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Motion to amend FY 2020-2021 Annual Budget as requested by the City Clerk

Agenda Item: GB 082020-4
Date: 08/20/2020
Proposed By: Executive Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? NO

Background

On August 3, 2020, The City Clerk completed the 2019-2020 Final Expenditure Analysis. This analysis included an allocation of \$3240 as encumbrances allowed to be used during FY 2020-2021. This amount constitutes acceptance of our allocation for Public Storage but did not include our allocation of \$200 for the Post Office or \$810 for Outreach expenses. [Copy Enclosed]. The effect of this is a reduction in our encumbrance funding that could offset amounts we paid in FY 2020-2021 of \$1010 and an increase in the amount returned to the city of Unused FY 2019-2020 funds of \$1010.

On August 4, 2020, the City Clerk required us to modify our FY 2020-2021 budget to reflect the August 3rd 2019-2020 Final Expenditure Analysis. [Copy enclosed.]

On August 19, 2020 I notified the City Clerk that we disputed the exclusion of amounts for the Post Office and for Outreach expenses from our Encumbrance. [Copy Enclosed.] I asked for a review of the matter and indicated we would make the requested adjustments to our budget now on the basis that if our appeal was approved we would subsequently be allowed to readjust our budget to reflect the inclusion of an additional \$1010 in our encumbrance.

Proposed Motion

- I. Soro NC will provisionally accept the 2019-2020 Final Expenditure Analysis pending a resolution of our request for review of the requested encumbrances.
- II. Soro's Treasurer can modify the FY 2020-2021 Budget to reflect the provisional acceptance of the 2019-2020 Final Expenditure Analysis.
- III. If the City Clerk approves the NC position on the encumbrance request, Soro NC will be allowed to readjust the 2020-2021 Annual Budget.

Considerations

Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 4	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:

Required by the City Clerk

Arguments against:

This solution could involve extra work if the NC position prevails.



Jon Liberman <jonliberman@soronc.org>

SORONC FY 19-20 Rollover

1 message

clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org
<cityclerk.funding@lacity.org>
Bcc: SORONC@empowerla.org

Mon, Aug 3, 2020 at
11:10 AM

Dear South Robertson Neighborhood Council:

Enclosed is the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Final Expenditure Analysis for your Neighborhood Council as prepared by NC Funding Program. The Analysis provides you with your Fiscal Year 2019-2020 unspent funds balance that is available for rollover to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 funding account.

For more information about rollover, including the availability of and eligibility for rollover funds, please refer to [NC Funding Program Policies and Guidelines](#) pages 12-13.

Your FY20-21 annual budget should be inclusive of the rollover balance. Adjustments to your Budget Amount will be made once the annual budget with the rollover balance is submitted/uploaded through the Funding portal.

Please contact your assigned Funding Representative with any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you,

Neighborhood Council Funding Program



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(213) 978-1058

<http://clerk.lacity.org/neighborhood-council-funding-program>

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Office of the City Clerk
Administrative Services Division
Neighborhood Council Funding Program

Date: August 1, 2020
To: South Roberston Neighborhood Council
Subject: Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Final Expenditure Analysis

Dear South Roberston NC:

This Office has conducted a reconciliation of your funding account for Fiscal Year 2019-2020:

Annual Budget	\$	42,000.00	
Roll Over from FY18-19	\$	9,972.05	
Add: Adjustments	\$	965.00	\$ 52,937.05
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Less: Total Expenditures for FY 19-20	\$	28,250.65	
Outstanding Checks	\$	10,196.98	
Accruals	\$	-	\$ (38,447.63)
FY19-20 Ending Balance/unspent funds	\$		\$ 14,489.42
Encumbrance	\$		\$ (3,240.00)
Net Cash	\$		\$ 11,249.42

BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR ROLLOVER	\$ 10,000.00
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Should you have any questions or need more information, please contact us at 213-978-1058.



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South Roberston NC Request
 (Same)

9,114,89.42
 (4250)
 10,239.42
 (Same)

Back to City \$ 1249.42 *\$ 239.42*

Should you have any questions or need more information, please contact us at 213-978-1058.

