

# GB102121-01

## Board of Directors Candidate Application

Candidate Name Baila Romm

Based on my stakeholder status within the SORO NC boundaries, I would like to apply for the following Board seat:

Organization Representative (Including members of non-profits, faith-based organizations, service organizations, etc.)

For all other seats: please describe your affiliation to the neighborhood, including the business, school or organization name and address.

Pico Biz Watch- Ad hoc Committee  
ORGANIZER  
Business Watch for W. Pico Blvd corridor from Beverly Blvd. to La Cienega Business Watch Group.  
Wellsprings of Miriam Foundation, Inc.  
CEO  
Is a 501(c)3 that encourages and supports women and girls to reach and achieve their best and fullest potential.

Optional, but encouraged: please provide a short public statement about why you think you'd be a strong addition to the Board.

I have been a stakeholder/property owner in SORO NC since 2004.

As a SORO NC Board Member I will be able to support all things SORO with my vote. I commit to do my very best to represent the stakeholders of this community.

I recently became co-chair of the Public Safety Committee. I have been an active community member on the Public Safety Committee for a number of years.

I am the CEO and Founder of Wellsprings of Miriam Foundation,

a 501 (c)3 that encourages and supports women and girls to reach and achieve their best and fullest potential.

I have been actively working on bringing the Pico Corridor Businesses together to join "Pico Biz Watch", a Business Watch Group that I started in June 2020 with 2 other SORO stakeholders.

Here are a few of my community volunteer activities since I moved here in 2004:

Neighborhood Team Program - Team Leader  
ROBERTSON ACTIVITIES LEAGUE Anti-gang Program -Volunteer Mentor  
The Crestview Neighborhood Assoc. – VP, Neighborhood Watch, Block Captain  
Neighborhood Watch Programs throughout SORO NC boundaries - Organizer  
OBKLA – Volunteer  
TOMCHEI SHABBOS – Volunteer  
RUN/HIDE/FIGHT – Organized seminars in SORO  
PEACE MARCH La Cienega Heights – 2008  
SUSAN BURSK AWARD NOMINEE - 2009  
CERT - Trained Level II  
CPAB - Former  
RYLAN

I believe I will be a strong asset to this board.

# GB102121-06

## SORO NC Committee Memberships as of 10/21/21

<b>Green Team</b>	<b>Barry Levine</b>
<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Olga Lexell, Barry Levine, Ken Blaker, Steve Chocron, Richard Bloom, Gloria Dioum, Armeen Neshat, (Chad Monk, Emilia Barrosse- need to rejoin as Board Members)</b>
<b>Business Advocacy and Economic Development Committee</b>	<b>Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Jon Liberman, Ethan Frankel</b>
<b>LGBTQ</b>	<b>Barry Levine,</b>
<b>Outreach Committee</b>	<b>Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Sophia French, David Notowitz</b>
<b>Parks and Recreation Committee</b>	<b>Barry Levine, Jon Liberman, Laurie Levine</b>
<b>Public Safety Committee</b>	<b>Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Richard Bloom, Robby Naoufal, Chad Monk, Jonathan Tessler, Sophia French, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman, Laurie Levine</b>
<b>Quality of Life Committee</b>	<b>Barry Levine, Shevy Dorfman Lieder, Olga Lexell (needs to rejoin as Board Member), Dina Leeds, Armeen Neshat, Sophia French, Shirley Traum</b>
<b>Robertson Revitalization</b>	<b>Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman, David Notowitz, Joel Weinberger, Ethan Frankel</b>
<b>Transportation Committee</b>	<b>Barry Levine, Olga Lexell, Jonathan Tessler, Armeen Neshat, Sophia French, Joel Weinberger</b>
<b>Bylaws Committee</b>	<b>Ken Blaker, Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Jon Liberman</b>
<b>Board Development</b>	<b>Gloria Dioum,</b>
<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Gloria Dioum, Robby Naoufal , Jon Liberman</b>
<b>Elections Committee</b>	<b>Terrence Gomes, Gloria Dioum, Olga Lexell</b>
<b>Homelessness Committee</b>	<b>Sophia French, Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Richard Bloom, Gloria Dioum, Olga Lexell, Dina Leeds, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman, Laurie Levine, David Notowitz</b>
<b>Education Committee</b>	<b>Shirley Traum, Barry Levine</b>



## General Board Meeting Draft Minutes

**Thursday, September 23, 2021, 7:00pm**

*Meetings end at 10:00pm unless the Board votes to end earlier or extend the time.*

<b>Boardmember</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Funding Vote Eligible</b>	<b>Category</b>
Joel Weinberger	Present	YES	At-large 1 2025
Sophia French	Absent	YES	At-Large 2 2023
Emilia Barrosse	Absent	YES	At-Large 3 2025
David Notowitz	Present	YES	At-Large 4 2023
Jason Yap	Absent	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
Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Organization Rep 1 2023
Ken Blaker	Present	YES	Organization Rep 2 2025
Armeen Neshat	Present	YES	Organization Rep 3 2025
Olga Lexell	Absent	YES	Resident 1 Rep 2025
Richard Bloom	Absent (8:15PM)	YES	Resident 2 Rep 2025
Steve Chocron	Absent	YES	Resident 3 Rep 2023
Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Resident 4 Rep 2023
Laurie Levine	Present	YES	Resident 5 Rep 2025
Michael Lynn	Present	YES	Resident 6 Rep 2023
Chad Monk	Present	YES	Resident 7 Rep 2025
Gloria Dioum	Absent	YES	Resident 8 Rep 2023
Dina Leeds	Absent 7:13PM	YES	Resident 9 Rep 2025
Robby Naoufal	Present	YES	Resident 10 Rep 2023
Jon Liberman	Present	YES	School Rep 1 2025
Ethan Frankel	Present	YES	School Rep 2 2025
<b>TOTAL: 23</b>	<b>PRESENT 15, Absent 8</b>		

- Call to Order & Roll Call** Meeting was called to order at 7:04PM by President Lynn. President Lynn started the recording to record the meeting and Facebook Live for the meeting to be broadcasted. Since SORONC has not elected a secretary from the Board, minute duties and chores will be handled by the Treasurer Gomes. As other Boardmembers come in, we need to announce that they are in the room, especially for

those Boardmembers who are, or stakeholders who are attending by phone. They need to know that Boardmembers have entered the room and are attending the meeting.

ITEM 1. Roll call	
Present –15	Absent-08
Weinberger, Notowitz, Dorfman, B. Levine, Gomes, Traum, Tessler, Blaker, Neshat, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Naoufal, Liberman, Frankel	French, Barrosse, Yap, Lexell, Bloom, Chocron, Dioum, Leeds,

2. **Pledge of Allegiance-** The Pledge was led by President Lynn. As a point of order, before we continue with the item agenda, items 8g and 9a will not be discussed tonight as they are going to be postponed to a future meeting. Also, for minutes and vote tallying purposes, item 8d will be relabeled as GB092321-13.5

3. **General Public Comment**

a. Jeanne Shamji

**Leeds joined the meeting at 7:13PM.**

b. Alex Kandel  
c. Ian McMillian

4. **Brief Board Announcements**

- a. Resignation of Board Member Paula Peng. Prior to resigning from the Neighborhood Council, Boardmembers Paula Pang along with Jared Westin were suspended and subsequently removed from the Board by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment as a result of failing to complete their mandatory trainings.
- b. Open Board Seat- Organizational Representative 1 (Term Ending 2023) Therefore item 4b now has two open Board seats; the first one being organizational representative one and resident Zone 4 representative and both of those terms end in June of 2023.
- c. Possible Return to In-Person Meetings beginning October I can foresee or my announcement is based on the passage of recent legislation AB 361. The use of virtual meetings is possible until certain conditions, and at least one of these conditions is certainly satisfied, therefore, we are not required to return to in person meetings beginning October. Also, please note that, due to a resolution from the board of neighborhood Commissioners all neighborhood Council meetings will remain virtual only until December 31 2021.
- d. Other Brief Board Announcements. The meeting went off topic from announcements to B. Levine and J. Liberman asking questions.
  - 1. Jon Liberman. I have a question.
  - 2. Barry Levine-Thank you, I have a question, is there a chance that could be hybrid meeting so they could be both in person and online.
  - 3. Michael Lynn- Freddy I'm going to let you answer that question. Whether it's actually supposed to be were announced, and I think Freddie will cover that when he gets to his report so we'll move over to Jon.
  - 4. Jon Liberman- Okay, my question goes to the announcement of two open seats on the board. In that the agenda only published one. Are we allowed to take the applications for both of them are only allowed to take one for the one

that was announced in the agenda?

