



# Nomination of liaison to the Palms Emergency Preparedness Committee (PEPC)

**Agenda Item:** GB011515-4  
**Date:** January 15, 2015  
**Proposed By:** Public Safety Committee

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## Full Proposal

In December, the Palms Emergency Preparedness Coalition (PEPC) contacted the SORO NC to share information about itself and to have our Board consider appointing a representative to serve as a liaison with PEPC, who would attend monthly meetings and activities, report back, and represent our interests in the PEPC.

The PEPC was formed in 2013 and has been the recipient of \$30K in funding from the federal Centers for Disease Control, as administered through the Los Angeles County Department of Health.

The main goals of the organization are to establish emergency procedures for Palms, acquire emergency supplies and distribution points, and conduct outreach to the stakeholders of Palms. Some of this preliminary work has been done, but there is a great opportunity for the SORO NC to have strong input into our work.

There are sections of Palms (as defined by the city, state, and federal government) that are within the boundaries of SORO. Because PEPC has a mission to serve all of Palms and not just the section within the Palms Neighborhood Council, they are hoping to collaborate with and SORO (as well as the Mar Vista Community Council) for those areas of Palms we represent.

PEPC is not governed by the Brown Act and has a rather informal structure (no officers). The members appointed to PEPC would be afforded full voting rights on all issues (though they don't pass formal motions as such.)

## Proposed Motion

That SORO NC nominate Beth Hirsch or Robyn Braun as its liaison to the Palms Emergency Preparedness Committee (PEPC).

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## Considerations

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<b>Committee review:</b> <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 6	Against: 0
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<b>Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:</b> <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$ N/A
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**Arguments for:**

**Arguments against:**

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# Community Growth Act: motion to oppose a blanket application of the proposed residential development interim control ordinance

**Agenda Item:** GB011515-5  
**Date:** 15 January 2015  
**Proposed By:** Kevin Gres

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## Full Proposal

Councilman Paul Koretz is attempting to implement new building restrictions on families in Los Angeles, by further reducing a home's buildable area and removing the density bonus. It is called the Proposed Interim Control Ordinance and it would restrict livable area to just 50% of the property.

Beverlywood is a family friendly residential suburb of Los Angeles with roughly 6,500 residents. Beverlywood is managed by the Beverlywood Homes Association ("BHA"), comprised of 11 elected Beverlywood residents. One of the responsibilities of the BHA is to review all new building and renovation plans. When reviewing new building plans, the BHA must delicately balance the needs of families to expand to meet their needs, as well as maintaining the charm and friendliness of the community.

SORO NC will be the first to admit that there are areas of Los Angeles that would greatly benefit from Councilman Koretz's new restrictions. However, not all of Los Angeles' diverse neighborhoods should be treated homogenously. Beverlywood is different. The majority of Beverlywood residents feel that Councilman Koretz's proposed restrictions will significantly stifle families and residents from moving into the neighborhood, and that existing property values will decline in light of the additional building restrictions.

## Proposed Motion

SORO NC opposes Councilman Koretz's blanket application of his Proposed Interim Control Ordinance, and believes such restriction must be applied on a community-by-community basis

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## Considerations

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

Votes For: 0

Against:

**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** \$  
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**Arguments for:**

**Arguments against:**

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# Motion to fund \$1623.01 for the purchase (or \$450 for the Rental) of two (2) 20x20 tent or canopies and to sponsor the Emergency Preparedness and Safety Expo at SOROFEST 2015

**Agenda Item:** GB011515-6

**Date:** January 11, 2015

**Proposed By:** Michael Lynn

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## Full Proposal

Last year marked the inaugural Emergency Preparedness and Safety Expo (EXPO) at SOROFEST (2014). One full block of the annual street festival was dedicated to disaster awareness and safety issues, as provided by various government entities, community organizations and businesses. The public gained the opportunity to meet several members of the LAPD, LAFD and CHP. The event also included demonstrations, a blood donation mobile, vendor booths and raffle.

