521-(Motion to Approve Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$1.7K to Shenandoah Elementary
#9	GB051521-(Motion to Approve Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$5K to Jewish Family Services
#10	GB051521-(Motion to Approve Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$5K to Eayikes to fund
#11	GB051521-(Motion to Approve Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$2.5K to Neighborhood
#12	GB051521-(Motion to adopt proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022
#13	GB041521-(Motion to send letter in Support of La Cienega Bus Rapid Transit

Legend for Vote Tally	
Y	Yes
N	No
A	Abstain
R	Recuse
X	Missed Vote
IE	Ineligible to Vote
C	Passed by General Council
1	Moved
2	Seconded



# General Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 24, 2021, 7:00 pm

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## I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. SORONC President Charlie Stein called the Meeting to Order at 7:05 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom.
- b. Board Members Present: Michael Lynn, Robby Naoufal, Jonathan Tessler, Barry Levine, Jon Liberman, Sophia French, Terrence Gomes, Ken Blaker, Bryan Warman, Steve Chocron, Olga Lexell, Richard Bloom, Krystal Navar, Charlie Stein, Jonathan Brand
- c. Board Members Absent: Jared Weston, Gloria Dioum, Dina Leeds, Shevy Lieder, Gary Kasbarian, Susan Burden, Paula Peng, Dan Fink, Armeen Neshat, Gideon Pardo

## II. General Public Comment

### III. New Business

- a. Motion to Write Letter and File a CIS on Council File 21-0600, Recommending Increase to 2021-22 LAPD Budget (SGB052421-1)
  - i. Michael Lynn moved
  - ii. Jonathan Tessler seconded
    - Yes – 11; No – 3; Abstentions – 0
    - Motion passes as amended
  - iii. Jon Liberman moved to amend to include “Further, the SORO NC proposes that the majority of this funding be dedicated to the restoration of staffing and training of 350 Uniformed Police Officers and maintenance of four police academy classes per year until the staffing goal is a reality and that the uniformed officers be given deescalation training.
    - Michael Lynn seconded
    - Yes – 12; No – 1; Abstentions – 0
    - Amendment Passes
- b. Motion to Create CIS to Oppose CF 21-0407 (SGB052421-1)
  - i. Michael Lynn moved
  - ii. Terrence Gomes seconded
  - iii. Yes – 11; No – 2; Abstentions – 0

## IV. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.
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## Vote Tally

1: moved | 2: seconded | Y: yes | N: no | A: abstain | R: recuse | X: missed vote  
IE: ineligible to vote | C: passed by general consent

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Votes Taken	01	02	03
Charlie Stein	Y	Y	Y
Richard Bloom	Y	Y	Y
Jonathan Brand	X	Y	Y
Jared Weston	X	X	X
Olga Lexell	X	X	X
Michael Lynn	Y	Y	Y
Jon Liberman	Y	Y	Y
Gloria Dioum	X	X	X
Robby Naoufal	Y	Y	Y
Dina Leeds	X	X	X
Ken Blaker	Y	Y	Y
Shevy Lieder	X	X	X
Krystal Návar	N	N	N
Jonathan Tessler	Y	Y	Y
Gary Kasbarian	X	X	X
Barry Levine	Y	N	N
Terrence Gomes	Y	Y	Y
Susan Burden	X	X	X
Sophia French	Y	Y	Y
Paula Peng	X	X	X
Dan Fink	X	X	X
Armeen Neshat	X	X	X
Steve Chocron	Y	Y	A
Gideon Pardo	X	X	X
Bryan Warman	Y	N	N

### Votes taken

1. Police Amendment – Jon (GB0102220-01)
2. Police Motion
3. Elections



# Motion to Request Removal of Overnight Parking Restrictions on the Blocks of 18<sup>th</sup> Street Adjacent to La Cienega Plaza

**Agenda Item:** GB061721-03  
**Date:** June 17, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Public Safety Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** Yes

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## Background

There is currently a restriction for “no overnight parking between 11:00PM-5:00AM” on the blocks that run alongside La Cienega Plaza, south side of 18<sup>th</sup> Street, from La Cienega to Holt

The signs had been originally requested to stop the prostitution and drug sales at night along the mall. Since, these crimes are no longer a problem in the area, there is no longer a need for these restrictions.

As the City allows granny flats and new units with reduced parking requirements, adding to an abundance of multi-family units in the neighborhood, the street parking in that area is limited and pushes people to park on streets north of 18<sup>th</sup> Street.