Martin Jon Liberman

From: Shawna Priscila Dungo <shawna.dungo@lacity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 9:57 AM
To: SORONC@empowerla.org
Cc: Freddy Cupen-Ames
Subject: Re: SORONC FY 20-21 Administrative Packet

Good Morning South Robertson NC,

I hope this email finds you well. According to the report sent yesterday, SORO NC's final rollover is \$10,000 and for a total FY 20-21 budget of \$39,069.25. According to the Administrative Packet that was submitted, the NC approved only \$6500 in rollover funds has encumbered funds of \$14,082.92 with a total budget of \$38,500. Your NC will have to amend your annual budget allocations to match your final approved budget.

The amended budget must be uploaded to the portal before the rollover funds are reflected on your account. Once we have verified your amended budget, we will make the adjustments to your account and add the rollover funds to reflect your final budget of \$39,069.25.

As a reminder, encumbered funds are only intended for earmarked expenditures submitted in the Encumbrance Request Form and approved by the Funding Program. For transparency purposes, encumbered funds must be reaffirmed by the NCs for use during FY 20-21. Please be sure to indicate within check payment requests and credit card transactions that the expenditure is to be paid using the encumbered funds. Any transactions or payment requests that do not indicate use of encumbered funds will be expensed through the general FY 20-21 funds.

Best,

Shawna Dungo

Funding Representative for the South LA, Harbor, and West LA areas

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Jon Liberman <jonliberman@soronc.org>

South Robertson NC FY 2020-2021 Final Approved Budget

1 message

Jon Liberman <jonliberman@soronc.org>

Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 2:33 AM

To: Shawna Priscila Dungo <shawna.dungo@lacity.org>

Cc: Cheryl Hass <cheryl.hass@lacity.org>, Janet Hernandez <janet.a.hernandez@lacity.org>

Bcc: jonliberman <M8429569@att.net>

Shawna

This will confirm yesterday's telephone call between us. I acknowledged receipt of your final budget received April 3rd from your Department. I also acknowledged your April 4, 2020 email requiring our Board amend our annual budget allocations to conform to your Final Approved Budget report. I agreed to present this to my Board and obtain their sign-off.

However I also presented my verbal concern that this was not within the realm of fairness to my NC. As I advised you we had two items that were contested by your Accounting Department to which we had submitted written documentation responding to their concerns on a timely basis. This documentation was apparently not reviewed or responded to at the time it was submitted. I have no record of any response from your Department as to our documentation. Now your Department is apparently unwilling to review the matter as you have closed your books and finalized the budgets. Although the amounts involved are small, it is more a matter of principle than anything else. Your Department specified what was wanted, our NC responded on a timely basis and we hear nothing further until after the fiscal year's budget is finalized. As I stated yesterday we are doing this because our prior experience with the Office of the City Clerk has been one of satisfaction with your handling of neighborhood council funding. Your office has exhibited nothing but a professional approach. As such, I have every confidence that a review of the circumstances will lead to a favorable outcome as to our request, As I explained on the phone we will amend our annual budget allocations to conform to your current Final Approved Budget

report. What I have requested is that should your accounting department agree to allow the contested items, my NC be allowed to again amend the annual budget allocations to recognize the increased amount of encumbrances.

I am including as an attachment, screenshots of the correspondence between my NC and your Department. What is included may have a portion of the text omitted because of the way Gmail formats for our printer. However I have annotated each document with the date and time it was sent. You should be able to pull it up in its entirety from your email.

- 1) June 30, 2020 email I sent to Shawna sent at 5:25 pm with attachments (Motion, BAC and signed Encumbrance form.
- 2) July 1, 2020 email from Shawna to me sent at 8:03 am acknowledging receipt of June 30 email. Copies to Cheryl and Janet
- 3) July 9, 2020 email from Cheryl Hass to me sent at 9:10 am stating the encumbrances for the Post Office and Outreach expenses was deemed incomplete. Also that accounting had closed the books for 19-20. Copies to Shawna and Janet.
- 4) July 9, 2020 email I sent to Cheryl Hass at 12:51 pm stating that your Office had all the information since June 30 and showing where and how the documentation was derived. **THIS EMAIL WAS NEVER RESPONDED TO BY YOUR OFFICE.**
- 5) July 17, 2020 email from Shawna to me sent at 12:31 pm which I interpreted to mean that the encumbrances under discussion were still being reviewed by accounting.
- 6) August 4, 2020 email from Shawna to me sent at 9:57 am that you wanted us to amend our annual budget allocations to match our final approved budget.