After considering feedback from the event, the SORO NC Public Safety Committee is proposing some changes and modifications to improve the EXPO, as part of SOROFEST 2015.

### Proposed Event Details:

- **DATE:** June 7, 2015 from 11-4pm
- **LOCATION:** On S. Robertson, between Gibson St. and Olin St. (middle section of FEST)
- Two Central Tents (20' x 20') w/ 8 tables (outward) and small platform "stage" w/PA, with a few rows of chairs (inward)
- 5-10 Paid Vendor Booths (10' X 10') on West side of Robertson
- LAFD , LAPD and CHP Vehicle Displays
- 1 Demonstration Area (Jaws of Life)
- Games/Fun AREA (for the kids)
- LA County "Shakey Quakey Schoolhouse" Truck

As with last year, this EXPO will help educate the greater community in disaster preparedness and awareness through information, demonstration, and activities. It will also showcase the various agencies, organizations, and apparatuses that government and private sector utilize to fulfill their mission. Agencies/ Organizations that are being invited include LAFD, LAPD, CHP, CERT, LA County Sheriff, DWP, SoCal Gas, LA County Dept. Of Health, LA County Coroner, Local Hospitals (Olympia, Cedars, UCLA etc.), LA Emergency Management Dept., Seat belt/ Car seat safety, Hatzolah, Shmira, Chaverim, FEMA, and more.....

Requests will go out to each agency to purchase booth space (price is set by SOROFEST 2015) and/or provide a large array of apparatus for static displays. Organizations that are unable to purchase a booth may be assigned table space in the Central Tents at no charge (upon availability.)

As part of the educational focus of the event, we will have various activities and demonstrations such as including a Jaws of Life demonstration on a car, quake

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simulation, emergency rescues, earthquake kit assembly, safety presentations, games and contests, etc...

This year's EXPO configuration would require two 20' x 20' tents that would cost approximately \$1625 to purchase (versus \$450-500 to rent each year.) If purchased, tents would be stored in the SORO NC storage unit and would be available for use at other events.

**Proposed Motion**

That SORO NC fund the purchase of two (2) 20x20 canopies in the amount of \$1623.01 (or fund the rental of two (2) 20x20 canopies in the amount of \$450) and sponsor The Emergency Preparedness and Safety Expo at SOROFEST 2015.

**Considerations**

**Committee review:** Votes For: 5 Against: 0  
*(highly recommended)*

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

**Arguments for:**

Canopies are good investment for multiple community events.

EXPO received overall positive reviews by community

**Arguments against:**

Rental would be less expensive short term.

Last year's EXPO attendance was on the light side



# Motion to fund Up To \$350 for a SORO NC Public Safety table, Refreshments and Food at the Regional Homeless Count January 28, 2015 event at Hamilton High

**Agenda Item:** GB011515-7

**Date:** January 15, 2015

**Proposed By:** Michael Lynn

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## Full Proposal

This month, the 2015 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count will take for the fifth time since starting in 2005- as a joint effort of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, Continuum of Care, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, The Los Angeles Mayor, and City Councils.

In gathering census data of how many homeless neighbors we have in LA County, we can better engage homelessness in our great city and take care of our fellow Angelenos who need a helping hand.

The Regional Homeless Count of the West Los Angeles area will take place on January 28th at 8:00 PM. All volunteers of the West LA community will be meeting at Hamilton High School before engaging in the homeless count.

SORO NC would set up a table to promote Public Safety and to provide refreshments and food for the volunteers.

## Proposed Motion

That the SORO NC fund up to \$350.00 for SORO NC/Public Safety table, refreshments and food for the volunteers at the Regional Homeless Count January 28, 2015 event at Hamilton High.

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## Considerations

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

Votes For: 6

Against: 0

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### Arguments for:

Great opportunity for community outreach.

### Arguments against:

Volunteers do not need refreshments as motivation.

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