5. Michael Lynn-I know that actually the rule for the open board seats are that we need to post it on the website and they need to complete that within 10 days of the meeting or prior so, in other words the cutoff date for the applications for those seats will be 10 days before the next meeting, so that would be our next meeting which is October 19 if I am not mistaken, or actually October 21st so the 11th of October is the cut off, but we'll be posting those seats tomorrow. Okay, and Freddie do you have an answer for Barry?
6. Barry Levine- any chance there will be hybrid meetings, both call in and in person at the same time.
7. Freddy Cupen-Ames- Currently, there is a working group looking at the policies on seeing how hybrid meetings could move forward. As you know, September 13 was when the governor signed AB 361, which amended the Brown Act for teleconferencing meetings and this will be in effect until January 2024 for local emergencies which allows for localities and legislative bodies within the state of California to hold. Virtual meetings currently neighbor councils are going to be held to the bank policy until to have virtual meetings until the end of this year, any further information once I received from the city attorney's office and will be forwarded to on the upper Councils.

## 5. Community Reports

- a. LA Police Department (Ojeda)- Absent, no report.
- b. Office of Councilmember Ridley-Thomas (Guevara) Absent, no report.
- c. Office of Councilmember Koretz (Ingram) Absent, no report.
- d. Office of Mayor Garcetti Absent, no report.
- e. Office of State Assemblymember Bloom Absent, no report.
- f. Office of State Senator Kamlager- Josef.Siroky@sen.ca.gov- Good evening, everybody, I got reassigned to the Westside I used to be the Downtown LA representative, but we're short staff so I'll be your new SORONC REP for the time being. I was Culver City born and raised so I know my neighborhoods, but yeah, I'm just here saying hi. Maybe next month I'll bring more legislative updates, but you know our office there's a lot of casework I don't know what Jamie has explained to you about what you know we can offer but, again, the receipt agencies DMV, Caltrans Franchise Tax Board I know a lot of people been calling haven't received checks, but unfortunately it can be up to a whole month for a lot of people to get that direct deposit but again. All of our staff are on our website so you could just go to my boss's website, if you want to contact us individually or you can use our contact form but glad to be here. Again, unfortunately don't really have many updates provide but you know I'm here to lend my ear and then you know help where I can but state agencies that's what we're able to help out with, so thank you everybody.
- g. Office of County Supervisor Mitchell (Sargsyan)- Good evening everyone Thank you so much for the special invitation for me to attend tonight's meeting. If you don't mind, I might take a little more than two minutes because I do have quite a few updates that I wanted to share with you tonight. So, I'll just jump right into it the first one is the county. is looking for input from our community members in measure H strategies, so the Board of Supervisors has actually called for a reassessment of the homeless initiative strategies and throughout the next month of the counties of homeless initiative will be hosting a number of Community input meetings. The one

for SPA 5 will take place on Thursday, October 21 in the morning at 9:00AM if you're interested in participating. I'm sure you can find the invitation on the county's homeless initiative website or you're welcome to email me directly, and I can share with you the invitation. My email address if you don't have it is ASargsyan@Boslacounty.gov. Secondly, I wanted to announce that last week the Board of Supervisors passed a landmark motion to phase out oil drilling and protect our communities and frontline workers. As you all may be aware, LA County has a large number of both active and idle oil wells in unincorporated LA County alone there's 1600 active and idle oil wells, and our communities live in very close proximity and sometimes our neighbors don't even realize how close they live to those oil wells, and so, with this landmark motion, LA County will become the first in the nation to ban existing oil drilling and transition fossil fuel workers to careers and clean energy and other climate friendly industries, and that was a motion by Supervisor Mitchell and co-authored by Supervisors Kuehl and Hahn. Thirdly, the eviction moratorium in the county is ending on September 30 However, the Board will consider an extension to the moratorium next Tuesday during the board meeting on September 28 there will be four different areas of protections of that the Board will be discussing. The landlord and tenant back rent applications to get back rent from assistance those applications must be, however, submitted by September 30 because, due to State law were unable to extend that and then, in terms of our small businesses, our office is hosting a commercial leasing webinar on Wednesday October 6th at 5:30PM on Zoom and it is an opportunity for small business owners with commercial leases to gain assistance on how to renegotiate their lease and know their rights as tenants. Again, if you have any interest in participating feel free to send me an email directly and I can share with you all this information. If I have more time, there is another exciting opportunity wanted to announce for our youth. Those between the ages of 16 and 24 who are interested in becoming life guards. The career actually that LA County lacks a lot of lifeguards this year, we had a crisis of not having enough and so starting September 27, county parks will be holding a free training program for those interested between those ages 16 and 24 to become a lifeguard. Not only is the program including training, but swimsuit swim caps and every other equipment will be provided free of charge. The locations are three different areas in our district, and to register, you may visit [parks.lacounty.gov/lifeguard-ready-training](https://parks.lacounty.gov/lifeguard-ready-training) again happy to share the flier with you via email or you may also visit [mitchell.lacounty.gov](https://mitchell.lacounty.gov) to be, I believe all this information is also available on our website. And then, lastly, for our veteran community our veterans and their families, there is a an event that will be hosted on October 22 in Compton specifically, this is our second supervisor district event hosted by veteran pure access network la veterans collaborative and village for events and the event is dedicated to the well-being of our veterans and their families housing for health will be providing COVID 19 vaccines and booster shot, there will be free food and grocery gift card giveaways a lot of other organizations and veteran centered organizations and resources will be provided, if you have any questions want to get more information, please email me and I will be happy to share with you the flyer I know I'm over time I'm so sorry.

- h. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames)- Perfect I'm going to keep it short and sweet because I'll email the rest to you. For the code of conduct. As you know, there's a draft that was sent by our general manager on July of this

year to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. Currently, that draft is has four different session dates, two of them already passed and two others upcoming. For feedback from the public and Boardmembers on these proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct policy Tuesday October 19 from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Saturday November 6 from one to 3pm I will email you the link to look at to sign up for that session so sessions and provide the necessary feedback. Also, this coming Saturday, is the Congress of neighborhoods it will be from 8am to 3:45pm with an extraordinary number of webinars or meetings that will provide online education and networking. Through this year's theme, leading to change together so I'd highly recommend you go to neighborhoodcongress.la to sign up and register for this Saturday's congress of neighborhoods. For those Boardmember's Cornerstone having technical challenges and the need to more accurately track training records in the future to department needs to update your cornerstone credentials your username and password. You will soon receive a new username and a temporary password when you receive this notification, please update your temporary password to a secure password of your choosing once you receive your new username your current username will no longer work. This update will not affect your transcripts and you won't have to retake training you already completed. We will send you subsequent reminders and updates to ensure the smoothest transition possible and apologize for the inconvenience. Now the CORE Institute training modules. Module one already occurred in June and July, we have now modules two and modules three. In modules, module two is planned for Thursday October 28 at 6:30pm and will cover NC By-laws hosting virtual public meetings public comment and managing meeting disruptions. This will be recorded, so that if you cannot make it that Thursday at night, you can rewatch it or ask your any like myself to send you a link to the recording. Module three is slated for Tuesday November 30th at 6:30pm topics to be announced. By law amendments. Currently your By-laws are able to be amended and the deadline to submit your by-law amendment application will be April 1 of next year, and please note that we're going to be providing you with a by-laws template conversation piece after module two. Also, the mayor's Youth Council just to reiterate what's been already stated, the mayor's Youth Council application for 2021 22 program is now available they're currently looking for passionate high school students from each region interested in civic engagement to join the mayor's Youth Council class I'll email you the following information so that you can apply the deadline is tomorrow so tonight you'll see an email. Now the digital media policy is is has been in draft since September 29 of last year has been edited again a July of this year. It is currently being considered for the Board Neighborhood Commissioners and still taking feedback and comments from Boardmembers and members of the public with regards to digital media policy. Please don't hesitate to keep providing your feedback, as necessary, if you have not done so already and, last but not least, the LA City Council redistricting Commission. If you go to their website, LACCRC2021.org, you will see their upcoming meetings, but they currently have a draft map of the new boundaries for these districts, they have not put any numbers on that they've only put letters. I would highly recommend you go to our website to see that draft; they will be providing sessions in October two different sessions to provide comments on the first draft of their map and there have been some substantial changes to some of those districts, so I would recommend you visit and please input.