During COVID-19, restrictions were relaxed in that same area and it has greatly helped with parking in the La Cienega Heights area and surrounding neighborhoods.

LADOT requires letters from SORONC, CD-10 and LAPD requesting the permanent removal of existing restrictions. Last year, the SORO NC approved sending letters requesting removal of similar signs along Sawyer, between La Cienega and Holt and the 1800 block of Holt on the east side of the street. (Surrounding La Cienega Plaza.)

## Proposed Motion

1. That the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORONC) requests that CD-10 and LAPD write letters in support of removing the restrictions that were placed due to crimes in the past. Review of the LAPD crime stats show that there is no longer an issue. The SORONC requests that LADOT remove the no overnight parking between 11:00PM-5:00PM restrictions on the South side of 18<sup>th</sup> Street, from La Cienega to Holt.

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## Considerations

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Committee review:  
*(highly recommended)*

Votes For: 7

Against: 0

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

\$ N/A

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Arguments for:

Arguments against:

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Increases parking spaces in the neighborhood.

Gang crime and prostitution problems could reemerge.

Dear Captain Tom,

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) has taken a vote to request that the overnight parking restrictions on the south side of 18<sup>th</sup> Street, from La Cienega to Holt. The matter was brought through the SORO NC's Public Safety Committee at the request of Stakeholders in Crestview and La Cienega Heights.

A few months ago, we had requested and were granted the removal of the Overnight Parking Restriction on the north side of Sawyer from La Cienega to Holt and on the east side of Holt from Sawyer to 18<sup>th</sup> Street. For the same reasons as the previous request (lack of part 1 crimes, need for neighborhood parking), we are requesting the removal of the overnight parking restrictions on the aforementioned section of 18<sup>th</sup> street.

As a reminder of the background for the installation of the restriction.

The overnight parking restrictions were installed when La Cienega Heights was called Coring-Cadillac and the PBGs and DIMs ran drugs and prostitution in the area and used Sawyer as their afterhours marketplace. In 2007-2008, community members worked with the LAPD to get rid of the crime, drug sales and prostitution that was ran out of 1937 Corning and 1975 Garth. Connie Collins and Terrence Gomes worked with the Council Office to reimage the area and rename it La Cienega Heights. Since that time, property values have risen to a point that houses in the area that are selling for over \$1 million. We are also seeing developers building 5 story condos selling for over \$1 million each. The developers are also building small lot sub-divisions by tearing down 1950's ding bat apartments and building five to six single family homes on a lot. Due to La Cienega Heights being in a TOD, developers are required to provide less parking causing more cars to be on the street and creating more parking problems north of La Cienega Heights in Crestview.

As with the previous request, LADOT requires a letter from LAPD and CD 10 to have the overnight parking restrictions removed. We hereby request for you to send a similar letter from LAPD to CD 10 Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas. A copy of the previous letter has been attached for your convenience.

The SORO NC appreciates your assistance with this request, as well as your continued service and support to the Stakeholders of South Robertson.

Sincerely,

Charlie Stein

President, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council



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# Motion to Recommend to LAPD for Officer James Allen to be Permanent SLO for Area Car 8A59

**Agenda Item:** GB061721-04

**Date:** June 17, 2021

**Proposed By:** Public Safety Committee

**Include motion in** Yes

**Consent Agenda?**

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## Background

The South Robertson area is serviced by LAPD with two area cars- 8A95 and 8A59. The current Senior Lead Officer (SLO) for 8A95 is Chris Baker, while 8A59 has had numerous temporary SLOs over the past year.

With the likelihood of West LAPD naming a "permanent" SLO for 8A59 in the near future, the SORO NC Public Safety Committee (PSC) was requested by LAPD to deliberate on the performance of all temporary SLOs, in order to provide a recommendation.

During his time filling in as SLO, the PSC found Officer James Allen stand out above the others.

Officer Allen possess both the skills and the knowledge to handle the types of quality-of-life issues, crime and community concerns in SORO as well as the dedication and ability to get the job done. He has proved extremely responsive and effective in addressing the concerns of the community.

The PSC thinks Officer Allen would be an excellent fit for the SORO NC community's needs.

## Proposed Motion

1. That the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council send a letter to West LAPD Captain Tom and Sergeant Alpert, to recommend that Officer James Allen be the next Senior Lead Officer for Area Car 8A59.

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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:

Officer Allen stood out as exceptionally responsive.

Arguments against:

There were other worthy LAPD officers, as well.

