

SORO NC Committee Memberships as of 8/19/21

GB092321-07

Green Team	Barry Levine
Land Use	Olga Lexell, Barry Levine, Ken Blaker, Steve Chocron, Richard Bloom, Gloria Dioum, Armeen Neshat, (Chad Monk, Emilia Barrosse- need to rejoin as Board Members)
Business Advocacy and Economic Development Committee	Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom
LGBTQ	Barry Levine, Paula Peng
Outreach Committee	Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Paula Peng, Sophia French
Parks and Recreation Committee	Barry Levine, Jared Weston
Public Safety Committee	Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Richard Bloom, Robby Naoufal, Jonathan Tessler, Sophia French
Quality of Life Committee	Jared Weston, Barry Levine, Shevy Dorfman Lieder, Olga Lexell (needs to rejoin as Board Member), Dina Leeds, Armeen Neshat, Sophia French
Robertson Revitalization	Barry Levine, Michael Lynn
Transportation Committee	Barry Levine, Olga Lexell, Jonathan Tessler, Armeen Neshat, Sophia French
Bylaws Committee	Ken Blaker, Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes
Board Development	Gloria Dioum,
Finance Committee	Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Gloria Dioum, Robby Naoufal
Elections Committee	Terrence Gomes, Gloria Dioum, Olga Lexell
Homelessness Committee	Sophia French, Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Richard Bloom, Gloria Dioum, Olga Lexell, Dina Leeds, Armeen Neshat



Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 18, 2021
Zoom Meeting
7:06PM – 10:00PM
(DRAFT)

**South Robertson
Neighborhoods Council**
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Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible	Category
Joel Weinberger	Present	YES	At-large 1 2025
Sophia French	Present	YES	At-Large 2 2023
Emilia Barrosse	Absent	YES	At-Large 3 2025
David Notowitz	Appointed 9:12PM	NO N	At-Large 4 2023
Jason Yap	Absent 7:10PM	NO E	At-Large 5 2025
Shevy Dorfman-Lieder	Present	YES	Business Rep 1 2023
Barry Levine	Present	YES	Business Rep 2 2025
Terrence Gomes	Present	YES	Business Rep 3 2023
Shirley Traum	Present	YES	Business Rep 4 2025
Jonathan Tessler	Present	YES	Business Rep 5 2023
Paula Peng	Absent	NO X	Organization Rep 1 2023
Ken Blaker	Present	YES	Organization Rep 2 2025
Armeen Neshat	Present	YES	Organization Rep 3 2025
Olga Lexell	Present	YES	Resident 1 Rep 2025
Richard Bloom	Present	YES	Resident 2 Rep 2025
Steve Chocron	Present	YES	Resident 3 Rep 2023
Jared Weston	Absent	NO X	Resident 4 Rep 2023
Laurie Levine	Appointed 8:48PM	NO N	Resident 5 Rep 2025
Michael Lynn	Present	YES	Resident 6 Rep 2023
Chad Monk	Present	YES	Resident 7 Rep 2025
Gloria Dioum	Present	YES	Resident 8 Rep 2023
Dina Leeds	Absent 7:09PM	YES	Resident 9 Rep 2025
Robby Naoufal	Absent	YES	Resident 10 Rep 2023
Jon Liberman	Appointed 8:26PM	NO N	School Rep 1 2025
Ethan Frankel	Appointed 8:30PM	NO N	School Rep 2 2025
TOTAL: 25	PRESENT 15, Absent 6		

*Funding vote eligibility key: **A**=age less than 18 yrs.; **E**=Ethics training; **F**=Funding training; **N**=not taken; **X**=expired

In conformity with the Governor’s executive order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Board of South Robertson Neighborhoods Council meeting will be conducted entirely via video and telephonically.

I. Call to Order & Roll Call The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM by President Lynn. Quorum was met.

ITEM 1. Roll call	
Present –15	Absent-06
Lynn, Levine, Chocron, French, Blaker, Gomes, Tessler, Traum, Dorfman, Bloom, Weinberger, Monk, Neshat, Lexell, Dioum	Leeds, Naoufal, Yap, Barrosse, Weston, Peng

II. Pledge of Allegiance Led by President Lynn.

President Lynn moved to Roman Numeral IV, General Public comment, not calling on anyone then moved to brief Board announcements.

Leeds joined the meeting at 7:09PM.

Yap joined the meeting at 7:10PM.

Brief Board announcements was moved to 7:10PM and suspended at 7:15PM.

- a. Steve Chocron- congratulation to new Board after election
- b. Barry Levine- question about the censure
- c. Gloria Dioum-email

III. Guest Presentation

- a. Los Angeles Controller, Ron Galperin (20 minutes) Controller Galperin gave a presentation and answered questions.
 - i. Call-In User_2
 - ii. Dina Leeds
 - iii. Jon Liberman
 - iv. Olga Lexell

IV. General Public Comment

- a. SORO (Jessica)
- b. Michael Burbank
- c. Rob Wilcox
- d. Call_in_user_1 (R. Hopp)
- e. Three Blind Mice
- f. Kenneth Mejia

V. Brief Board Announcements-was addressed before the presentation by Controller Galperin

VI. Community Reports

- a. LA Police Department (Allen)- No report
- b. Office of Councilmember Ridley-Thomas (Guevara) - No report

- c. Office of Councilmember Koretz (Dyner Harris) - No report
- d. Office of Mayor Garcetti (Fingard) Fingard presented a written report and presented the highlights.

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

Comeback Checks Program:

With funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, next month, the City of Los Angeles will distribute \$37M in grants to small businesses impacted by COVID-19 to provide rental assistance and support their recovery. For more info and to apply, contact the City's Economic & Workforce Development Department through your local [BusinessSource Center](#).

City Council Adopts Local Business Preference Program Ordinance to Boost Local Economy

To further its mission of boosting local business participation in City contracting and increasing employment opportunities for transitional workers, the City Council has approved the restructuring of the Bureau of Contract Administration's (BCA) Citywide Bid Preference Programs to create the new Local Business Preference Program. Effective on August 7, 2021, the ordinance ([No. 187121](#)) creates more opportunity for Los Angeles County businesses who could be eligible for a contracting preference for local and local small businesses as well as business entities working with the hardest-to-employ populations.

The Small Local Business, Local Business Preference, and Transitional Job Opportunities programs have now been consolidated into the Local Business Preference Program. The updated program is intended to further encourage small and large businesses to compete for City contracting opportunities and establish and maintain local operations.