As we discussed there are no guarantees but that you would present this to your Accounting unit and request reconsideration of our Final Approved Budget.

Thank you.

Jon Liberman
Treasurer

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Motion to reconsider the vote of GB071620-8 (Letter of recognition for West LAPD Senior Lead Officers)

Agenda Item: R-GB071620-8

Date: 08/20/2020

Proposed By: Jon Liberman

**Include motion in
Consent Agenda?** NO

Background

The original author of this motion (Mike Lynn) was concerned about the manner in which the motion was first considered by our Board. He felt that due to the length of last month's meeting there was insufficient time to consider the motion and that board members may have rushed through the consideration on the merits of the motion as it was late in the evening. He also felt that the vote was subject to irregularities in the voting since some board members were verbally challenged by other board members as to the way they were voting once the vote began. (The vote was yes-7, No-9 and Abstain-1. The Motion failed) I voted in the majority at last month's vote. In view of the allegations made I felt it was a legitimate use of Reconsideration to determine whether the Board should revote on this motion.

Proposed Motion

- I. That the Soro NC Board consider whether they want to revote on this motion.
- II. If a majority of the NC Board votes to Reconsider this vote, the Board will continue its deliberations on the original motion and have a second vote on the motion.

Considerations

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

Serious allegations were made as to irregularities.

Arguments against:

Potentially a waste of time as Board Members are likely to vote the same as they did last month.

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Motion to Write a Letter of Recognition for West LAPD Senior Lead Officers Community Relations

Agenda Item: (Public Safety / GB071620-8)

Date: July 16, 2020

Proposed By: Public Safety Committee

Include motion in
Consent Agenda? NO

Background

In the past four years, the West LAPD Community Relations program has been very successful. In particular, the Senior Lead Officers assigned to the South Robertson area have proven to be great assets in our community, assisting Stakeholders with various issues throughout the neighborhoods.

This letter of recognition offers the appreciation and praise that they deserve, as well as identifies several individual examples of their involvement and dedication.

Proposed Motion

- I. For the SORO NC to send a letter of recognition to West LAPD Captain Jonathan Tom, and CC: Mayor Eric Garcetti, LAPD Chief Michael Moore, Los Angeles Police Commission, Councilmember Herb Wesson, and Councilmember Paul Koretz.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 6 Against: 1
(highly recommended)

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

Arguments for:

Officers should get acknowledged for positive actions.

Arguments against:

Praising police might be perceived as tone-deaf to some community members

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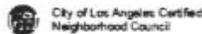
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Captain Jonathan Tom
West Los Angeles Police Department
1663 Butler Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90025

July 16, 2020

Re: Community Relations and WLAPD Senior Lead Officers

Dear Captain Tom:

The SORO NC would like to recognize the success of the LAPD Community Policing program, and specifically praise the Senior Lead Officers that have been assigned to the South Robertson area over the past 4 years. They have regularly interacted with Stakeholders at Public Safety Committee meetings and are an important part of several annual SORO NC sponsored events such as Coffee with A Cop, SOROFEST and the Los Angeles Homeless Count.

Among the numerous emails, calls and reports the Public Safety Committee has received about LAPD, there has been a growing number of good comments from the community regarding how our SLOs are addressing situations and affecting positive outcomes in their service to South Robertson.

Examples:

- SLO Chris Baker- meeting with Reynier Park neighbors to address various problems (Reynier Park calls to LAPD have significantly decreased since SLO Baker took over.)
- SLO Matt Kirk- meeting with Crestview Neighbors in efforts to reduce home burglaries and thefts.
- SLO Chris Baker and Officer James Allen (Acting SLO)- assisting Social Workers to provide residents of several homeless encampments with City and County Services.
- SLOs Chris Ragsdale and Matt Kirk- mitigating complaints by neighbors of the owner of 8755 W Olympic.
- SLO Chris Baker- Stepped up to expedite LAPD response to a 911 call that was ignored
- SLOs Matt Kirk and Chris Baker- Distributing Fireworks Advisory letter to all the students.
- SLOs Chris Baker and Matt Kirk- Coordinating a successful Citizen Patrol program.
- SLO Chris Baker- Town Hall meetings addressing Anti-Semitism in the Jewish Community
- Neighborhood Watch Meetings (multiple).
- SLO Chris Baker- Personally walking the beat on Pico Blvd., proactively identifying Safety needs of businesses and religious institutions along Pico Blvd.
- SLOs Chris Baker and Matt Kirk- Personal dedication to protecting Houses of Worship from terrorism threats.
- "Active Shooter" Training presentations in the community.
- SLO Matt Kirk- has been very responsive in dealing with Gang graffiti and communication with the WLA Gang unit on their activities.
- SLO Chris Baker- Coordinated with Narcotics officers and City Attorney to shut down illegal marijuana dispensaries and drug trafficking.