- i. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices
1. Office of ASM Bryan, Michelle Persoff, Field Representative. - Hello everybody it's good to be here, this is our first time attending the Council meeting, so thank you, I am a field REP that covers the Westwood area and UCLA to Century City Rancho Park West LA, Cheviot Hills and we have two other positions, their names are Herman and Sierra and they cover the more eastern region as we go as far as the Crenshaw and Inglewood areas my issue areas that I cover our housing environment sustainability transportation and LGBT Q plus. So, if you have those particular questions, I would be your Gal speak to, and I can direct you to Herman or Sierra with other questions but. If you are unfamiliar with Assemblymember Brian you might not know that he started his role in May, in a special election because the Senator left her position as Assemblymember. So, he is still fresh and we have been very focused on getting familiar with everybody who is a constituent, and we are building up our lead package for the following year so that means, let us know what you're concerned about, because we want to know. The Assemblymember's premier bill AB 1043 past, and I believe is still waiting for signature from the governor that is an affordable housing bill, he is very pleased to get a focus on that establishes the acutely low income level that's 15% and below and another a couple other highlight bills that we were very happy to co-author include SB 2 that's Bradford's decertification bill for bad actor police officers, we joined a bunch of other states 46 other states who did it first and we're glad to join the ranks and we are very interested in oil well closures, we had submitted a letter of support for Supervisor Mitchell's closures of the oil wells and they're just transition bell and the Member also spoke for that board meeting the other week and the Member also co-authored Senator's Stearns SB 406, which is a transparency bill on oil wells, and I know that you all are going to be bringing up the West, Pico Oil site potential so I'm very interested in learning about your takes on that and we definitely want to know what's going on there. I'm glad to be with you all and have a great rest of your meeting.
  2. UCLA, Marco Perez, Community and Local Government Relations- Our campus basically school started so campus we're very excited to welcome new students and all students, the whole Bruin family and, in fact today, was the first day of class and we had a big welcome for the students Westwood is also welcoming students, if you are a Bruin or happened to be in the Westwood area, please do visit. Patron some of the be a patron at some of the businesses check out the Hammer Museum, there will be a new restaurant opening up there we've decorated Westwood and blue and gold, so do come out and check us out. Over the weekend, we had a broom welcome and a block party for the students and I like I mentioned today was the first day of class on September 25 this coming Saturday, is the 13th annual UCLA volunteer day where dozens or hundreds of students will actually be out all over Los Angeles. Your neighborhood or in the general area, but essentially students participate in in volunteer projects, they include cleanups beautification projects, working with veterans, seniors, students and I can certainly provide you a link and for the UCLA volunteer day. I just very briefly in terms of getting our students safely back onto campus not just the students,

but the faculty and staff. There will be close to about 80% of courses will be offered in person, as well as most labs large lectures with primarily be conducted remotely with corresponding discussion sections, to be held, primarily in person. And we're also excited that new Residence halls opened on campus. And for any information related to Safety protocols, you can always visit our main website or there is a very specific website for COVID and I can share that at a later point, but if you want to also tune into any welcome activities for the students and for the Community there is a website called true bruin welcome, so come out and visit us.

**6. Board Officer and Liaisons Selections**

- a. Selection of Executive Committee Officers
  - 1. Secretary (GB092321-01) No volunteer, motion postponed.
- b. Selection of Board Liaisons
  - 1. Budget Advocates – 2nd Representative (GB092321-02) Postponed
  - 2. Department of Animal Services (GB092321-03) Postponed
  - 3. LADWP Representative (GB092321-04) Postponed.
  - 4. LA Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)- 2nd Representative (GB092321-05) Leeds self-nominated.

**Public Comment: no comment**

**Board Questions: Monk**

**Motion Passed-Leeds**

<b>ITEM 6 b4. Motion to appoint Leeds as LANCC Rep 2. Moved: Gomes Second: Liberman</b>			
<b>Yes –16</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Absent-07</b>
Weinberger, Notowitz, Dorfman, B. Levine, Gomes, Traum, Tessler, Blaker, Neshat, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Leeds, Naoufal, Liberman, Frankel	None	None	French, Barrosse, Yap, Lexell, Bloom, Chocron, Dioum,

- 5. Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)- 2nd Representative (GB092321-06) Liberman self-nominated.

**Public Comment: Jeanne Shamji**

**Board Questions: no comment**

**Motion Passed-Liberman**

<b>ITEM 6 b5. Motion to appoint Liberman as WRAC Rep 2. Moved: Gomes Second: Levine</b>			
<b>Yes –16</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Absent-07</b>
Weinberger, Notowitz, Dorfman, B. Levine, Gomes, Traum, Tessler, Blaker, Neshat, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Leeds, Naoufal, Liberman, Frankel	None	None	French, Barrosse, Yap, Lexell, Bloom, Chocron, Dioum,

**7. Committees**

- a. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees
  - 1. Blaker- Public Safety and Homelessness
  - 2. Liberman- Drop Land Use and Transportation. Join Business Advocacy, Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, Robertson Revitalization, By-laws, Finance, Homelessness.
  - 3. L. Levine- Public Safety, Homelessness, Parks and Recreation.
  - 4. Notowitz- Outreach, Homelessness, Robertson Revitalization.

5. Weinberger- Transportation, Robertson Revitalization.
  6. Frankel- Business Advocacy, Robertson Revitalization.
  7. Traum- Quality of Life, Education
  8. Neshat- Drop Homelessness
  9. Monk- Public Safety
- b. Committee Reports
1. Standing and Ad-hoc Committees: Education, Green Team, Land Use, Public Safety, Homelessness, Outreach, Transportation, Quality of Life, LGBTQ, Bylaws, Board Development, Robertson Revitalization, Business Advocacy and Economic Development, Parks and Recreation. No reports made.

**8. Consent Agenda**

- a. Motion to approve Draft meeting minutes of August 19, 2021
- b. Motion to approve August 2021 MERS Report
- c. Confirmation of Committee Chair Nominees
  1. Public Safety Committee
    - Terrence Gomes- Chair
    - Baila Room- Vice Chair
  2. Land Use Committee
    - Olga Lexell – Chair
    - Armeen Neshat – Vice Chair
  3. Homelessness Committee
    - Sophia French – Co Chair
    - Terrence Gomes – Co Chair
  4. Transportation Committee
    - Armeen Neshat – Chair
    - Olga Lexell – Vice Chair

**Mr. Bloom joined the meeting at 8:15PM.  
Mr. Frankel left the meeting at 8:16PM.**

**Public Comment: Marc Smith, Jill Maser, Shawn Tolina, Shirley Perl  
Board Questions: David Notowitz, Jon Liberman**

**Mr. Notowitz requested that items 8c2 and 8c4 be removed from the consent calendar.  
Mr. Lynn renumbered them 10c and 10d respectfully.**

**Mr. Liberman called a point of order on item 8b that it violated the standing rules. Mr. Lynn responded that since there were no expenditures for our MER report item 8b, he would like to move to suspend the standing rule from December 2014 on the consent agenda, specifically that financial items may not be placed on the consent calendar.**

**Motion Passed**

<b>ITEM 8 procedural. Motion to suspend standing rule for financials on consent calendar. Moved: Lynn Second: Liberman</b>			
<b>Yes –16</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	<b>Absent-07</b>
Weinberger, Notowitz, Dorfman, B. Levine, Gomes, Traum, Tessler, Blaker, Neshat, Bloom, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Leeds, Naoufal, Liberman	None	None	French, Barrosse, Yap, Lexell, Chocron, Dioum, Frankel

- d. Confirmation of Homelessness Rep to WRAC Homelessness Committee Nominee (GB092321-14) Item 8d was renumbered to GB092321-13.5
  - Jon Liberman
- e. Motion to support the UCLA Station for Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project (WRAC / GB092321-14)
- f. Motion to send letter to DONE with recommendations regarding the Cornerstone On Demand trainings system (EXEC / GB092321-15)
- g. Motion to send a letter to CD-5 and CD-10 requesting that they pursue an MOU with LAUSD to use public school campuses as safe parking sites for the homeless and recommend that Hamilton High School be used as a pilot program (Homelessness / GB092321-16)
- h. Motion to send letter to CD5 to request speed surveys from LADOT and accident reports from LAPD for Airdrome between La Cienega and Robertson, and Cattaraugus between Beverly and Robertson, for the use of the SORO NC Public Safety Committee (Public Safety/ GB092321-17)
- i. Motion to recommend to the SORONC Board a marketing plan for the development of the Neighborhood Team Program for the SORO area (Public Safety/ GB092321-18)
- j. Motion to submit letter to CD 5 recommendation support for 8755 W. Olympic as a Bridge Housing location (Homelessness / GB092321-19)

**Motion Passed**

<b>ITEM 8 a-j except 8 c 2 and 4. Motion to approve consent calendar as amended. Moved: Liberman Second: Gomes</b>			
<b>Yes –16</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	<b>Absent-07</b>
Weinberger, Notowitz, Dorfman, B. Levine, Gomes, Traum, Tessler, Blaker, Neshat, Bloom, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Leeds, Naoufal, Liberman	None	None	French, Barrosse, Yap, Lexell, Chocron, Dioum, Frankel

9. Unfinished Business

- a. Motion to write a letter to CD 5 and CD 10 requesting the promised matching funds for the SORO NC Street Medallion Project (EXEC / GB092321-20) Postponed
- b. Motion to the SORO NC to oppose the proposed BONC Code of Conduct (LANCC / GB092321-21)

**Ms. Lexell joined the meeting at 8:22PM**

**Mr. Cupen-Ames gave feedback that there are planned listening sessions and that it was only a draft version being submitted to BONC. Mr. liberman read the draft of the motion to the Board:**

**Whereas the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners has before its consideration of amendments to the Code of Conduct policy that are extreme anti-democratic and Unamerican and**

**Whereas these amendments include the following if a Boardmember 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 Boardmember or Committee Member for a period of up to 90 days and

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

Whereas the following clause grants authority to arbitrarily imposed suspensions at the sole discretion of an individual not accountable to anyone. That the department should be the sole decision maker, with respect to a suspension the Boardmember or committee members may not appeal these. Suspension decision and where is 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

Whereas this is a direct disenfranchisement of the voters who elected the Boardmember and removing a Boardmember without due process gives. DONE, the unilateral ability to overturn 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 resolve that:

1. BONC is strongly advised immediately withdraw consideration of the proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct.
2. In connection with future revisions of Neighborhood Council paperwork DONE should 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 meetings shall be at all times the Neighborhood Council Boardmembers
4. The initial focus of this group shall be to develop and incorporate rules under the city's recently adapted workplace violence policy. into the existing code of conduct, including the appropriate enforcement actions
5. Discussions about incorporating the proposed workplace equity policy should 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 any varying degrees of conduct when considering suspension and appropriate penalties if warranted.
7. At all times the policy should be shown. should require that the minimum correction necessary to address any issues.
8. No person shall be suspended or otherwise penalized for that which is protected political speech.