As part of the restructuring, preference percentages will increase for local small businesses or local transitional employers based on the threshold contract amount of \$150,000. Prime contractors who are not local businesses but use subcontractors who hold a Local Business Enterprise, Local Small Business Enterprise, and/or Local Transitional Job Opportunities Program certification will receive a 1 percent preference for every 10 percent cost of the work up to a maximum 5 percent preference.

For more information, visit <https://bca.lacity.org/certification>. For a PDF of this news release, click [here](#).

Business Builder Expo

The Business Builder Expo, taking place next Thursday, 8/26/21 from 8am - 3pm, is a virtual one-on-one matchmaking event designed to strengthen the Los Angeles 5-county regional economy by connecting minority-owned, women-owned, and disabled veteran-owned small business subcontractors to prime contractors and procurement opportunities.

More information about the Business Builder Expo can be found at [Business Builder 8/26/21 \(businessbuilderexpo.com\)](#).

ANGELENO CORPS PROGRAM

The Angeleno Corps Program is a 10-month program that offers hands-on work experience and educational support for 18-24 year-olds living in Los Angeles. Corps members work part-time, approximately 10-15 hours a week, and earn \$1,000 every month + receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship grant at the conclusion of the program. ***Applications for Angeleno Corps are due Monday, August 23, 2021.***

Service Areas: Starting this fall, learn and work in one of four career areas:

1. Education and Child Care: You may work and learn on the job at after-school programs, child care programs, or tutoring and mentoring programming.
2. Health and Environmental Justice: You may work and learn on the job in hospitals, clinics, health outreach settings, or participate in environmental justice/climate advocacy.
3. Tech & Digital Assistance: You may work and learn on the job to close digital/Internet access gaps, provide senior digital access, explore coding and computer science.
4. Immigration Advocacy: You may work and learn on the job performing outreach, or providing assistance for legal filings to immigrant communities, including DACA recipients.

Eligibility Criteria: Selected Corps members will be:

1. 18-24 years old
2. Living within the City of Los Angeles
3. Enrolled in a Los Angeles Community College, and/or
4. Enrolled at a Youth Source Center

EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS AVAILABLE

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act, HUD allocated 3,300+ Emergency Housing Vouchers, or EHV, to the City to house individuals who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, victims of human trafficking or domestic violence situations. This allocation is the second-largest allocation in the country, after New York City, and represents a historic opportunity to both support tenants and landlords still dealing with the aftermath of the pandemic. As such, we are partnering with the Housing Authority of the City of LA (HACLA) to recruit as many landlords as possible to participate in this program! EHV are similar to Section 8 vouchers, but with much more flexibility, since HUD and HACLA recognize the importance of making the program easy for participating landlords.

Tenants pay 30% of their income towards rent, with HACLA paying the rest. HACLA will pay up to \$1,926 in rent for a one-bedroom apartment and \$2,469 for a two-bedroom apartment, based on rent comparables. HACLA will also provide property owners a \$2,500 bonus for renting their Unit to an EHV individual or family. As a landlord, you will receive timely and dependable payments, and voucher holders are typically long-term tenants. To participate or obtain additional information please email EHV.IP@hacla.org or visit www.hacla.org.

Tenants who think they are eligible for the program should contact a Coordinated Entry System Access Center in their region. Here are eligibility requirements for the program. Those already connected to a Coordinated Entry System will be referred by case managers to this program based on prioritization measures developed by LAHSA and HACLA.

MAYOR GARCETTI JOINS MAYORS TO PUSH FOR PASSAGE OF BUDGET RECONCILIATION PACKAGE

Mayor Eric Garcetti today was joined by Mayors from across the country to praise the Senate for their recent passage of the \$1 trillion bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and to call on Congress to finish the job by adopting a robust \$3.5 billion budget reconciliation resolution package.

“Mayors see firsthand the struggles of the people they serve, and know the profound impact these dollars will have on their daily lives,” said Mayor Eric Garcetti. “If passed, this reconciliation package will fuel the recovery of our cities and make possible long overdue investments to immediately improve the quality of life for millions of Americans.”

The bipartisan infrastructure bill and accompanying budget reconciliation measure will deliver the generational investments that America's cities need to continue their economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, grow our economy from the middle out, and create millions of new jobs. On the call, Mayors expressed strong support for the budget resolution's investments that will help cities thrive, including investments in housing, child care, community college, and climate action.

STATEMENT: MAYOR GARCETTI ON SENATE PASSAGE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

"Investments in public transportation, bridges, clean energy and water systems, and broadband are the building blocks of a prosperous future for Los Angeles. We're already investing billions of dollars in infrastructure locally, and these funds are a chance to double down on that work to protect public health, fortify the foundation of our City, and open new doors of opportunity across our region. I want to thank President Biden, Senate Majority Leader Schumer, Senators Feinstein and Padilla, and everyone involved for their efforts to get this historic bill through the Senate."

"This moment does not mean that our work is complete, and I will continue to push for investments that make Los Angeles a better place to live, work, and raise a family. We need Congress to finish the job of Building Back Better by moving this measure to President Biden's desk, while also swiftly passing a reconciliation package that invests in our human infrastructure. Combined, these measures will provide our City with the tools we need to fight climate change, work toward equity, and provide for the health and safety of our residents." - Mayor Eric Garcetti

MAYOR GARCETTI ANNOUNCES COLLABORATION WITH MICROSOFT TO ESTABLISH VETERANS' TECH TRAINING PROGRAM

This week, Mayor Eric Garcetti announced a collaboration with Microsoft to establish the Los Angeles Veterans Technology Training Academy (LAVTTA), a free, four-month training program that will prepare veterans for careers in software engineering, cloud application development, and cloud administration.

"Veterans have given so much to our country and the least we can do is help connect them to opportunities to thrive here at home," said Mayor Eric Garcetti. "The men and women who served our country in uniform are some of the most diligent and hard-working people in Los Angeles — and this new program will give them a chance to tap into a thriving sector of our economy and make a living for themselves and their families."

Based on the Microsoft Software and Systems Academy (MSSA), Los Angeles is the first city in the nation to introduce a tech training program for its military veterans. While the MSSA program is tailored for transitioning service members during their last six months of service, LAVTTA will be available to all veterans, including those who have already transitioned out of the military. All veterans living in the City or County of Los Angeles will be eligible to apply.

LAVTTA is made possible by a collaboration between the Mayor's Office of Military and Veterans Affairs, Microsoft, the Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board, JVS SoCal, and Fastlane. Boeing, Microsoft, and the City of Los Angeles Information Technology Agency will also partner with the program to offer mentoring, organizational insights, and interview opportunities.