Motion to appoint Gloria Dioum as Second Signer and Martin Epstein as Alternate Signer

Agenda Item: GB082020-3
Date: 08/20/2020
Proposed By: Executive Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? NO

Background

Mike Lynn advised that he could no longer serve as Soro Second Signer. Additionally, we were advised by the City Clerk that it would be advantageous to also nominate an Alternate Signer. Gloria Dioum was asked if she would serve as Second Signer. She agreed to serve. Martin Epstein volunteered to serve as Alternate Signer. Both Gloria and Martin successfully completed the additional training from the City Clerk

Proposed Motion

- I. That Gloria Dioum be appointed as Second Signer and that Martin Epstein be appointed as Alternate Signer.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For:4 Against: 0
(highly recommended)

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$0
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for: Arguments against:

We need a Second Signer for Financial Transactions. An Alternate Signer is used where either the Primary Signer or Second Signer is unavailable. None.

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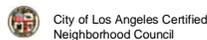
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Motion to support the 57-unit Eldercare Facility at 1112-1136 S Roxbury Dr

Agenda Item: GB 802020 - 5

Date: August 20, 2020

Proposed By: Land Use Committee

Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

The project team first presented a version of this project to the Land Use Committee and the General Board in 2019. The General Board voted to support the project. The project has since been revised and the new project was presented to the Land Use Committee at their July 7, 2020 meeting. In 2019, the project consisted of 56 units reserved for senior independent housing and 1 unit reserved for assisted living care housing. The project, as revised, consists of 42 units for senior independent housing and 15 units for assisted living care housing.¹ The application includes the following entitlement requests.

- To allow an Eldercare Facility in the R3 zone.
- To allow 57 dwelling units instead of the 25 units allowed by the density limits of the Q condition.
- To allow an increase in building height from the 36 feet allowed by the Q condition to 47 feet.

The subject property, located at 1112-1136 S Roxbury Dr, is at the edge of the city border with Beverly Hills, across from Roxbury Park. The adjacent properties consist of 2- to 4-story multi-unit apartment buildings.

The subject property is 28,272 square feet and is zoned [Q]R3-1-O with a 36-foot height limit. The proposed building is 4 stories. 113 parking stalls are located in 2 levels of subterranean garage.

The applicant noticed residents within 500 feet of the property for the Land Use Committee meeting. There were many residents in attendance to ask questions and provide comment on the building. The majority of commenters were in opposition to the project due to concerns ranging from the size and height of the building to traffic.

The Land Use Committee voted to recommend the General Board support the project contingent on the project team demonstrating at the time of the General Board meeting a good faith effort to address three recurring neighbor concerns: the safety of pedestrians in the alley, the design of the building façade along the alley, and the privacy concerns of the building opposite the alley.

Proposed Motion

Submit a letter in support of the application to City Planning Associate Michelle Carter (michelle.carter@lacity.org) to be included in the case file for the 57-unit Eldercare Facility at 1112-1136 S Roxbury Dr.; ZA-2019-7730-ELD.



Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 4 Against: 1

Arguments for:

Arguments against:

The project provides 57-units of much-needed senior living space in a neighborhood rich with programming for seniors.

(4) market-rate 4-plexes will be demolished.

While the list of entitlement requests is long, granting these requests allows for a building that is appropriate for the site and that fits in the existing context of the neighborhood.

Construction is disruptive.