9. **No Boardmember or Neighborhood Council affiliate should be required to wave rights guaranteed 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.**

**Public Comment: no comment**

**Board Questions: Blaker, Weinberger, Gomes, Leeds, Liberman, B. Levine, Neshat**

**Motion Passed**

<b>ITEM 9b. Motion to oppose the proposed BONC Code of Conduct. Moved: Liberman Second: Gomes</b>			
<b>Yes –13</b>	<b>No-04</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Absent-06</b>
Notowitz, Dorfman, B. Levine, Gomes, Traum, Tessler, Blaker, Bloom, L. Levine, Lynn, Leeds, Naoufal, Liberman	Weinberger, Neshat, Lexell, Monk	None	French, Barrosse, Yap, Chocron, Dioum, Frankel

- c. **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 (Transportation / GB092321-22)**

**Public Comment: Puppet, Jill Maser, Marc Smith, Shirley Perl**

**Board Questions: Liberman, Weinberg, Gomes, Lexell**

**Leeds proposed an amended motion to allow for additional parking with 20 feet setback and charging stations. Liberman seconded.**

**Motion Failed**

<b>ITEM 9b amendment 1. Motion to allow for additional parking with 20 feet setback and charging stations. Moved: Leeds Second: Liberman</b>			
<b>Yes –02</b>	<b>No-11</b>	<b>Abstain-04</b>	<b>Absent-06</b>
Leeds, Tessler,	Weinberger, Dorfman, B. Levine, Gomes, Traum, Bloom, L. Levine, Lynn, Lexell, Monk, Naoufal	Notowitz, Neshat, Blaker, Liberman	French, Barrosse, Yap, Chocron, Dioum, Frankel

**Motion Passed**

<b>ITEM 9b amendment 2. Motion to support the adoption of this plan with these adopted recommendations and would require that no existing street parking be removed as a result of this plan's implementation. Moved: Nashat Second: Liberman</b>			
<b>Yes –15</b>	<b>No-02</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Absent-06</b>
Notowitz, Dorfman, Gomes, Traum, Tessler, Blaker, Neshat, Lexell, Bloom, L. Levine, Lynn, Leeds, Naoufal, Monk Liberman	Weinberger, B. Levine	None	French, Barrosse, Yap, Chocron, Dioum, Frankel

**Motion Passed**

<b>ITEM 9b. 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 and would require that no existing street parking be removed as a result of this plan's implementation. Moved: Liberman Second: Gomes</b>			
<b>Yes –17</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	<b>Absent-06</b>
Weinberger, Notowitz, Dorfman, B. Levine, Gomes, Traum, Tessler, Blaker, Neshat, Lexell, Bloom, L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Leeds, Naoufal, Liberman	None	None	French, Barrosse, Yap, Chocron, Dioum, Frankel

- g. Motion to Request City Council Members to Communicate Stakeholder Outrage and Concern to LA District Attorney George Gascón Over Policies (Public Safety / GB092321-23)

**Leeds left the meeting at 9:31PM.**

**Public Comment: Puppet**

**Board Questions: Lexell**

**Motion Passed**

<b>ITEM 6 b4. Motion to Request City Council Members to Communicate Stakeholder Outrage and Concern to LA District Attorney George Gascón Over Policies. Moved: Notowitz Second: Naoufal</b>			
<b>Yes –08</b>	<b>No-05</b>	<b>Abstain-03</b>	<b>Absent-07</b>
Notowitz, Dorfman, Gomes, Traum, Tessler, Blaker, Lynn, Naoufal,	Weinberger, B. Levine, Neshat, Monk, Lexell,	Bloom, L. Levine, Liberman,	French, Barrosse, Yap, Chocron, Dioum, Leeds, Frankel

**Gomes left the meeting at 9:40PM.**

**10. New Business**

- a. 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) (Land Use / GB092321-24) Michael Solomon from the community gave a presentation on the update of the project.

**Neshat amendment we include the Council file number on the subject line (21-1025), provide a link to the appeal, and also be submitted as a CIS and public comment via the Council file portal.**

**Public Comment: Puppet, Marc Smith**

**Board Questions: Liberman. Lexell, Neshat**

**Motion Passed**

<b>ITEM 10a amendment 1. Motion to include the Council file number on the subject line (21-1025), provide a link to the appeal, and also be submitted as a CIS and public comment via the Council file portal. Moved: Neshat Second: Liberman</b>			
<b>Yes –14</b>	No-00	<b>Abstain-01</b>	<b>Absent-08</b>
Weinberger, Notowitz, Dorfman, B. Levine, Traum, Blaker, Neshat, Lexell, Bloom L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Naoufal, Liberman,	None	Tessler	French, Barrosse, Yap, Gomes, Chocron, Dioum, Leeds, Frankel

**Liberman Amendment to remove second paragraph from letter**

**Motion Passed**

<b>ITEM 10a amendment 2. Motion to remove second paragraph from letter Moved: Liberman Second: Lexell</b>			
<b>Yes –14</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-01</b>	<b>Absent-08</b>
Weinberger, Notowitz, Dorfman, B. Levine, Traum, Blaker, Neshat, Lexell, Bloom L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Naoufal, Liberman,	None	Tessler	French, Barrosse, Yap, Gomes, Chocron, Dioum, Leeds, Frankel

**Motion Passed**

<b>ITEM 10a. Motion to include the Council file number on the subject line (21-1025), provide a link to the appeal, and also be submitted as a CIS and public comment via the Council file portal and to remove the second paragraph. Moved: Liberman Second: Lexell</b>			
<b>Yes –13</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-02</b>	<b>Absent-08</b>
Weinberger, Dorfman, B. Levine, Traum, Blaker, Neshat, Lexell, Bloom L. Levine, Lynn, Monk, Naoufal, Liberman,	None	Tessler, Notowitz	French, Barrosse, Yap, Gomes, Chocron, Dioum, Leeds, Frankel

- b. Motion to Fund up to \$200 to purchase software license for Adobe Acrobat (Exec /GB092321-25)

**Gomes rejoined the meeting at 9:50PM.**

**Meeting extended by Lynn to 10:15PM**

**Public Comment: Puppet, Marc Smith**

**Board Questions: Blaker, L. Levine, Notowitz, Traum, Weinberger**

**Motion Passed**

<b>ITEM 10b. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to purchase a one year license from Adobe for Acrobat software for up to \$200. Moved: Liberman Second: Tessler</b>			
<b>Yes –12</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-03</b>	<b>Absent-08</b>
Weinberger, Notowitz Dorfman, B. Levine, Gomes. Traum, Blaker, Tessler, L. Levine, Lynn, Naoufal, Liberman,	None	Lexell, Monk, Neshat,	French, Barrosse, Yap, Bloom Chocron, Dioum, Leeds, Frankel

**Motions from consent calendar items 8c2 and 8 c4**

- c. Land Use Committee
  - 1. Olga Lexell – Chair
  - 2. Armeen Neshat – Vice Chair

**Public Comment: Puppet, Marc Smith**

**Board Questions: Weinberger, Naoufal, B. Levine**

**Motion Passed**

<b>ITEM 10c amendment. Motion to bifurcate chair from vice chair. Moved: Gomes Second: Notowitz</b>			
<b>Yes –10</b>	<b>No-05</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Absent-08</b>
Notowitz, Dorfman, Gomes, Traum, Tessler, Blaker, L. Levine, Lynn, Naoufal, Liberman	Weinberger, B. Levine, Neshat, Monk, Lexell,	None	French, Barrosse, Yap, Bloom Chocron, Dioum, Leeds, Frankel

<b>ITEM 10c. Motion to appoint Lexell as Land Use Chair. Moved: B. Levine Second: Monk</b>			
<b>Yes –08</b>	<b>No-04</b>	<b>Abstain-03</b>	<b>Absent-08</b>
Weinberger, Dorfman, Blaker, Monk, Neshat, Lexell, B. Levine, Liberman,	Notowitz, Tessler, Naoufal, Traum	Lynn, Gomes, L. Levine	French, Barrosse, Yap, Bloom Chocron, Dioum, Leeds, Frankel

d. Transportation Committee lost quorum.