The Los Angeles Veterans Technology Training Academy, working with Microsoft's 700+ employer partners, will connect graduates to companies based in Los Angeles to provide employment opportunities and mentorships. Companies interested in serving as mentors or employment partners should contact the Mayor's Office at mayor.veterans@lacity.org.

The first cohort of the program will start on August 30, 2021. Veterans interested in signing up for the August cohort or learning more about the program can contact JVS SOCAL at veterans@JVS-SOCAL.ORG. Proof of residency will be required.

- e. Office of State Assemblymember Bloom (Kaufler) - No report
- f. Office of State Senator Kamlager-Dove (Kennerk) - No report
- g. Office of County Supervisor Mitchell (Sargsyan) - No report
- h. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames)- commented on Civic U which was also a motion later on in the meeting. Civic U will allow Neighborhood Councils to better understand the government and the influence and how to influence policy at City Hall. On August 3, 2021, all current Boardmembers received an email from Susan Leahy of Robert's Rules Made Simple inviting Boardmembers to create an account on the EmpowerLA Robert's Rules of Order educational portal. The portal is brought to you by the DONE as part of the EmpowerLA virtual governance plan that we created to provide Neighborhood Council Boardmembers With online education on parliamentary procedure, so if you have not received that email, please email me, so I could see what I can do to help you get access to that portal. Currently we're doing an election outreach feedback session in the coming weeks, you will be receiving emails about those sessions when they come along, so you can provide feedback on how to improve the election aspect. If Boardmembers are having issues renewing your training, please contact me. I've been informing leadership, about any upcoming training requirements or soon to expire trainings so that any BACs are filled out properly. The City Clerk who reviews BACs also get notified for each meeting on the training requirements completed at the time of the meeting. As you know, we're currently virtual, but we're hoping to get back to in person, right now, there is a working group the EVG Hybrid Group which is this working group working on the policy that will help Neighborhood Councils move towards a hybrid format. More information will be coming, but they did meet on last Monday and they just discussed their future meetings to have discussions about the EVG Hybrid. So, the first meeting was all about meetings. Currently your By-laws are open for amendments. The By-laws changes will close on April 15 of next year. Please note, once you have your By-laws Committee, I'll be more than happy to work with you to ensure that you don't try to change something that cannot be changed because of an ordinance or order of BONC policy that already created standardized language and the By-laws so don't do extra work. And last, but not least, please save the dates for this coming Saturday for Budget Day. Which is going to be exciting and also the Congress of Neighborhoods which will happen on Saturday, September 25. These are two different events that are very helpful and informative for you as Boardmembers if you're looking to learn more about policy, there are currently two drafts in the BONC Commissioners about the digital media policy and the upcoming proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct. Both policies are being currently reviewed by the BONC Commissioners. for It's close to a one year's worth of comments and feedback from the public and Boards. The Code of Conduct's first draft and a memo from our general manager was submitted on July 19 of this year, where we're going to have several feedback sessions, one being a Monday August 30 at

6pm and the other being. Saturday September 11 at 1pm all via Zoom. I will email you all of this information, as well as the links to login, but you can also check our calendar which has the Zoom link as well more details.

Board Questions

- i. Barry Levine
- ii. Gloria Dioum
- iii. Terrence Gomes
- iv. Michael Lynn
- i. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices- No report

VII. Special Orders

- a. Selection of School Representative 1 (Term expires 2025) (GB081921-1)
 - 1. Jon Liberman

Public Comment: SORO, Three Blind Mice, Call-In User_2, Puppet

Board Questions: Olga Lexell, Armeen Neshat

Motion Passed-Liberman

ITEM 7 a1. Motion to appoint Liberman as School Rep 1. Moved: B. Levine Second: Gomes			
Yes –15	No-01	Abstain-1	Absent-04
Lynn, Chocron, French, Blaker, Gomes, Tessler, Traum, Dorfman, Bloom, Leeds, Weinberger, Dioum, Yap, Lexell, B. Levine	Monk	Neshat	Barrosse, Peng, Weston, Naoufal

- b. Selection of School Representative 2 (Term expires 2022) (GB081921-2)
 - 1. Ethan Frankel
 - 2. Abraham Morovati had withdrawn

Public Comment: Call-In User_2, Puppet, Baila Romm

Board Questions: B. Levine, Dina Leeds, Olga Lexell

Motion Passed-Frankel

ITEM 7 b1. Motion to appoint Frankel as School Rep 2. Moved: Leeds Second: B. Levine		
Yes –18	No-00	Absent-04
Lynn, Chocron, French, Blaker, Gomes, Tessler, Traum, Dorfman, Bloom, Leeds, Weinberger, Monk, Yap, Neshat, Lexell, B. Levine, Liberman, Dioum	None	Barrosse, Peng, Weston, Naoufal

Frankel left the meeting at 8:38PM

- c. Selection of Residential Zone 5 Representative (Term expires 2025)(GB081921-3)
 - 1. Laurie Levine

Public Comment: Call-In User_4, Call-In User_2, Three Blind Mice, SORO, Puppet

Board Questions: Monk, Chocron

Motion Passed-L. Levine

ITEM 7 c1. Motion to appoint L. Levine as Zone Rep 5. Moved: Liberman Second: Leeds		
Yes –12	No-06	Absent-05
French, Dorfman, B. Levine, Gomes, Traum, Tessler, Blaker, Bloom, Chocron, Lynn, Leeds, Liberman	Weinberger, Yap, Neshat, Monk, Lexell, Dioum	Barrosse, Peng, Weston, Naoufal, Frankel,

- d. Selection of At-Large Representative (Term expires 2023) (GB081921-4)
1. Matthew Ban
 2. David Notowitz
 3. Debbie Cohen
 4. Jeremy Halpern

Public Comment: Call-In User_5, Puppet, Gabriel Hassler**Board Questions: Weinberger****Motion Passed-Notowitz**

ITEM 7 d1. Motion to appoint Matthew Ban, David Notowitz, Debbie Cohen, or Jeremy Halpern as At-Large Rep Moved: B. Levine Second: Gomes				
Ban-0	Notowitz- 12	Cohen-0	Halpern-7	Absent-05
None	French, Dorfman, Gomes, Traum, Tessler, Blaker, Bloom, Chocron, L. Levine, Lynn, Leeds, Liberman	None	Weinberger, Yap, B. Levine, Neshat, Lexell, Monk, Dioum	Barrosse, Peng, Weston, Naoufal, Frankel