## SENIOR LEAD OFFICER FOR 8A59

Dear Captain Tom and Sergeant Alpert,

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council took a vote at the June 17<sup>th</sup> General Board meeting to make an official recommendation to LAPD for the next Senior Lead Officer (SLO) for 8A59. At the June 7<sup>th</sup> Public Safety Committee meeting it was recommended that Officer James Allen become the next Senior Lead Officer for 8A59. During his time filling in as SLO, we found him to be extremely responsive and effective in addressing the concerns of the community.

Officer Allen possess both the skills and the knowledge to handle the types of quality-of-life issues, crime and community concerns in SORO as well as the dedication and ability to get the job done.

We think Officer Allen would be an excellent fit for our community's needs.

Although there are other good officers who were on loan to our area, Officer James Allen stands out above all the rest as the best fit for A859.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Charlie Stein

President, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council



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# Motion to Request Dismissal of LA City Attorney Criminal Case Against Owner of 8755 West Olympic Boulevard

**Agenda Item:** GB061721-06  
**Date:** June 17, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Public Safety Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** Consent

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## Background

Since 2017, the property at 8755 W. Olympic Blvd. and its owner have been the subject of investigation and litigation involving several LA Department of Building & Safety (LADBS) and LA Fire Department (LAFD) violations.

There was a sub-lease individual that brought serious problems into the property. It took a long time and significant cost, but the owners were finally able to evict this individual. The owners have reported that all reported violations have since been cleared by LADBS. However, the City Attorney's criminal case against the property owner continues to drag on.

The property owner's intention is to sublease this property to the city of Los Angeles, to be utilized to house homeless individuals or families and provide them with access to city services. Dismissing this case will allow for negotiations with the City of Los Angeles to begin, leading to help benefit solving the Homeless crisis in the area.

## Proposed Motion

1. That the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORONC) write a letter to Deputy City Attorney Serena Christion and Commissioner Harris to request the dismissal of Criminal Case # 8CJ012327 against the owner of 8755 West Olympic Boulevard, with the condition that the property be available for negotiations with the City of Los Angeles to be used for the benefit of the Public.

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## Considerations

<b>Committee review:</b> <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: n/a	Against: n/a
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<b>Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:</b> <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$ N/A
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**Arguments for:**

There is an urgency to find property that can be used for housing the homeless.

**Arguments against:**

Nothing prevents the property owner from pursuing another (non-public) use.

Commissioner H. Elizabeth Harris

Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center Dept., Dept. 047

210 W Temple St, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Deputy City Attorney Serena Christion

200 N Main St, City Hall East, 5th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012

June , 2021

RE: 8755 W. Olympic Blvd. Case# 8CJ012327

Dear Commissioner H. Elizabeth Harris and Ms. Serena Christion, Deputy City Attorney,

The South Robertson Neighborhood Council is sending this letter to you in support of the dismissal of Criminal Charges with prejudice against the Jewish Educational Movement organization in Case #8CJ012327.

The property owners have worked diligently and invested a lot of time and money fixing the LADBS and LAFD code violations occupancy of 8755 W Olympic Blvd. There was a sub-lease individual that brought serious problems into the property. It took a very long time but they were finally able to evict this individual and the problem's he brought into the property. Rabbi Illulian has assured us that the violations have been corrected and the building is in compliance. There have not been any new complaints to LAPD or LADBS regarding the property for many, many months.

There is a greater value to the community to put this Assisted Living Facility to immediate availability to be leased to the City of Los Angeles. We are in a crisis. There is no benefit for the courts or the city to waste more time and money on prosecuting these LADBS and LAFD violations which have been corrected.

Rabbi Illulian, on behalf of the Jewish Educational Movement, is ready and willing to lease this property to the City of Los Angeles to be utilized for "Bridge Housing" or another similar program at the discretion of Council District 5. This would be a tremendous benefit to the community and help to alleviate the homeless crisis. Council District 5 is struggling to find appropriate locations for city funded projects to help the homeless crisis. There is crisis in our city right now.

The building at this property is designed as an Assisted Living Facility. Let it be used to assist in the homeless crisis. which the city can benefit from. It is located in the South Robertson Neighborhood Council district. This will be a big asset to South Robertson Neighborhood Council ability to do their part to support our unhoused neighbors.

Please dismiss this case for the betterment of the community and allow this property to be utilized to help alleviate the homeless crisis in Los Angeles.

Fix the problem, not the blame.