1. Armeen Neshat – Chair
2. Olga Lexell – Vice Chair

11. **Adjournment- (Meeting extensions: 10pm to 10:15pm, to 10:30pm, to 10:35pm, to 10:40pm) Adjourned due to loss of quorum at 10:36pm**

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# Monthly Expenditure Report

GB102121-08



Reporting Month: September 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
\$41620.03	\$0.00	\$41620.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41620.03

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	\$4300.00	\$0.00	\$4300.00	\$0.00	\$4300.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$12620.03	\$0.00	\$12620.03	\$0.00	\$12620.03
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$0.00	

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

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



# Motion to Submit a Letter to LADOT, CD 5, and CD 10 requesting that the Department commit to opening and fully funding the speed hump application program, and provide more application opportunities

**Agenda Item:** GB102121-14  
**Date:** October 21, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Transportation Committee

**Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes**

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## Background

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation periodically opens its application portal for residents to submit requests for the installation of speed humps on local streets. Speed humps have been proven to improve the safety of residential areas, and the department's implementation criteria ensures that they will not be installed over community objection or in a way that can hinder response vehicles. The department's existing application process caps the number of requests that can be received during any one application period, and any applications submitted after that quota is reached will not be considered, regardless of those streets' merit.

South Robertson in particular has several major thoroughfares running through and adjacent to its boundaries, causing several residential streets to face increased cut through traffic at dangerous speeds. Capping the number of applications at a low figure effectively pits regions of Los Angeles against each other, and could cause crucial residential areas to not be considered.

The current application process also does not provide neighborhood councils with any formal process to submit requests, which prevents entities such as SORO from conducting community outreach to help determine which streets should be submitted or considered. It instead requires individuals to submit individual streets for consideration, which could lead to duplicative requests and inadvertently disadvantage communities with fewer resources.

## Proposed Motion

- I. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) shall submit a letter to LADOT, Councilmember Paul Koretz, and Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas requesting the department commit to reopening the Speed Hump Application Program in the first quarter of 2022 with a firm date, commit to fully funding the program and expanding the number of applications they will accept, and provide a way for Neighborhood Councils to formally submit requests.

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## Considerations

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### Arguments for:

Speed humps are a proven way to make residential streets safer for local residents

LADOT has stringent existing criteria to determine street hump installation, including 2/3 support from local residents, and strict design criteria

The latest application program has been delayed since 2020, has an arbitrarily low cap for the number of applications the department will consider, and does not provide a way for stakeholder groups such as neighborhood councils to formally provide recommendations

### Arguments against:

Existing cut through traffic might not be heavy enough to warrant reopening the application

Seleta Reynolds  
General Manager  
Los Angeles Department of Transportation  
ladot@lacity.org

We the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO) encourage the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the city to commit to opening the speed hump application as soon as possible, and to commit to a time period no later than the first quarter of 2022. Speed humps are a proven way to make local streets safer for residents, and are a cost effective measure. LADOT's design criteria ensures that they are installed in a safe and effective manner with minimal impact on major thoroughfares and emergency response vehicles, and requires two-thirds support from local residents to ensure they are not installed over community opposition.

Past application rounds have arbitrarily capped the number of applications that can be received and evaluated, which hinders the ability of neighborhoods to have high need streets evaluated. This also effectively pits neighborhoods against each other, as one neighborhood could submit a large number of requests when the application opens. South Robertson in particular is bisected by several major commuting thoroughfares, which leads to an outsized amount of cut-through traffic on our local residential streets, which could benefit tremendously from speed humps. The city's existing application process also does not provide organizations such as neighborhood councils with a process to submit formal applications, which limits our ability to help coordinate within our community and to conduct community outreach to help inform the application process.

We request that the city commit to opening the speed hump application process in the first quarter of 2022, that the city fully fund the 2022 cycle and increase the number of applications it will consider, and that the city provide organizations such as neighborhood councils with an additional path to submitting applications on behalf of their geographic jurisdictions.



# Motion to Submit a Letter to LADOT requesting that the service request portal be reopened for non-Covid related service requests

**Agenda Item:** GB102121-15  
**Date:** October 21, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Transportation Committee

**Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes**

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## Background

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation focused its resources on essential COVID related service requests. While that was understandable at the time that the stay at home emergency order was declared, the portal has now been closed for non-Covid related requests for over a year and a half. During this time the city implemented an extensive street repaving program to take advantage of the lack of traffic, despite the fact that this was not an essential COVID related service.

Now with the widespread availability of vaccines, and effective social distancing, the department should be able to safely evaluate and implement non-essential COVID service requests, especially now that businesses and employers have begun more regular service.

## Proposed Motion

- I. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) shall submit a letter to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation requesting that the department reopen its service request portal for non-Covid related service requests as soon as possible.

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## Considerations

### Arguments for:

The service portal has been closed to non-Covid related items since March 2020, meaning residents have been unable to submit requests for over a year and a half

LADOT has been providing other non-Covid related services over the past year, such as intensive street repaving

### Arguments against:

The city might still want to prioritize Covid related service requests

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With the wide availability of vaccines and proper social distancing, it is possible to evaluate and implement service requests safely

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The Los Angeles Department of Transportation online Service Portal request has been closed since March 2020, with “COVID-related service requests” being prioritized, and non-COVID related requests unable to be submitted. While prioritizing COVID-related requests during the height of the COVID emergency was understandable and the right decision at the time, the service portal has now been closed for over a year and a half, preventing many residents from being able to submit vital service requests. As businesses and employers begin offering increasingly regular services, it is important that the city be able to respond quickly and effectively to service requests.

The city began an extensive road repaving program in 2020 to take advantage of decreased traffic to minimize disruptions. This demonstrates that the department has been able to balance COVID and non-COVID related services, and has been able to do so safely over the last year. With widespread availability of vaccines and proper social distancing, the department has shown that it is possible to complete non-COVID related services in a safe manner without undermining essential COVID related services by the department.

We the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO) request that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation reopen its service request portal for non-COVID related service requests as soon as possible.



# Motion to Submit a Letter to the Los Angeles Department on Disability, CD 5, and CD 10 requesting that the Department improve the blue curb investigation process

**Agenda Item:** GB102121-16  
**Date:** October 21, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Transportation Committee

**Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes**

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## Background

The Los Angeles Department on Disability is responsible for evaluating Accessible Parking Zone Blue Curb Investigation applications, which determines if a blue curb should be installed within the city. The current application process heavily relies on a physical application, which requires several steps from a population with limited mobility. The application is currently only available in English and Spanish, with no other existing language options. The existing application is also difficult to locate on the Department's website, with links to it from other departments resulting in nonfunctioning dead links.

The South Robertson Community has multiple existing and planned eldercare facilities, which are heavily burdened by a cumbersome application process and would benefit from a more streamlined application. South Robertson is also home to significantly sized Hebrew and Farsi speaking communities, and expanding the language options for the application would make it more accessible and match what other departments and agencies already provide.

## Proposed Motion

- I. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) shall submit a letter to the Los Angeles Department on Disability, Councilmember Paul Koretz, and Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas requesting the department create an online portal for Accessible Parking Zone Blue Curb Investigation Applications, provide more language options for applications, and coordinate with other departments to update nonfunctioning links to the application.

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## Considerations

### Arguments for:

The existing process to request a potential blue curb installation requires several physical steps, and is unnecessarily burdensome

### Arguments against:

The existing application process might not be too burdensome

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The department currently only provides applications in English and Spanish, which omits several communities within the city of Los Angeles and the South Robertson Community specifically

Existing links from other departments to the program result in dead links, making it difficult for applicants to access the program

Geoffrey Straniere  
ADA Compliance Officer  
Los Angeles Department on Disability  
Geoffrey.Straniere@lacity.org

Dear Geoffrey Straniere,

We the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO) encourage the Los Angeles Department on Disability to update its Accessible Parking Zone Blue Curb Investigation Application to be more accessible to residents. The current system requires potential applicants to complete and manually send in a PDF file from the department's website, which is a severe limitation for households with limited connectivity or lacking access to a printer. An online portal similar to service request portals used by other city departments would make the program much more accessible, and would provide an additional option for residents to utilize.

The Department's website currently displays applications available in only English and Spanish, which causes an additional hurdle to households that primarily speak other languages. South Robertson in particular has significantly sized Hebrew and Farsi speaking immigrant communities, as well as multiple existing or planned eldercare facilities within its jurisdiction. Limiting the number of language options for applications artificially reduces the accessibility of the program, and makes it more difficult for immigrant populations to access.