- e. Selection of Executive Committee Officers
1. Secretary (GB081921-5) was postponed due to lack of nomination.
 2. Corresponding Secretary (GB081921-6) Liberman self-nominated

Public Comment: Call-In User_5, Puppet**Motion Passed-Liberman**

ITEM 7 e2. Motion to appoint Liberman as Corresponding Secretary. Moved: Leeds Second: Traum			
Yes –15	Abstain-04	Recuse-01	Absent-05
Weinberger, French, Notowitz, Yap, Dorfman, B. Levine, Traum, Tessler, Blaker, Bloom, Chocron, L. Levine, Lynn, Dioum, Leeds	Neshat, Lexell, Monk, Liberman	Gomes	Barrosse, Peng, Weston, Naoufal, Frankel

- f. Selection of Board Liaisons
1. Reconsideration of City Attorney Liaison (GB081921-7) Due to the City Attorney policy, the President will be the Liaison to the City Attorney.
 2. Bank Card Holders (Terrence and Sophia) (GB081921-8)

Public Comment: Call-In User_5, Puppet**Motion Passed-French and Gomes**

ITEM 7 f3. Motion to appoint French and Gomes as Bank Card Holders. Moved: Liberman Second: Blaker		
Yes –19	Recuse-01	Absent-05
Weinberger, French, Notowitz, Yap, Dorfman, B. Levine, Traum, Tessler, Blaker, Neshat, Lexell, Bloom, Chocron, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Dioum, Leeds, Liberman	Gomes	Barrosse, Peng, Weston, Naoufal, Frankel

3. Alternate Signer (GB081921-9) Lynn self-nominated, but withdrew nomination. Leeds self-nominated.

Dioum left the meeting at 9:47PM

Public Comment: Puppet, Call-In User_6, Puppet

Motion Passed-Leeds

ITEM 7 f3. Motion to appoint Leeds as alternate signer. Moved: Liberman Second: Weinberger		
Yes –19	No-00	Absent-06
Weinberger, French, Notowitz, Yap, Dorfman, B. Levine, Gomes, Traum, Tessler, Blaker, Neshat, Lexell, Bloom, Chocron, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Leeds, Liberman	None	Barrosse, Peng, Weston, Dioum, Naoufal, Frankel

Chocron left the meeting at 9:50PM.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion Passed

Point of Order. Motion to suspend agenda order and immediately move to Item IX a-e. Moved: Liberman Second: Weinberger		
Yes –16	No-02	Absent-07
Weinberger, French, Notowitz, Yap, Dorfman, B. Levine, Traum, Tessler, Blaker, Neshat, Lexell, Bloom, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Liberman	Gomes, Leeds	Barrosse, Peng, Chocron, Weston, Dioum, Naoufal, Frankel

4. LA Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) – 2nd Representative(GB081921-10)-postponed
5. Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) Alternate(GB081921-11)-postponed
- Budget Advocates – 2nd Representative (GB081921-12)-postponed
6. Department of Animal Services (GB081921-13)-postponed
7. Appointment of up to 6 Board Members for 2021 Civic U(GB081921-14)-postponed

VIII. Committees

- g. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees(GB081921-15)-postponed
- h. Confirmation of Committee Chair Nominees
 1. Public Safety Committee (GB081921-16)-postponed
 - Terrence Gomes- Chair
 - Baila Room- Vice Chair
 2. Land Use Committee (GB081921-17)-postponed
 - Olga Lexell – Chair
 - Armeen Neshat – Vice Chair
 3. Homelessness Committee (GB081921-18)-postponed
 - Sophia French – Co Chair
 - Terrence Gomes – Co Chair
- i. Committee Reports
 1. Standing and Ad-hoc Committees: Education, Green Team, LandUse, Public Safety, Homelessness, Outreach, Transportation, Quality of Life, LGBTQ, Bylaws, Board Development, Robertson Revitalization, Business Advocacy and Economic Development, Parks and Recreation-postponed

IX. Consent Agenda

- j. Motion to approve Draft meeting minutes of June 17,2021 (GB081921-19)
- k. Motion to approve Draft meeting minutes of July 15,2021 (GB081921-20)
- l. Budget Adjustment Motion (GB081921-21)
- m. Motion to approve June 2021 MERS Report (GB081921-22)
- n. Motion to approve July 2021 MERS Report (GB081921-23)

Public Comment: Call-In User_3, Mitch

Motion Passed

ITEM 9. Motion to approve consent calendar Moved: Liberman Second: French		
Yes –15	Ineligible-4	Absent-07
Weinberger, French, Dorfman, B. Levine, Gomes, Traum, Tessler, Blaker, Neshat, Lexell, Bloom, Lynn, Monk, Leeds,	Notowitz, Yap, L. Levine, Liberman	Barrosse, Peng, Chocron, Weston, Dioum, Naoufal, Frankel

X. Unfinished Business

- o. Motion to Request Dismissal of LA City Attorney Criminal Case Against Owner of 8755 West Olympic Boulevard (Public Safety / (GB081921-24) -*Motion Withdrawn, case dismissed.*
- p. Motion to Request City Council Members to Communicate Stakeholder Outrage and Concern to LA District Attorney George Gascón Over Policies (Public Safety / (GB081921-25)- postponed

XI. New Business

- q. WRAC Motion on UCLA Station for Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project(GB081921-26) - postponed
- r. Request to CD 5 for Street Medallion Funding (GB081921-27) -postponed
- s. LANCC Code of Conduct Policy Motion (GB081921-28) -postponed
- t. Purchasing Software Licenses JotForms Motion (GB081921-29) -postponed
- u. Motion to send recommendations regarding the Cornerstone on Demand training system to DONE (GB081921-30) -postpone
- v. Motion to Submit a Letter to LADOT, CD 5, and CD 10 Advising Supportfor LA Metro's PLE Phase 1 First/Last Mile Plan, with Additional Improvements (GB081921-31) -postponed

XII. Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 10:00PM due to lack of quorum

Monthly Expenditure Report

GB092321-09



Reporting Month: August 2021

Budget Fiscal Year: 2021-2022

NC Name: South Robertson
Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$32000.00	\$0.00	\$32000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32000.00

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$24700.00	\$0.00	\$24700.00	\$0.00	\$24700.00
Outreach		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$3500.00	\$0.00	\$3500.00	\$0.00	\$3500.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$13800.00	\$0.00	\$13800.00	\$0.00	\$13800.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$0.00	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
	Subtotal:					\$0.00

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
	Subtotal: Outstanding					\$0.00



Motion to Support WRAC Motion on UCLA Station for Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project

Agenda Item: GB092321-14
Date: August 19, 2021
Proposed By: WRAC
Include motion in Consent Agenda? YES

Background

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) strongly echoes the sentiments expressed by numerous elected officials, neighborhood organizations, community groups, business associations, and many local citizens who urge that Metro must include a Station located directly on the UCLA campus as part of this pivotal transportation corridor project — specifically a one-seat ride from the San Fernando Valley directly to UCLA, hewing to Metro’s original proposal which suggested a 16-minute travel time for that segment, the fastest connection between the Valley and Westside and one that directly links people to where they want to go. This would be one of the most heavily trafficked Metro stops in the State and would be the busiest non-transfer station in Metro’s system.

The Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project is part of the Measure M expenditure plan, with approximately \$5.7 billion for new transit service to connect the San Fernando Valley and the Westside, scheduled to open by 2033-35. Approximately \$3.8 billion is allocated to extend that service from the Westside to LAX with a 2057-59 opening date.

Metro is making strides to improve travel between the San Fernando Valley, the Westside and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The natural barrier created by the Santa Monica Mountains means that most people traveling between these areas are funneled primarily onto the I-405 Freeway, already ranked as one of the most heavily congested urban highways in the nation. More than 400,000 people travel through this area every day to commute to work, school, and other destinations along the freeway and beyond.

Having a Metro Station located directly on the UCLA campus would also help transport the tens of thousands of individuals who travel to UCLA on a daily - basis, including: UCLA students, staff, faculty, medical personnel, patients, and campus visitors.

Not having a Metro Station on the UCLA Campus would be a sorely missed opportunity, and have significant negative impacts on the West L.A. region and regional traffic congestion for decades to come. An on-campus UCLA Station also presents the opportunity to connect the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project to the Metro Purple Line Subway Station Extension, which will have a Westwood/UCLA Station located at Wilshire & Westwood Boulevards. Additionally, without a one-seat ride to the Valley, ridership would be significantly hindered, thereby negatively impacting Metro’s farebox recovery needs.

Martin Epstein
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Treasurer

Vacant
Secretary

Charlie Stein
Corresponding Secretary

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To provide this essential connectivity between transit lines in the San Fernando Valley and the City, to provide the critical “first mile, last mile” link between the Wilshire Purple Line Subway and the UCLA campus, and to build a robust transportation system that will serve transit riders for many decades to come, we also urge the Metro Board to ensure that the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project also connect directly from the on-campus UCLA Station to the Westwood/UCLA Purple Line Subway Station at Wilshire Boulevard, to connect these two major north-south and east-west transit corridors.

By 2042, Metro is projecting 122,000 to 137,000 people will take the Valley-to-Westside line daily on weekdays (again, that estimate fluctuates based on the option the agency's directors end up choosing). The highest ridership is projected for the third subway option, which would run on an elevated track through the Valley before going underground through the Sepulveda Pass. That option is also projected to attract the most new transit trips and low-income riders of the four alternatives.

A planned station on UCLA's campus is expected to serve up to 18,000 riders per day, Carter told reporters Tuesday, which would make it "the busiest non-transfer station in the entire Metro system." <https://laist.com/news/la-metro-sepulveda-corridor-project-updates> WRAC Motion- <https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/support-for-station-at-the-ucla-campus-for-metros-sepulveda-pass-corridor-project/>

Proposed Motion

I. For the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to support the WRAC motion for a Transit Station to be Located Directly on the UCLA Campus as Part of Metro’s Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For:

Against:

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

\$ n/a

Arguments for:

Arguments against:



Motion to send letter to DONE with recommendations regarding the Cornerstone On Demand trainings system

Agenda Item: GB092321-15
Date: September 23, 2021
Proposed By: Executive Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes

Background

Shortly after DONE implemented the Cornerstone On Demand training system for Neighborhood Council members, the SORO NC Vice President used the system. Afterward he wrote to Jasmine Elbarbary of DONE with several recommendations for improvements to the DONE implementation of the Cornerstone On Demand system.

The recommendation were for:

- Email notifications to members whose trainings were near expiration, along with a single sign on (SSO) link for accessing the system.
- Automatically updating Neighborhood Council profiles with current training status information.
- Allow users to use the skip forward button while reviewing training, but only as far as the furthest location already viewed.

Ms. Elbarbary forwarded the recommendations to the system administrator, who responded (on January 22, 2020) as follows:

"1. We do have something in place to remind the board members about their trainings that are about to expire. I am not sure if it is a continuous notification, but we will take a look.

"2. We are working on creating that connection between CornerStone and our CMS which is connected to our website. Might need to connect with your friend to see if there is a simple solution, since we are having some issues.

"3. Not sure how we can do this, but we will take a look for future trainings."

Since that time, at the most recent General Board meeting, several current members of the board were denied voting privileges due to expired trainings. This situation may well have been avoided if the recommendations had been followed, or if the system administrator's response to the first recommendation had been correct.

This motion will serve the purpose of encouraging DONE to take a close look at how the Cornerstone On Demand system is implemented, and to make it an improved tool for the benefit of all Neighborhood Councils and members.

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Proposed Motion

The NC shall send an email containing an attached letter to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment reiterating the recommendations that were made by the SORO NC Vice President, admonishing the department for not implementing the first recommendation, and encouraging the department to elicit further recommendations from all Neighborhood Councils. Copies of the letter shall also be sent to LANCC, the regional alliances, and the members of Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 4 Against: 0

Arguments for:

Implementing the recommendations will help avoid future instances of members missing their training deadlines.

Implementing the recommendations, and encouraging additional recommendations from other NCs will help assure that public funds being spent on the Cornerstone On Demand system are well spent.

Arguments against:

Regardless of the recommendations, it is not the place of NC's to make recommendations to DONE.

DRAFT

To Raquel Beltrán, DONE.

Dear Ms. Beltrán,

Shortly after the implementation of the Cornerstone on Demand system for board trainings, our Vice President wrote to our Field Rep with three recommendations regarding the implementation. The recommendations were for:

- Email notifications to members whose trainings were near expiration, along with a single sign on (SSO) link for accessing the system.
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In the intervening year and a half it has become clear that the recommended features are not active, including the first, and the result has been several board members failing to keep their trainings up to date.

