



Motion to request permanent LAPD Transient Unit for West LA Division

Agenda Item: GB091919-6
Date: September 19, 2019
Proposed By: Public Safety Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? If possible

Background

LAPD has special units dedicated to dealing with homelessness. This way any issues with homeless encampments do not use up our regular Basic Car resources. The transient unit is trained and experienced in dealing with these issues. They often work together with HOPE (Homeless Outreach and Proactive Engagement) teams to try and get homeless people into services that can help them.

The West LA division of LAPD, which includes SORO, does not have its own fulltime transient unit. This is despite West LA having significant homelessness issues, especially near the VA Hospital and the borders of Beverly Hills and Culver City.

We believe that West LA needs its own transient unit to best address the crises in our community.

Proposed Motion

- I. SORO NC shall adopt the position that the West LA division of the LAPD should have a fulltime transient unit permanently assigned to it.
- II. The attached letter should be sent to the LAPD West LA Command staff.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 8 Against: 0
(highly recommended)

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

Arguments for:

West LA has a significant homelessness problem and needs dedicated resources to solve it.

Without a transient unit, our basic cars are working on homeless problems instead of their normal crime prevention duties.

Arguments against:

Other neighborhoods need this limited resource more than we do.

Homelessness is not a crime, and police is not the way to deal with it.

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September 20, 2019

Captain Davalos & Captain Goddard
West LA Community Police Station, Los Angeles Police Department
1663 Butler Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Dear LAPD West LA Command Staff:

Our entire city is experiencing a homelessness crisis. This problem is felt acutely in our neighborhoods in South Robertson. We have multiple encampments in our area. We believe that among other steps necessary to address the problem West LA Division requires a Transient Unit dedicated permanently to the division. The Transient Unit is best equipped to deal with the problem and prevents us from having to divert our few Basic Cars to this issue. West LA has the VA hospital in its territory and borders the cities of Beverly Hills and Culver City which have different policies towards the homeless than Los Angeles does. We believe that the problem in West LA warrants this resource.

The need for this is the official position of our council as adopted by a vote of our General Board. We ask that you work to make it happen and let us know if we may be of any additional assistance in that regard.

Lastly, we wanted to express our sincere condolences to the division on the death of Officer Juan Jose Diaz. We are with you in mourning his loss. We appreciate all the work you do and the risks you and your officers take to protect our communities.

Sincerely yours,

Krystal Návar
President, South Robertson Neighborhoods Council



Motion to require City Council not use the term “Subject to the Approval of the Mayor” in Council Motions

Agenda Item: GB091919-7
Date: September 19, 2019
Proposed By: Terrence Gomes/LANCC
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No preference

Background

The City Council is the governing body of the City, except as otherwise provided in the Charter, and enacts ordinances subject to the approval or veto of the Mayor. Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Charter, the Council shall have full power to pass ordinances upon any subject of municipal concern.

City Council has ultimate authority over all matters. Charter Section 250(b) provides that the Mayor's failure to act on an ordinance within ten days makes the ordinance, as if the Mayor had signed it. Section 250(c) provides that a mayoral veto can be overridden by a two-thirds or three-quarters vote of the Council.

When City Council passes a motion and includes, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR, it negates Charter Section 250(b) and allows the Mayor to sit on a Council Motion for an indefinite amount of time and negates Section 250(b) as it does not allow the City Council to override the Mayor's decision.

Proposed Motion

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council realizes that the City Council is voted in by the citizens of Los Angeles to represent their interests and make decisions. The Mayor of Los Angeles has the power to veto those decisions. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council demands that the City Council no longer use the term "SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR" in Council Files.

Letter sent to CMs Wesson and Koretz, Mayor, City Attorney, and WRAC.

Consideration

The motion was considered at LANCC and was passed unanimously.

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Motion to fund up to \$200 for Quality of Life Open House Event

Agenda Item: GB091919-8

Date: September 19, 2019

Proposed By: Jared Weston

Include motion in Consent Agenda? No preference

Background

SORONC Quality of Life committee would like to host an open house. This event will be hosted in order for SORO stakeholders to share and highlight current issues facing our community that they would like our neighborhood council to address.

Event Details:

Quality of Life Open House

October 20, 2019

3:00pm-6:00pm

The Relational Center, 2717 South Robertson Blvd

Proposed Motion

- I. The Quality of Life Committee is requesting funding up to \$200 in order to be able to create flyers for the event as well as provide basic snacks during the event on 10/20/19.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For:

Against:

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

Arguments for:

This funding will allow for the event to be promoted widely in our community and provides refreshments for stakeholders who are present at the event.

Arguments against:

SORONC funds could be used for other purposes.