Links to the existing application program from other city departments also appear to be nonfunctional. The primary link to the blue curb application from the Los Angeles Department of Transportation leads to a Page Not Found message, requiring residents to manually search for the application on the Department of Disability's site. This could effectively discourage residents from submitting an application, and causes additional hurdles to submit an application.

We request the Department of Disability create an online portal as an additional option for residents to submit applications, increase the number of language options available for applications, and coordinate with other departments to fix nonfunctional links to the existing application.



# Motion to update the Ethics training standing rule to comport with BONC Policy

**Agenda Item:** GB102121-17  
**Date:** October 21, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Bylaws Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** Yes

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## Background

The current Ethics training Standing Rule ([Bylaws & Standing Rules | SORO NC](#)) requires SORO Board members to complete the California State Ethics Training within a month of joining the board, and then every 2 years thereafter.

Following the implementation of the L.A. city Cornerstone training portal, BONC and DONE now require that the Cornerstone portal be used, rather than the older state portal.

Further, the current standing rule states that members who are not in compliance must refrain from voting only regarding financial and land use matters. Current policy requires that they refrain from voting on all matters.

## Proposed Motion

The Standing Rule regarding Ethics Training shall be modified to reflect:

Boardmembers must complete City-mandated Ethics training, by means of the L.A. City Cornerstone Training Portal, within one month of their election/selection/appointment and every two years after that. Board members who have not taken Ethics training or whose certification has lapsed must abstain from voting on all matters before the Board.

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## Considerations

<b>Committee review:</b> <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For:	3	Against:	0
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### Arguments for:

### Arguments against:

This update complies with BONC/DONE policies and is mandatory.

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# Motion to update the Current Standing Committees standing rule

**Agenda Item:** GB102121-18

**Date:** October 21, 2021

**Proposed By:** Bylaws Committee

**Include motion in  
Consent Agenda?** Yes

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## Background

The Bylaws committee reviewed the standing rule on Current Standing committees ([Bylaws & Standing Rules | SORO NC](#)). The list of committees is as follows:

Board Development, Bylaws, Education, Executive, Finance, Green Team, Land Use & Economic Development, LGBTQ, Outreach, Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, Quality of Life, and Transportation.

The list is outdated. Some of the named committees have ceased top function. Others have changed through mergers or divisions.

Our Bylaws require that each board member serve on at least one committee. Further, the Brown Act defines any meeting with more than 6 committee members are a meeting of the General Board (even though 13 are required for a General Board quorum).

The Bylaws committee proposes that the Standing Committees list be modified as in the motion, in order to help facilitate Standing Committees that have sufficient actions before them to meet and operate regularly, and to not become so large that meetings would regularly risk Brown Act violations.

## Proposed Motion

The Standing Rule regarding Standing Committees shall be modified to reflect: Nine Standing Committees support SORO committee business, concerns and issues. They are Business Advocacy and Economic Development, Education, Homelessness, Land Use, Outreach, Parks and Recreation, Public Safety, Quality Of Life, and Transportation.

The business of the currently inactive Robertson Revitalization committee will be assigned to the Business Advocacy and Economic Development Committee. The business of the currently inactive Green Team and LGBTQ committees will be assigned to the Quality of Life Committee.

Four Standing Committees support SORO Board business and operations. They are Board Development, Bylaws, Executive, and Finance.





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## Considerations

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**Committee review:** Votes For: 3 Against: 0  
*(highly recommended)*

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**Arguments for:**

Changing the roster of committees will help the board handles community business on a more regular basis and reduce the possibility of Brown Act violations.

**Arguments against:**

The suggested changes are incorrect.



# Motion to Support WRAC Motion on Enforcement of Crimes In or Near Homeless Encampments

**Agenda Item:** GB102121-20  
**Date:** October 21, 2021  
**Proposed By:** WRAC  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** YES

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## Background

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) has a Motion that has been approved by 8 other Neighborhood Councils.

The following facts and existing conditions compel immediate action by the City to enforce all existing laws prohibiting the sale, distribution, or use of illegal drugs, human trafficking, and other serious crimes taking place in or near homeless encampments on the Westside:

Homeless encampments are pervasive in all neighborhoods on the Westside of Los Angeles including: Bel-Air–Beverly Crest, Brentwood, Del Rey, Mar Vista, Pacific Palisades, Palms, South Robertson, Venice, Westchester-Playa, West L.A.-Sawtelle, Westside, and Westwood.

Neighbors, residents, business owners, and other community stakeholders frequently observe the sale, distribution, and/or use of illegal drugs in or near homeless encampments on the Westside. Neighbors, residents, business owners, and other community stakeholders have reported to LAPD and others that they have witnessed other serious crimes, including, but not limited to, human trafficking, taking place in or near homeless encampments on the Westside.

## Proposed Motion

For the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to officially support the WRAC Motion to call on the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti to direct the Los Angeles Police Department and other relevant law enforcement agencies to enforce all existing, enforceable laws prohibiting the sale and distribution of illegal drugs, human trafficking, and other serious crimes taking place in or near homeless encampments on the Westside of Los Angeles.

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## Considerations

**Committee review:**  
*(highly recommended)*

Votes For:

Against:





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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$ n/a  
*(applies to funding motions only)*

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Arguments for:

Encampments act as a magnet for these types of crimes.

Arguments against:

Could be interpreted as targeting the Homeless.



# Motion to Support WRAC Motion to Enforce Laws Prohibiting Blockage of Public Right Of Way

**Agenda Item:** GB102121-21  
**Date:** October 21, 2021  
**Proposed By:** WRAC  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** YES

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## Background

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) has a Motion that has been approved by 8 other Neighborhood Councils.

The following facts and existing conditions compel immediate action by the City to enforce all existing, enforceable laws prohibiting the blockage of the public right of way, including, but not limited to blockages in or near homeless encampments on the Westside of Los Angeles, including all applicable provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA):

Homeless encampments are pervasive in all neighborhoods on the Westside of Los Angeles including: Bel-Air–Beverly Crest, Brentwood, Del Rey, Mar Vista, Pacific Palisades, Palms, South Robertson, Venice, Westchester-Playa, West L.A.-Sawtelle, Westside, and Westwood.

Neighbors, residents, business owners, and other community stakeholders have reported numerous instances in or near homeless encampments, where large tents, abandoned bulky items, discarded furniture, trash, and other large objects, frequently block the public right of way, thereby preventing pedestrian and wheelchair passage on sidewalks, in direct violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), thereby preventing members of the public for using, traversing, and safely walking along public sidewalks, often creating hazardous and dangerous conditions. These illegal conditions have resulted in numerous traffic accidents, liability for the City of Los Angeles, and which have caused serious injury and even death to innocent bystanders as well as those individuals living in or near homeless encampments.

## Proposed Motion

For the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to officially support the WRAC Motion to call on the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti to direct the Los Angeles Police Department and the Department of Public Works' Bureau of Engineering Street Services Division, as well as the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to direct the Veterans Affairs Police Department and other relevant law enforcement agencies to enforce all existing, enforceable laws prohibiting the blockage of the public right of way on the Westside of Los Angeles, including all applicable provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

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## Considerations

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Committee review:  
*(highly recommended)*

Votes For:

Against:

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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:

Disabled individuals are unable to pass many sidewalks due to various tents, abandoned bulky items, discarded furniture, trash, and other large objects

Could be interpreted as targeting the Homeless, especially removing belongings.



# Motion to Abate and Correct Unsafe and Unhealthy Conditions in Homeless Encampments

**Agenda Item:** GB102121-22  
**Date:** October 21, 2021  
**Proposed By:** WRAC  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda?** YES

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## Background

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) has a Motion that has been approved by 7 other Neighborhood Councils.

The following facts and existing conditions compel immediate action by the City to clean up, abate, and correct unsafe and unsanitary conditions that are commonly found in homeless encampments on the Westside:

Homeless encampments are pervasive in all neighborhoods on the Westside of Los Angeles including: Bel-Air–Beverly Crest, Brentwood, Del Rey, Mar Vista, Pacific Palisades, Palms, South Robertson, Venice, Westchester-Playa, West L.A.-Sawtelle, Westside, and Westwood. Venice has the second largest homeless population in the City of Los Angeles after Skid Row.

Various items of trash, open containers of spoiled and rotting food, human waste, detritus, and other hazardous materials are commonly found in homeless encampments, which materials attract rats, cockroaches, and other disease-carrying vermin, and which cause significant health hazards, can be found in homeless encampments on the Westside. Sanitary facilities, including toilets, handwashing sinks, showers, running water, and soap are not readily available at most homeless encampments. As a result, human waste, excrement, urine, filth, and other biohazard materials are commonly found deposited on public sidewalks, streets, alleys, parkways, and on bluffs, hillsides and beaches in or near homeless encampments.