We urge the department to rectify this as soon as possible, and to finally make the Cornerstone On Demand system a tool for keeping all Neighborhood Council members well informed and well trained.

We also hope that other users of the system will share their recommendations for improving the system



Motion to send letter to CD5 to request speed surveys from LADOT and accident reports from LAPD for Airdrome Street between La Cienega Blvd. and Robertson Blvd, and Cattaraugus Ave

Agenda Item: GB092321-17
Date: September 23, 2021
Proposed By: Public Safety Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? YES

Background

Airdrome Street between Robertson and La Cienega.

Airdrome Street is a narrow, two-lane street in a completely residential neighborhood with only enough space for parking on the North side of the street. Airdrome Street from Robertson to La Cienega is a little over a half mile in length, 2850 feet, and only 22 feet wide. It is used by the Los Angeles Fire Department to traverse east and west between Robertson and La Cienega.

Every intersection between Robertson and La Cienega has a four way stop sign except for the corner of Garth which only has a North/ South stop sign. There is significant North South traffic that crosses Airdrome Street at most of these intersections.

Due to the invention of apps such as WAZE, Airdrome Street has become a major East/West artery especially during the morning and afternoon rush hours.

Most vehicles do not bother to stop at the stop signs as they attempt to rush across Airdrome Street thereby making it difficult for residents parked on Airdrome to exit their parking spot as well as endangering pedestrians and cross traffic.

The current posted speed limit on Airdrome Street is 35 mph. It's nearly impossible to reach 35 mph from one stop sign on the corner to the stop sign on the next corner without slamming on one's brakes to stop. As most cars blow past the stop sign and do not stop it makes for a hazardous condition for both pedestrians, bicyclists and other vehicles. The average distance from one stop sign to the next one is about 233 feet. At 35 mph it takes a car 136 feet to make a complete stop.

The speed limit on Olympic Blvd. is 35 mph. It is inconceivable for a tiny street such as Airdrome Street to be the same speed limit and be safe.

Cattaraugus Avenue between Robertson Blvd. and Beverwill Drive

This stretch of Cattaraugus Avenue has two lanes of traffic with parking on both sides.

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Over 1000 feet of the south side of Cattaraugus is bordered by Hamilton High School. There are 8 striped pedestrian crosswalks, only 2 of which have a traffic light. One traffic light is at Robertson Blvd. and the other one is at Castle Heights Ave. With 8 striped pedestrian cross walks across a little over a half a mile (2880 feet), it is obvious this is well used by pedestrians, especially from the residential neighborhood for students and families going to and from Hamilton High School. In addition, there are many homes that have driveways that need to enter and exit onto Cattaraugus with cars speeding past.

Due to heavy traffic conditions of cars accessing the 10 FWY from Robertson Blvd., and the advent of WAZE technology, vehicles wishing to travel westbound are using this section of Cattaraugus as a cut through to bypass the congestion at Robertson and National Blvd. as well as evening rush hour traffic uses Cattaraugus as a cut through from Century City to the 10 Fwy at Robertson Blvd. The current speed limit is posted at 35mph. This is a dangerous stretch of road that needs to be studied in order to implement either stop signs or a reduced speed limit.

Proposed Motion

Motion to send letter to CD5 to request speed surveys from LADOT and accident reports from LAPD for Airdrome Street between La Cienega Blvd. and Robertson Blvd, and Cattaraugus Ave. between Beverlywill Drive and Robertson Blvd, for the use of the SORO NC Public Safety Committee

Considerations

Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Yes
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	NA
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Arguments for:

It's important to be able to have a traffic study and accident reports in order to evaluate the need for any changes to these stretches of roads.

Arguments against:

None

Dear Councilman Koretz,

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council Public Safety Committee is requesting speed surveys from LADOT and accident reports from LAPD for Airdrome Street between La Cienega Blvd. and Robertson Blvd, and Cattaraugus Ave. between Beverlywill Drive and Robertson Blvd, for the use of the SORO NC Public Safety Committee to evaluate the safety of these sections of streets.

Airdrome Street between Robertson Blvd. and La Cienega Blvd.

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It's important to be able to have a traffic study and accident reports in order for the SORO Public Safety Committee to evaluate the need for any changes to these stretches of roads.

Sincerely,

Terrance Gomes, Public Safety Chair
Baila Romm, Public Safety Co-Chair



Motion to recommend to the SORONC Board a marketing plan for the development of the Neighborhood Team Program for the SORO area

Agenda Item: GB092321-18
Date: September 23, 2021
Proposed By: Public Safety Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? YES

Background

The SORONC Board approved a plan to support a Neighborhood Team Program for the SORO area. The Public Safety Committee has worked with the LAFD and EMD to follow a system created by CERT to help and prepare the SORO community in case of a disaster. The Public Safety Committee has developed a plan to outreach to the SORO community to create interest in the NTP.

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Multi-purpose email

- An E-Mail will be produced which will contain a great deal of helpful information in the event of a Disaster, including links to download the LAFD's free Emergency Preparedness Guide.
- The E-Mail will also outline the **Neighborhood Team Program** and will give recipients the ability to indicate an interest in learning more.
- The E-Mail will be sent out to the Council's mailing list, which is reasonably representative of the greater population of the South Robertson Neighborhood.
- Based on the level of response / interest to the E-Mail, the Board will be able to effectively determine how to prioritize the NTP and any further marketing efforts to the neighborhood concerning it.

Social Media

- The same information as in the email will be distributed through the SORONC social media outlets.

Costs

- The Discovery Mailing has no cost to implement.
- The content of the mailing will be generated by the LAFD CERT NTP Area Leader.
- The mailing will go out via the Council's existing MailChimp Account.
- Responses from interested recipients will be tabulated electronically.
- The response results will be forwarded to the Public Safety Committee for further evaluation.

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Proposed Motion

For the SORONC to approve a marketing plan for the SORONC Public Safety Committee to generate responses from the SORO Community for interest in the SORONC Public Safety Committee NTP.

Considerations

Committee review: Yes
(highly recommended)

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

Arguments for:

Arguments against:

Will help prepare the stakeholders of the SORO Community for a disaster.



Motion to support Bridge Housing 8755 W. Olympic

Agenda Item: GB092321-19
Date: September 23, 2021
Proposed By: Homelessness Committee
Include motion in YES
Consent Agenda?

Background

Homelessness in Los Angeles is at a crisis and housing for the homeless with supported services is vital to get the homeless off the street. A property has come available at 8755 W. Olympic Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90035 that the owner would like to support the homeless by allowing the owner's property to be used as Bridge Housing. The SORONC Homelessness Committee is requesting that the SORONC Board approve a letter requesting CD 5 to submit the property for consideration for Bridge Housing.

