



# Motion to support a proposed cellular substation at 1830 S. Robertson

**Agenda Item:** GB011713-4

**Date:** 17 January 2013

**Proposed By:** Terrence Gomes

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## Full Proposal

Metro PCS proposes to install an unmanned cell substation on the roof of 1830 S. Robertson (a commercial building). The equipment will consist of 6 panel antennas and 3 dishes. The equipment would be screened by 6' boxes, painted to match the building and resemble chimneys. The boxes would be visible from the street and surrounding properties.

The project would also remove one parking spot from the rear of the building to make room for an equipment cabinet. The remaining three spots would be slightly more narrow.

The Land Use committee voted to support the project, with the condition that the applicant provide a Certificate of Occupancy for the building's School of Nursing.

## Proposed Motion

To support the proposed installation of a cellular substation at 1830 S. Robertson Blvd.

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## Considerations

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

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

**Arguments for:**

**Arguments against:**

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# Motion to consider a letter of support for the Adas Torah Temple project with Zone Variances to convert Victory Furniture on 9040 W. Pico blvd. to an Orthodox Jewish Synagogue

**Agenda Item:** GB011713-5  
**Date:** 17 January 2013  
**Proposed By:** Land Use Committee

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## Full Proposal

Adas Torah Temple is requesting a letter of support to the ZA for their project with Zone Variances. Adas Torah, an orthodox Jewish synagogue is seeking a zone variance to (i) reduce required parking from 113 to 8 spaces and (ii) continue to have reduced back up space for cars exiting the southerly parking area for the adaptive reuse of the former Victory Furniture building located at 9040 W. Pico Blvd. – The authority of the ZA approval will be based on the strict no- drive rules pertaining to Sabbath and high holidays. Will double 2 of the parking spaces as a loading zone space. Applicant is the owner of the property.

The existing one story, 12,000 sq ft building on five parcels totaling 19,223 sq ft will increase to approximately 15,000 sq ft for the building footprint while maintaining the one story height. A planned warming kitchen of approximately 400 sq ft is included within the building footprint. Parking in the front yard along Pico will be eliminated in order to create an open area courtyard with a perimeter enclosure. Parking accessed from the alley to the south will be maintained. The secured main entrance will be accessed from Pico blvd with no walk ins permitted. There is no need for signage, but will have donor identification signage on the perimeter enclosure.

Adas Torah seeks to relocate its existing neighborhood-serving synagogue in the shortest possible time from the Beverlywood area to the Pico Robertson area. The synagogue has approximately 115 member families - predominantly young couples with young children totaling approximately 460 people. The growth plan is projected to increase from 115 families to 180 families in the next 3-5 years. They conducted outreach in a radius mailing consisting of 471 mailers. Construction could start as soon as Spring 2013 if the outreach and entitlement process is well received.

Everyday morning Services are from 6:30 to 7:30am. They will have 3 full time staff at the facility. The Synagogue will generally be empty from 9:00am to 5:00 pm M-F.

LUED Committee recommends support of project as presently provided with the developer and Synagogue having a representative (point person) with a telephone number to handle any issues. Also have scheduled meeting with neighbors quarterly through out the project.

## Proposed Motion

To support/not support a letter of support for the Adas Torah Temple project with Zone Variances to convert Victory Furniture on 9040 W. Pico blvd. to an Orthodox Jewish Synagogue.

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## Considerations

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

Votes For: 5

Against: 1

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

**Arguments for:**

**Arguments against:**



# Canfield Avenue Elementary School Farm to School nutrition program funding proposal for \$980.

**Agenda Item:** GB011713-6  
**Date:** 17 January 2013  
**Proposed By:** Barry E. Levine

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## Full Proposal

This farm to school nutritional program brings the health benefits of consuming fresh fruits and vegetables to students on a weekly basis. The La Cienega Farmer's Market will participate and forge stronger community ties with students' families.

Kindergarten through fifth grade students will have increased exposure to a variety of seasonal fruits and vegetables they may not necessarily sample otherwise. Students will encourage their parents to attend the La Cienega Farmer's Market to purchase more healthy foods for their diets. Knowledge of farming and nutrition will be broadcast school wide in a humorous, playful manner.