Sincerely,

Charlie Stein

President, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council



# Motion to Request City Council Members to Communicate Stakeholder Outrage and Concern to LA District Attorney George Gascón Over Policies

**Agenda Item:** GB061721-07  
**Date:** June 17, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Public Safety Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** NO

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## Background

Upon taking office in December 2020, George Gascón has instituted several reform policies within the LA County District Attorney Office. Although these reform policies may be beneficial to defendants in criminal cases, they have resulted in negative consequences to the residents and businesses of Los Angeles.

Stakeholders in the SORO NC boundaries have expressed grave concern regarding the increase in crimes in the area, experiencing a growing number of burglaries, robberies, and violent assaults. Many of the policies of District Attorney Gascón are severely exacerbating the situation, especially those policies that end cash bail and the practice to ban sentencing enhancements, among others.

Our police officers spend countless hours to arrest suspects of criminal activity, only to have them right back on the street to commit more crime. Year-to-date crime statistics show city wide homicides up 21.6%, shooting victims up 58.7%, aggravated assaults up 8.8%, and motor vehicle thefts up 12.8%.

In South Robertson specifically, we recently had an event where one of our residents was the victim of a violent assault. This was caught on video, which led to the arrest of the suspect with an extensive criminal record and gang ties. This dangerous suspect was released into the public (without any bail) and had subsequently not shown up to scheduled court hearings until June 7th- and may very well skip his trial with extraordinarily little repercussions under Gascón. This would never have happened under any previous DA.

As of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, seventeen other cities have taken vote of no confidence against the District Attorney, including Beverly Hills, Santa Clarita, Arcadia, Manhattan Beach and Lancaster. DA Gascón's directives are

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placing the safety of the general public at risk. DA Gascón’s policies are restricting victims’ rights and imperiling the safety of South Robertson and residents and businesses of Los Angeles.

### Proposed Motion

For the SORO NC to write a letter to all of the Los Angeles City Councilmembers, Mayor Garcetti, and LA City Attorney Mike Feuer to strongly request that they:

- I. communicate our Stakeholders’ concern and outrage directly to LA County District Attorney George Gascón regarding his policies.
- II. send DA Gascón’s response immediately to the SORO NC.

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### Considerations

Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 7	Against: 0
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$ N/A
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Arguments for:

City Council might be able to persuade DA Gascón to change his policies.

Arguments against:

Some residents like DA Gascón’s policies and do not want them changed.

Dear Councilmembers Paul Koretz, Mark Ridley-Thomas, Gil Cedillo, Paul Krekorian, Bob Blumenfield, Nithya Raman, Nury Martinez, Monica Rodriguez, Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Curren Price, Mike Bonin, John Lee, Mitch O'Farrell, Kevin De Leon, Buscaino, Mayor Eric Garcetti, and City Attorney Mike Feuer;

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) would like to bring to your attention, and strongly request that LA City Council take immediate action regarding criminal policies of Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón.

Stakeholders in the SORO NC boundaries have expressed grave concern regarding the increase in crimes in the area, as well as around Los Angeles. We have experienced a growing number of burglaries, robberies, and violent assaults, among others. We acknowledge that there are several reasons for this increase, however many of the policies of District Attorney Gascón are severely exacerbating the situation. Specifically, those policies that end cash bail and that ban sentencing enhancements, among others.

Our police officers spend countless hours to arrest suspects of criminal activity, only to have them right back on the street to commit more crime. Year-to-date crime statistics show city wide homicides up 21.6%, shooting victims up 58.7%, aggravated assaults up 8.8%, and motor vehicle thefts up 12.8%.

In South Robertson, we had an event several months ago where one of our residents was the victim of a violent assault. This was caught on video, which led to the arrest of a suspect with an extensive criminal record and gang ties. This dangerous suspect was released into the public (without any bail) and had subsequently not shown up to several scheduled court hearings (until June 7<sup>th</sup>) - and may very well skip his trial with extraordinarily little repercussions under DA Gascón. This has never happened under any previous DA.

As of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, seventeen other cities have taken votes of no confidence against District Attorney Gascón- including Beverly Hills, Santa Clarita, Arcadia, Manhattan Beach and Lancaster to name a few. DA Gascon's directives are placing the safety of the general public at risk. DA Gascón's policies are restricting victims' rights, as well as imperiling the safety of South Robertson and the residents and businesses of Los Angeles.

Again, the SORO NC strongly requests that you communicate our Stakeholders' concern and outrage directly to Mr. Gascón, regarding his policies and directives. We also look forward to your immediately relaying his response within 60 days to the SORO NC, as well.

Sincerely,

Charlie Stein

President, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

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