8755 W. Olympic Blvd. is a former Assisted Living facility with approximately 75 Bedrooms and 81 bathrooms. It is located within CD5. It is an excellent location and facility that can easily be converted into a Bridge Housing Project or another type of Assisted Living facility for the Homeless who need a supportive path to a temporary home and access services which will enable them to get off of the streets and into permanent housing.

The city of Los Angeles is in a homeless crisis with thousands of individuals and families living rough in the streets, encampments and vehicles.

This is an opportunity for CD5 to fulfill their obligation to aid the homeless crisis.

Proposed Motion

For the SORONC to approve a letter of support to CD 5 to submit the property at 8755 W. Olympic Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90035 for consideration for Bridge Housing.

Considerations

Committee review: Yes
(highly recommended)

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

Arguments for:

Persons experiencing homelessness is a crisis in CD5 and all of Los Angeles. The property owners are ready, willing and able to lease their property for this

Arguments against:

Neighbors may be concerned about a facility that houses and supports the homeless

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purpose. This property is already designed as an Assisted Living Facility and will be less costly to convert to a Bridge Housing facility.

Dear Councilman Koretz,

We, the South Roberson Neighborhoods Council, recognize the need for supportive housing for the homeless in CD5. Everyone can agree that the Homeless Crisis is a humanitarian crisis that must be addressed immediately.

8755 W. Olympic Blvd. is a former Assisted Living facility with approximately 75 Bedrooms and 81 bathrooms. As you know, it is located within CD5. It is an excellent location and this facility can easily be converted into a Bridge Housing Project or another type of Assisted Living facility for the Homeless who need a supportive path to a temporary home and access services which will enable them to get off of the streets and into permanent housing.

This large facility is an excellent property to be utilized for this purpose.

The city of Los Angeles is in a homeless crisis with thousands of individuals and families living rough in the streets, encampments and vehicles.

This is an opportunity for CD5 to fulfill their obligation to aid the homeless crisis.

The property owners are ready, willing and able to lease their property for this purpose. This property is already designed as an Assisted Living Facility and will be less costly to convert to a Bridge Housing facility.

Sincerely,



Motion to oppose BONC/DONE Code of Conduct changes

Agenda Item: GB092321-21
Date: September 23, 2021
Proposed By: Executive Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? YES

Background

BONC/DONE is making changes to the current Code of Conduct. Many of the changes will remove due process and Boardmembers rights. This motion was created by LANCC's working group that was tasked with creating solutions to improve the policies and operations of DONE.

Proposed Motion

Whereas, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners has before its consideration of amendments to the Code of Conduct Policy, that are extreme, anti-democratic, and un-American, and

Whereas, these amendments include the following:

“If a Board Member or Committee Member is *alleged* to have violated either the City’s Workplace Equity Policy or the Commission’s Code of Conduct, the Department, with written approval from the General Manager, may immediately suspend the Board Member or Committee Member for a period of up to 90 days.”

and

Whereas, punitive action should never be based on an allegation and occur only following due process involving investigation and a hearing and provide the accused the right to a presumption of innocence and opportunity to mount a defense, and

Whereas, the following clause grants authority to arbitrarily impose suspensions at the sole discretion of an individual who is not accountable to anyone.

“The Department shall be the *sole decision-maker* with respect to a suspension. The Board Member or Committee Member *may not appeal* the suspension decision.”

and

Whereas, this clause fails to provide adequate protections for the rights of individuals accused of misconduct and states that any board or committee member may be suspended *solely* on an allegation, and

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Whereas, this is a direct disenfranchisement of the voters who elected the board member and removing a board member without due process gives DONE the unilateral ability to overturn an election;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council expresses grave concern regarding proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct Policy submitted by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

Be it further resolved that:

1. BONC is strongly advised to immediately withdraw consideration of the proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct;
2. In connection with future revisions of Neighborhood Council paperwork, DONE shall request the Neighborhood Councils appoint a group of representatives to consult with BONC, DONE and the City Attorney on an ad hoc basis;
3. An aggregate majority of those meeting shall at all times be Neighborhood Council board members;
4. The initial focus of this group shall be to develop and incorporate rules under the City's recently adopted Workplace Violence Policy into the existing Code of Conduct, including appropriate enforcement actions;
5. Discussion about incorporating the proposed Workplace Equity Policy shall be deferred until such a policy is formally adopted by the City, if at all; and
6. Any amendments to the Code of Conduct must take into account varying degrees of conduct when considering suspension and appropriate penalties, if warranted.
7. At all times, policy should require that the minimum correction necessary to address any issue be used;
8. No person shall be suspended or otherwise penalized for that which is protected political speech.
9. No board member or Neighborhood Council affiliate shall be required to waive rights granted under the Constitution of the United States and the State of California, including but not limited to freedom of speech and assembly, probable cause and due process.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

NA

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

NA

Arguments for:

Arguments against:



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Motion to Submit a Letter to LADOT, CD 5, and CD 10 Advising Support for LA Metro's PLE Phase 1 First/Last Mile Plan, with Additional Improvements

Agenda Item: GB092321-22
Date: September 23, 2021
Proposed By: Transportation Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda?

Background

The LA Metro Purple Line Extension (PLE) Phase I is nearing construction completion, and a first/last mile plan to encourage safer commutes for cyclists and pedestrians to the station are being drafted and implemented. The future La Cienega Station has a walkshed within SORO boundaries, and is projected to be a major walk, biking, and rolling destination or origin for many SORO commuters and residents. The PLE Phase I First/Last Mile plan could potentially lead to an outsized impact on SORO residents, and on local street safety.

The full Purple Line plan can be found at:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/aw1dj9ld7ypatkk/PLE_1_FLM_Plan_072621_DRAFT.pdf?dl=0

The plan is for the whole first phase of the PLE (La Cienega, Fairfax, and La Brea stations), but only the La Cienega Station has any part of it within SORO boundaries.

Proposed Motion

- I. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) shall submit a letter to LADOT, Councilmember Paul Koretz, and Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas advising support for LA Metro's PLE Phase 1 First/Last Mile Plan, with additional improvement recommendations.