The Los Angeles City Bureau of Sanitation (“LA Sanitation”) had previously instituted “Operation Healthy Streets” and the “CARE Program” to conduct a “robust homeless community outreach program,” to provide information and services to homeless individuals and to clean encampments in the Skid Row area and other neighborhoods of Los Angeles that are “hit hardest” by homelessness. These existing unsafe, unsanitary, and unhealthy conditions pose a significant and immediate risk to public health and safety, not only to those individuals living in these encampments but also to neighboring residents, and the general public, including, but not limited to the spread of disease, contamination, and infection, including COVID-19, due to the unsanitary, unsafe, crowded, and unhealthy conditions found in these homeless encampments.

## Proposed Motion

For the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to officially support the WRAC Motion to call on the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti to immediately direct the Los Angeles City Bureau of Sanitation (“LA Sanitation”) to

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undertake site clean-ups, trash collection, and sanitizing of all homeless encampments located in the neighborhoods represented by WRAC on the Westside of Los Angeles, in order to abate, correct, and remove hazardous, unsafe, unhealthy, and unsanitary conditions at all homeless encampments forthwith.

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## 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:

Unsafe conditions need to be address and corrected

Could be interpreted as targeting the Homeless, especially removing belongings.



# Motion to send a letter to CD-5 and CD-10 requesting that they pursue an MOU with LAUSD to use public school campuses as safe parking sites for the homeless and recommend that Hamilton High School be used as a pilot program

**Agenda Item:** GB102121-23

**Date:** October 21, 2021

**Proposed By:** Homelessness Committee

**Include motion in Consent Agenda? (Yes)**

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## Background

Everyday in Los Angeles, more people become homeless than leave homelessness. Over 25% of LA County's homelessness population are living in cars, vans or RVs/campers. For this population, safe parking sites offer a safe and legal place to sleep with access to services that can help them transition out of homelessness and into permanent housing.

Safe Parking LA, the organization that operates the safe parking sites, typically only allows vetted clients to park at the sites between the hours of 9PM and 6AM; the hours of operation can vary depending on the type of site being used. LAUSD parking lots are unused during these hours, so Safe Parking LA could run these sites with little to no noticeable impact on the schools.

## Proposed Motion

The SORO NC shall send a letter to council members Koretz and Ridley-Thomas requesting that they pursue an MOU with LAUSD to establish safe parking sites in public school parking lots to be run by Safe Parking LA during the night time, when the parking lots are not otherwise in use. The letter will recommend that Hamilton High School be used for a pilot program.

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## Considerations

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### Arguments for:

Safe Parking Sites can offer respite to some of the 16,000 LA County residents who are living in their vehicles.

Having a safe and legal place for these residents to sleep at night will allow them to focus on the steps they need to take to transition into permanent housing.

The security provided at safe parking sites can help lower the rate of burglaries from motor vehicles, grand theft autos, carjackings, and assaults, etc. in our neighborhoods because the homeless sleeping at these sites are less likely to be victimized by opportunistic criminals.

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### Arguments against:

School sanctioned events can extend past 9PM, and the parking lots may be used when safe parking sites are operational.

To:

Councilman Paul Koretz  
District 5 | City of Los Angeles  
200 N Spring Street, Suite 440  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas  
District 10 | City of Los Angeles  
200 N Spring Street, Suite 420  
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Dear Councilmembers,

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, recommend that the Los Angeles City Council pursue an MOU with LAUSD to use public school campuses as safe parking sites for the homeless. Furthermore, we recommend that Hamilton High School be used as a pilot school for this program.

Over 16,000 of LA County's homeless population are living in cars, vans, or RVs/campers.<sup>1</sup> They represent over 25% of the county's homeless population. For these families and individuals, it can be difficult to find a safe and legal place to park their cars at night.

Safe Parking LA operates safe parking lots that provide individuals a safe place to park each night, restroom access, a security guard, and social service resources.<sup>2</sup> As of 2021, there are 10 Safe Parking LA sites. These sites have connected 361 of their clients to case management services, which has led to 49 clients gaining employment and 88 transitioning into housing.<sup>3</sup> Because Safe Parking LA requires that their clients have operational vehicles and only allows them to park on site at night, between the hours of 9PM and 6AM with some variance between sites, their clients are people who typically "have somewhere to be during the day and are productive members of society", according to program director, Emily Uyeda Kantrim.<sup>4</sup>

Some of our community members and stakeholders have visited a Safe Parking LA site and have reported that: the site is quiet and barely noticeable; most vehicle dwellers are employed; and no drugs or alcohol are allowed. These sites are a temporary haven for people who have recently lost their homes while they are finding a more permanent solution.

LAUSD parking lots, which are unused during Safe Parking LA's operational hours, can be used as safe parking sites to service some of the 16,000 unhoused Angelenos who are currently living in their vehicles, which is why we are asking City Council to pursue an MOU with LAUSD to use these parking lots as sites for the Safe Parking LA program.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.lahsa.org/documents?id=3437-2019-greater-los-angeles-homeless-count-presentation.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.safeparkingla.org/about-spala>

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.cnn.com/2019/12/23/us/homeless-living-in-vehicles-los-angeles/index.html>





# Motion to Submit a Letter to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, CD 5, and CD 10 Supporting the Roofed Bus Shelter Model With Additional Amenities

**Agenda Item:** GB102121-24  
**Date:** October 21, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Transportation Committee

**Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes**

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## Background

The city of Los Angeles is nearing the conclusion of its 20 year contract with its bus shelter provider, and is in the process of developing a successor program. The program aims to increase the number of bus shelters from 1,900 to over 3,000 citywide. The goal of this new program is to provide better amenities, such as WiFi connectivity, digital real time bus arrival information, and soft lighting, among others.

With the arrival of the Purple Line Extension in coming years, north-south transit ridership in particular will most likely increase in the South Robertson Area, and major transit corridors currently exist on La Cienega, Wilshire, Olympic, and Pico. 2020 Census data shows that parts of SORO have up to 18% of households car free, meaning that a significant portion of our residents rely on transit. WiFi connectivity, digital real time arrival information, and solar power in particular would be useful amenities for the SORO area, as it would provide riders with more accurate information while taking a minimal amount of sidewalk space.

The pilot largely focused on a roofed shelter model and a “blade” model. The “blade” option appears to provide inadequate shelter and amenities, and would require riders to manually place and hold it to block the sun and wind. This would be an undue burden for elderly passengers and individuals with mobility limitations, and would provide little to no benefits during poor weather conditions.

The bus shelter models can be viewed at this link <https://streetsla.lacity.org/bus-shelter>

## Proposed Motion

- I. The SORO NC shall The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) shall submit a letter to the Los Angeles Department on Disability, Councilmember Paul Koretz, and Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas expressing support for the roofed bus shelter pilot models, with digital timetables, WiFi, and solar power as additional amenities, as well as voicing a preference for the roofed shelter model over the “blade” option.

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## Considerations

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### Arguments for:

The roofed option provides better shelter and more comfortable seating for riders

WiFi connectivity and real time arrival information are perfectly suited amenities for SORO, and solar power would ensure that they are adequately powered

The “blade” option would be inconveniencing for elderly passengers or those with mobility limitations, and would provide little to no comfort in poor weather conditions

The bus shelter program regularly generates enough revenue for proper maintenance and service

### Arguments against:

The existing program might provide sufficient amenities

Dear Los Angeles Department of Transportation,

We the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO) support the department's plan to increase the number of bus shelters citywide, as well as its plan to increase and improve the amenities available for waiting transit riders. The recent bus shelter pilot models show how riders could have much better amenities than what currently exists, and the new Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) could make transit ridership a more pleasant and consistent experience for riders.

While we applaud the department taking advantage of the expiring contract to solicit new shelter models, we strongly believe that the roofed options far surpassed the "blade" option in its useability for riders. The roofed options provide sufficient shelter from inclement weather, comfortable seating, and the options for additional amenities. The "blade" option provides little to no benefit for riders, and could be inaccessible for elderly riders and individuals with mobility limitations. It could also fail to protect riders from inclement weather conditions, in particular strong winds and rain. We request that the department prioritize the roofed bus shelter options, and to not use the "blade" option as a lower cost alternative. Given the strong track record of the existing program's ability to raise sufficient revenue to provide maintenance, the department should be able to provide adequate and roofed shelter options without a negative budgetary impact, and to provide sufficient maintenance support for malfunctioning and vandalized infrastructure.

We also strongly support the department's choice to pursue additional amenities for riders. While all of the amenity options have merit, we believe that WiFi Connectivity and digital real time arrival information would particularly serve SORO residents, along with solar power to support these amenities. WiFi Connectivity will allow riders to conduct work and stay better connected while waiting for a connecting bus, and mirrors Metro's ongoing initiative to provide WiFi on all transit routes and buses in its fleet. Digital timetables will provide riders with accurate arrival information to better inform commutes, and solar power will allow these bus shelters to have a minimal impact on local supporting infrastructure.