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Motion to host under-utilized SORO NC Committees at Quality of Life

Agenda Item: GB091919-9

Date: September 19, 2019

Proposed By: Jared Weston

Include motion in Consent Agenda? No preference

Background

The Quality of Life Committee acknowledges that there are committees listed as active by the SORONC that do not have a nominated chair and/or regular meetings. In order for our board to operate in a more efficient manner, Quality of Life would like to act as a host for those under-utilized committees.

All committees that are hosted by Quality of Life will have a standing agenda item at the monthly Quality of Life Committee meeting which can be used to give updates and discuss any issues or projects related to the hosted committee.

The Quality of Life Committee is not interested in consolidating any committees that feel they have the necessity to remain separated. This motion is being proposed so that we can operate our many committees in the most effective, productive way possible. We also feel it is important to maintain a monthly opportunity for stakeholders in the SORONC community to bring up issues related to these committees without having to wait for or request a special ad-hoc meeting.

Proposed Motion

- I. The Quality of Life Committee is requesting approval of the SORONC board to host less-active committees at Quality of Life.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 4

Against: 0

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

Arguments for:

This will provide a monthly platform for other committees that do not have a chair and/or regular meetings.

Arguments against:

Stakeholders may feel that a standing monthly agenda item is not a sufficient platform to address their issues on a particular subject.

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Motion for SORO NC to sponsor an Active Shooter Presentation and fund up to \$750 for outreach, location fees, and/or refreshments

Agenda Item: GB091919-10
Date: September 19, 2019
Proposed By: SORO NC Public Safety Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No preference

Background

Mass shootings have continued to occupy the news headlines over the past decade. Not limited to schools, they have also occurred at concerts, nightclubs, shopping malls and houses of worship. Could it happen here in LA? In SORO? How should WE react if one occurs here? What do we need to know?

Various organizations and levels of government created presentations to expand awareness and knowledge of how to act (react) in an active shooter situation. The SORO Public Safety Committee had one such presentation a few years ago at its monthly meeting that received high praise.

We would like to host a larger Active Shooter Presentation by LAPD (and/or other government agencies) on a Sunday in early December. We plan on flyers, Social Media Ads and maybe a few signs as Outreach to Stakeholders, and may need to pay for location and/or refreshments.

Proposed Motion

That SORO NC sponsor an Active Shooter Presentation and provide up to \$750 in funding for Location Fees, Outreach, and/or Refreshments.

Considerations

Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 7	Against: 0
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$ 2350
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Arguments for:

Topic is in the news, should attract much interest.

May help save lives

Arguments against:

Topic is unpleasant.

The likelihood of a Mass Shooting in SORO is minimal.

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Motion to request LA City Council initiate a study on addressing safety concerns regarding residential parkway landscape regulation

Agenda Item: GB091919-11

Date: September 19, 2019

Proposed By: SORO NC Public Safety Committee

Include motion in Consent Agenda? No preference

Background

As a result of recent draught activity and previous LA City Residential Parkway Guidelines, property owners have been replacing their parkways with drought tolerant native plants and other materials, such as gravel, wood chips, stones, artificial turf, or resort to spraying multiple applications of ROUNDUP®. Although environmentally conscious, each of these may pose a serious health and safety risk to the general public, as well as liability to the City

Among many possible safety concerns are:

- Gravel, stones and woodchips do not stay where placed and are easily transferred from the parkway area an onto the sidewalks and streets. This poses a hazard for pedestrians.
- Drought tolerant plants are great however, their needs to be regulation on what types of plants are permitted. Cactus with spiky growths can be dangerous and should not be allowed to be planted in the parkways. There is also a very popular succulent that is called Fire Stick Succulent or Pencil Succulent (Proper name: Euphorbia tirucalli) that produces a milky substance that is extremely acidic and toxic to humans and pets.
- ROUNDUP® contains Glyphosate. Glyphosate has been linked to Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Multiple lawsuits have been won against the Bayer who bought ROUNDUP® from Monsanto.

The regulation of LA City residential parkways needs to be updated to keep the public right of way safe for pedestrians, children and pets.

Proposed Motion

SORO NC should write a Letter to City Council President Herb Wesson and City Council Member Paul Koretz (CC'ing City of Los Angeles/ Dept. Public Works Bureau of Street Services/ Engineering Division) requesting them to have City Council initiate a study on updating to the LA City Municipal Code sections regulating of Residential Parkways to reflect recent and ongoing Safety Concerns.

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Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 7

Against: 0

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

Arguments for:

Important to address Safety Concerns before they become a widespread problem.

May prevent future lawsuits against Property Owners and/or City

Arguments against:

Possible that these have already been studied.

City has limited resources, other issues may require more immediate attention.