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Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 4

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:
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\$ N/A



Arguments for:

The Plan will make local streets safer for residents, cyclists, and pedestrians

The Plan as written does not result in lane takeaways within SORO
Money for implementation is already allocated through Measure M and existing local funds

The City of Beverly Hills is implementing a similar plan within their jurisdiction for the same station

Arguments against:

Existing infrastructure may be sufficient enough for future riders

We the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO) support the First/Last Mile Plan for the LA Metro's Purple Line Extension Phase I, and encourage the City of Los Angeles to work toward its implementation. We believe that this plan will encourage greater mobility around the future stations and will directly benefit our residents, particularly near the future La Cienega Station with a walkshed partially within SORO boundaries. In order to make our public transportation a world class system enticing to cyclists and pedestrians everywhere, we advise consideration of the following additional improvements near the La Cienega Station:

- Upgrading planned sharrow lanes to marked bicycle boulevards;
- Additional bicycle amenities and upgraded intersections around Olympic Blvd and LaCienega Blvd to entice future TOC project residents;
- Utilizing residential neighborhoods as alternatives to major thoroughfares whenever possible;
- Additional north/south and east/west bicycle paths; and
- Decreased headways on route 614 along Robertson Blvd, which connects the Purple and Expo Line.

We believe these additional improvements will improve upon the First/Last Mile Plan, and will provide cyclists and pedestrians accessing the La Cienega station with a safer commute through SORO.

Sincerely,



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

Agenda Item: GB092321-23
Date: September 23, 2021
Proposed By: Public Safety Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? NO

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 21.2%, shooting victims up 29.2%, aggravated assaults up 10.1%, and motor vehicle thefts up 6.3%.

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 September 18th, twenty nine 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.

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 21.2%, shooting victims up 29.2%, aggravated assaults up 10.1%, and motor vehicle thefts up 6.3%.

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 7th) - and may very well skip his trial with extraordinarily little repercussions under DA Gascón. This has never happened under any previous DA.

As of September 18th, twenty-nine 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,



Motion to submit letter in support of NASE appeal against West Pico drill site at 9151 W Pico Blvd (Case No. ENV-2020-1328-CE-1A)

Agenda Item: GB 092321-24
Date: September 23 2021
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes

Background

The Neighbors for A Safe Environment (NASE) is a California nonprofit corporation seeking to protect neighborhoods from the impacts of oil drilling and production. They are filing an appeal of the improper reliance on a categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in the Zoning Administrator (ZA) review of the West Pico Controlled Drill Site, Case No ZA-1989-17683-PA2, ENV-2020-1328-CE, and Area Planning Commission (APC) appeal Case No ZA-1989-17683-PA2-1A.

For several years, SORO NC has submitted letters urging the city to review safety requirements at the West Pico drill site (9151 W Pico Blvd). This drill site is operating in violation of the conditions under which the project was approved, the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the 2001 Settlement Agreement which requires periodic reviews and corrective actions for environmental and operational defects, such as significant leaks reported by area residents. In the most recent round of reviews, the Zoning Administrator (ZA) and Area Planning Commission (APC) did not address most of these problems, including what the ZA determination called “numerous projects on the drill site which were not authorized as part of [the 2000 ZA approval] or the municipal code” and serious repeated health and safety violations. Instead, the ZA short-circuited the review process, in large part by pre-determining that the case would be processed with a Categorical Exemption, and then excluding from consideration anything that could not fit under a Categorical Exemption – including even 24 illegal major oil well projects executed without ZA reviews and approvals and CEQA clearance required by City Code and State law (2 new wells, 12 re-drilled wells, 10 converted wells, all requiring review as discretionary actions by LAMC 13.01.H and 13.01.I).

Proposed Motion

For the SORO NC to submit a letter to city council in support of the attached appeal statement from NASE to the city and notify South Robertson residents via the NC newsletter of ongoing issues surrounding the drill site.

Considerations

Committee review:

Arguments for: Votes For: 4 **Arguments against:** Against: 0

SORO residents have complained for years of negative health impacts from the drill site in question.

Los Angeles plans to phase out neighborhood drilling regardless in the next few years.



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Sent Via Email to: clerk.cps@lacity.org

Sent Via City Council Public Comment Portal: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/publiccomment/>

Re: ENV-2020-1328-CE-1A;
Appeal of Categorical Exemption for West Pico Drill Site, 9101 & 9151 W. Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA, 90035

Esteemed Councilmembers,

In regard to Case No. ENV-2020-1328-CE-1A, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORONC) fully supports the appeal filed by Neighbors for A Safe Environment (NASE), a California nonprofit environmental organization formed by our neighbors in 2000 due to concerns about the West Pico Drill Site, located in our Neighborhood Council's territory.

We have attached a copy of the appeal statement from NASE's attorney Amy Minter of Chatten-Brown, Carstens & Minter LLP, and the letter's attachments and addenda, which delineate the basis for the appeal.

At our Governing Board meeting held on September 23, 2021, the SORONC voted XX yes, YY no, and ZZ abstained to endorse and fully support NASE's appeal of this wholly improper Categorical Exemption from environmental review applied to the recent ZA review of the West Pico Drill Site (underlying cases ZA-1989-17683-PA2 and ZA-1989-17683-PA2-1A).

SORONC stakeholders of all ages live, work, eat, play, learn, socialize and invest in close proximity to the West Pico Drill Site.

Our position is not new. We have documented it in multiple submissions to the ZA in 2020 and to the Area Planning Commission in 2021. We are repeating it now in reaction to the full travesty of the Categorical Exemption from CEQA, in the hope that the City Council – which is a named party to the 2001 Settlement Agreement (CF 00-1842) – will stand up to insist on the proper fulfillment of CEQA's procedural and substantive requirements.



Motion to fund up to \$200 to purchase software license for Adobe Acrobat

Agenda Item: GB092321-25
Date: September 23, 2021
Proposed By: Exec Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? NO

Background

The SORO NC often has the need to convert, combine and edit files that are in a Portable Document Format (PDF), in order to create PDF documents for posting, public viewing, redacting, CPRA Requests, etc...)

The most common PDF software used for this purpose is Adobe Acrobat. Although other software is capable of performing individual functions (such as Microsoft Word "saving as PDF"), Acrobat provides versatile and easy to understand functionality.

The Adobe Acrobat software is cloud based but can also be downloaded to computer or cell phone, with a monthly subscription price of \$14.99 for an annual license.

Proposed Motion

- I. For the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to purchase a 1-year license from Adobe for Acrobat Software for up to \$200.

Considerations

Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 4	Against: 0
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Arguments for: Adobe Acrobat is widely used, stable, and secure.

Arguments against: There are free versions of PDF software available

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