57 new units – 16 existing units = 41 net new units

¹ Supporting documents:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5cm3kqeaas0hhwg/AAC2pBP4x3Lb9NAk2-LBTxaza?dl=0>

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

21 August 2020

Re: Case Number ZA-2019-7730-ELD

Dear Ms. Carter:

I am writing on behalf of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council ("SORO NC") to comment on the proposed 57-unit Eldercare Facility at 1112-1136 S Roxbury Dr.

At a duly-noticed meeting of the General Board on August 20, 2020, SORO NC voted 00 yes / 00 no / 00 abstain to recommend that the applicant's project be approved. The project provides 57 units of much-needed Senior Independent Housing and Assisted Living in a neighborhood rich with programming for seniors. Granting the requested entitlements allows for a building that is appropriate for the site and that fits in the existing context of the neighborhood.

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

Sincerely,

Martin Epstein
President, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

Cc: Aviv Kleinman, Office of Council Member Paul Koretz
Krystal Nívar, SORO NC Land Use Committee Chair



Motion to support California Senate Bill SB-1120

Agenda Item: GB 082020 - 6
Date: August 20, 2020
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

At the beginning of 2020, Los Angeles residents were discussing the biggest crisis the city had faced in more than a decade: the homelessness crisis. Of course, the Covid-19 pandemic has dominated our conversations since March. But we are keenly aware that the current pandemic will only contribute to the number of homeless individuals in this city, the extent of which is not yet known. Senate Bill 1120 is part of a series of legislative proposals, the Senate Housing Production Package, intended to increase the construction of additional residences. SB-1120 aims to increase housing by allowing the construction of additional residential units in traditionally single-family neighborhoods. As written, SB-1120 would accomplish this through 2 changes to the rules governing single-family properties.

- Existing single-family homes can be converted into duplexes
- Existing single-family lots can be subdivided into 2 separate, fee-simple lots. A new, 2-unit building can be constructed on the newly formed lot.

SB-1120 allows for local agencies to require up to one parking spot per unit, unless the lot is located within a half mile of a "high-quality transit corridor, a major transit stop, or within one block of a car share service.

Although the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) bills passed in 2017-2019 did result in the creation of additional units throughout Los Angeles, the majority of the ADUs built were in more affluent areas of LA. (Existing ADU regulations do not allow an ADU to be sold separate from the sale of the main house.)

Of all of the land zoned for residential use in the city of Los Angeles, more than 75 percent is zoned single-family. SB-1120 will not only encourage the construction of additional residential units during a time of extreme shortage, but it will also provide more opportunities for home ownership in single-family neighborhoods across LA with varying levels of economic opportunity.

Proposed Motion

Submit a letter in support of SB-1120 to Senators Holly J. Mitchell and Benjamin Allen and Assembly Members Sydney Kamlager and Richard Bloom.

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Considerations

Committee review:

Votes For: 6

Against: 2

Arguments for:

Encourages the construction of duplexes, three-plexes, and four-plexes.

Would allow for the creation of 1.2 million new housing units in California.ⁱⁱ

Creates new opportunity for affordable home ownership.

Arguments against:

Single-family neighborhoods should remain 2 families per lot (ADUs are already allowed).

Local agencies should have more control.

ⁱ SB-1120:

https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB1120

ⁱⁱ http://ternercenter.berkeley.edu/uploads/Single-Family_Zoning_Reform_An_Analysis_of_SB_1120.pdf

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Assembly Member Richard Bloom
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Santa Monica, CA 90405

21 August 2020

Re: Senate Bill 1120

Dear Senator Holly J. Mitchell, Senator Benjamin Allen, Assembly Member Sydney Kamlager, and Assembly Member Richard Bloom:

I am writing on behalf of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council ("SORO NC") to express support for Senate Bill 1120.

At a duly-noticed meeting of the General Board on August 20, 2020, SORO NC voted 00 yes / 00 no / 00 abstain to recommend that the proposed bill be approved. Of all of the land zoned for residential use in the city of Los Angeles, more than 75 percent is zoned single-family. SB-1120 will not only encourage the construction of additional residential units during a time of extreme shortage, but it will also provide more opportunities for home ownership in single-family neighborhoods across LA with varying levels of economic opportunity.

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

Sincerely,

Martin Epstein
President, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

Cc: Mayor Eric Garcetti
Council Member Paul Koretz
Council President Emeritus Herb Wesson
Krystal Návar, SORO NC Land Use Committee Chair