SORO will soon have access to the first phase of Metro's Purple Line Extension La Cienega Station, and currently has access to several major transit thoroughfares through the Expo Line and BRT along Wilshire Boulevard. With the advent of Next Gen Bus, the Purple Line, and planned rapid transit corridors, it is imperative that the city provide adequate amenities for transit riders, both to improve the ridership experience and to attract new potential riders. We strongly encourage the department to emphasize the roofed bus shelter options, and support the inclusion of WiFi connectivity, digital real time arrival information, and solar power to support these amenities.



# Motion for the SORO NC to hire a service to take and edit minutes of its General Board meetings at a rate of \$29.26 per hour, up to \$250 per month

**Agenda Item:** GB 102121-26  
**Date:** October 21, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Executive Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda? (Yes)**

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## Background

The SORO NC has been without the Executive Committee (EC) position of Secretary for four months. As such, many obligations and functions of that position have fallen on the other EC members. In the past, one of the main obstacles for fielding candidates for Secretary, is the obligation for taking minutes at the General Board meeting.

Several other Neighborhood Councils have turned to an outside vendor to take minutes at their General Board meetings and prepare an official draft. The LA City Clerk currently has a set rate of \$29.26 for this service and has approved the following Temp Service Providers: Apple One Employment Services, Lloyd Staffing, Partners in Diversity, Bridgap Temporary Staffing, and Services Agency.

*Bridgap Temporary Staffing is owned by SORO NC Treasurer, Terrence Gomes, and will be ineligible for consideration. Further, due to the conflict of interest, Mr. Gomes will recuse himself from this item.*

The typical SORO NC General Board meeting runs 3 hours and editing usually takes 3-4 hours.

## Proposed Motion

That the SORO NC hire a service, chosen from the LA City Clerk list of approved vendors, to take and edit minutes of its General Board meetings at a rate of \$29.26 per hour, up to \$250 per month.

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## Considerations

### Arguments for:

Streamlines our process so ALL Board Members can fully participate in the meeting

### Arguments against:

A Board member should really step up and fulfill the responsibilities of the position

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New format is mobile friendly

We lose some permissions options and features



# Motion for the SORO NC to purchase website design services from WebCorner for \$2500 and monthly hosting and maintenance services for up to \$250 per month

**Agenda Item:** GB 102121-27  
**Date:** October 21, 2021  
**Proposed By:** Executive Committee  
**Include motion in Consent Agenda? (Yes)**

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## Background

The SORO NC website ([www.soronc.org](http://www.soronc.org)) has been running on an outdated platform of Drupal for several years, with updates no longer supported. This has resulted in the loss of several necessary site functions, including updating information on various pages, inability to fix broken links and uploading documents. Also, the website does not currently have a security certificate and is not optimized for mobile devices.

Many Neighborhood Councils have contracted with various vendors for the design and hosting services for their websites. One of the more popular vendors is WebCorner. They offer a package to NCs which includes designing, hosting, security certificate and maintenance of a Word Press website. This is one of the most popular modern website platforms. It offers ease of use, navigation and information for both Board Members and Stakeholders.

The full WebCorner proposal for the South Robertson NC can be found [here](#).

## Proposed Motion

The SORO NC shall purchase design services from WebCorner for \$2500 to create a new Wordpress website, as well as pay for monthly hosting and maintenance services for up to \$250 per month.

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## Considerations

### Arguments for:

The current SORO NC website is outdated and many functions are inoperable

New format is mobile friendly

### Arguments against:

We could hire someone to upgrade to a newer version of the current format

We lose some permissions options and features

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# South Robertson Neighborhood Council Development Proposal





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www.TheWebCorner.com  
Phone 818-345-7443

## South Robertson Neighborhood Council Development Proposal

We appreciate the opportunity develop and maintain a new council website. The Web Corner is excited to have launched our Neighborhood Council SaaS platform which comes with exciting new features that simplify tasks, has a more modern framework and enhanced security.

Originally founded in 2004, the Web Corner has been providing companies, government institutions, nongovernment organizations and individuals reliable services for various purposes. Our services include web design, business development, marketing online, as well as sales assistance.

The Web Corner can create a custom website for the Neighborhood Council and supply full support monthly. We have established a solid reputation with Neighborhood Councils for over 15 years. We also understand the budget and obligations the council needs to fulfill and are fully capable of meeting these needs.

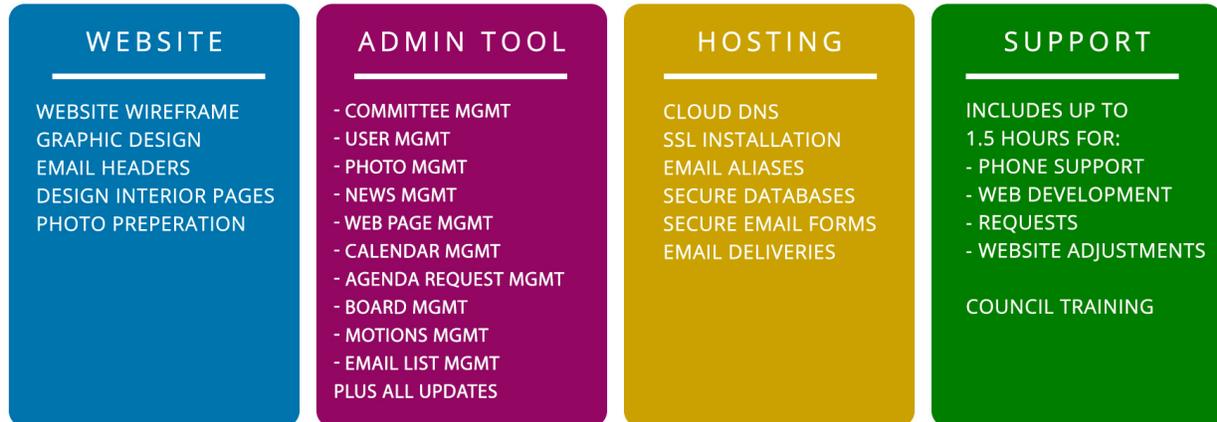
The council will be able to work directly with our team via phone, email, virtual meetings or even in-person meetings. The Web Corner office is located at 15300 Ventura Blvd. Ste 400 in Sherman Oaks.

Thank you for the continued support and opportunity.

Sincerely,

Robert Adams, President  
The Web Corner, Inc.  
Phone: (818) 345-7443  
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## Neighborhood Council 2.0 SaaS Platform



**Setup Cost:** \$2,500

### Overview:

- Transferring existing data from current website into the new website
- Media preparing and posting of photos and/or videos
- Logo design if needed
- Enhanced Calendar with customized category events
- Funding and Motions features
- Agenda Requests – now available per committee
- Committees overview page and individual committee pages
- About, Resources, Events & News pages
- Board page(s) ability to post board profiles and photos
- Bylaws & financial documents
- Contact form
- Mailing List, Email newsletter collection database



### **Admin Tool / Capabilities:**

- Give individual access to users (Full access to admin or to specific committees).
- Ability to assign users to specific committee's so they can only edit what they are assigned to.
- Ability to showcase committee chairs on their committee pages
- Ability to post calendar items
- Ability to post events/news
- Ability to post Media / Photos / Documents
- Ability to post Board Rules
- Ability to create custom pages
- Ability to control menus and nested menus in the top navigation
- Ability to control homepage slider and logo
- Download Email Newsletter Database to Excel (csv/tab)
- Ability to post Financial Documents
- Drag & Drop photos and documents throughout the administrative tool

### **Testing & Launch:**

- Perform full checklist prior to testing
- Testing with council
- Training (First initial training session is included in the design & setup)
- Approval from Neighborhood Council & Launch



## Required Maintenance \$199/ month

- Up to 1.5 hours for; phone support, web development, requests, & website adjustments
- Secure Website Hosting: Service fee to keep the website online in its current state

## Optional Email Accounts

- Alias accounts (Forwards to another email): Free
- Standard Email Accounts: \$3.50 each per month
- Exchange Email Accounts: \$13.50 each per month
- Office 365 Email Accounts: \$15 each per month

Additional work exceeding the monthly maintenance time will be billed at our regular hourly rates (see “Additional Pricing” for details)



## Additional Pricing

Website Development - Design Only	\$200/hour
Website Development - Programming Only	\$150/hour
Website Development - Project Management	\$150/hour
Website Development - Production Migration	\$150/hour
Website Development - Graphic Design Only	\$150/hour
Maintenance - Content Development	\$150/hour
Maintenance - Content Website Only	\$150/hour
Maintenance - Technical Support	\$150/hour
Maintenance - Design	\$150/hour
Maintenance - Manual Content Entry Only	\$150/hour
Maintenance - Database Administrative Services	\$150/hour
Training - Development	\$75/hour
Training - Videos	\$75/hour
Training - NC Board Members	\$75/hour
Training and Documentation	\$75/hour
Telephone Support	\$75/hour