This request for \$980.00 is to be funded through the budget item allocated for the NPG program to be established before the end of this fiscal year grant availability ends. It will provide for all students for seven weeks of the program.

## Proposed Motion

The actual language the Board will be voting on. May have multiple items:

- I. Fund \$980.00 for the Canfield Avenue Elementary School Farm to School nutrition program

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## Considerations

**Committee review:** Votes For: 2 Against: 0  
*(highly recommended)*

**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** \$  
*Item not to come from Education Committee budget.*

### Arguments for:

Sharing of SORONC funds through out the SORONC community

Provides for the health and well being of the SORONC community

### Arguments against:

Money could be spent elsewhere.

Program for NPG not yet established

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**Neighborhood Council Funding Program  
APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)**



This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. The Neighborhood Council, upon approval of the application, shall submit the approved application along with all required documentation to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Name of Neighborhood Council you are seeking the grant from: SORO  
*Neighborhood Council Name*

**SECTION I - APPLICANT VERIFICATION INFORMATION**

1A) Friends of Canfield, Canfield Elementary 20-1402963 CA 7/02/2005  
*Organization Name* *Federal I.D. # (EIN#)* *State of Incorporation* *Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)*

1B) 9233 Airdrome Street Los Angeles CA 90035  
*Organization Mailing Address* *City* *State* *Zip Code*

1C) \_\_\_\_\_ CA \_\_\_\_\_  
*Business Address (if different)* *City* *State* *Zip Code*

1D) \_\_\_\_\_ CA \_\_\_\_\_  
*Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable)* *City* *State* *Zip Code*

Name and address of person designated to receive official/legal notices: *Name:* Elizabeth Owens, Friends of Canfield

2) 8829 Key Street Los Angeles CA 90035  
*Street* *City* *State* *Zip Code*

3) Type of Organization- Please select one: **(Organizations must be located within the City of Los Angeles)**  
 Public School *(not to include private schools)* or  501(c)(3) Non-profits *(other than religious institutions)*  
 Attach Letterhead Attach IRS Determination Letter

**SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

- 4) Please describe the Neighborhood Improvement Project for which the grant is intended.  
 This farm to school nutritional program brings the health benefits of consuming fresh fruits and vegetables to students on a weekly basis. The La Cienega Farmer's Market will participate and forge stronger community ties with students' families.
- 5) How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a non-discriminatory, public purpose and benefit the public at-large.  
 Kindergarten through fifth grade students will have increased exposure to a variety of seasonal fruits and vegetables they may not necessarily sample otherwise. Students will encourage their parents to attend the La Cienega Farmer's Market to purchase more healthy foods for their diets. Knowledge of farming and nutrition will be broadcast schoolwide in a humorous, playful manner.

**SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE- Please outline the project budget below.**

6A) Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
All volunteer labor provided by school parents and staff	\$ 0	\$ 0
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

6B) Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
Produce 7 weeks at \$140.00/week	\$ 980.00	\$ 980.00
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

7) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in box 4 above contingent on any other factors or sources or funding?  Yes, please describe below  No

Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

8) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$ 980.00

9) What is the expected completion date? 06 / 07 / 2013 (mm/dd/yyyy) (required)

**SECTION IV - PROJECT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Provide the name, telephone number, fax and e-mail address (if applicable) of the person(s) responsible for the funds and program(s) listed in Section II of this application.

10A) Sonya Neweissman R  
 First Name Last Name MI  
310 397 5138 sneweissman@hotmail.com  
 Telephone Number Fax Number E-mail

10B) Elizabeth Owens MI  
 First Name Last Name MI  
310 283 2633 owensee@yahoo.com  
 Telephone Number Fax Number E-mail

**SECTION V - AFFILIATIONS**

11) Is there a former or existing relationship between your organization and a NC board member?  Yes  No

11A) If yes, did you and/or the board member consult the Office of the City Attorney?  Yes  No

Type of Relationship	Board Member Name
Example: Former board member	So Conflicted



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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: FEB 02 2005

FRIENDS OF CANFIELD  
C/O SABRINA TEIGER  
9233 AIRDROME AVE  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90035

Employer Identification Number:  
20-1402963  
EIN:  
17082294010014  
Contact Person:  
JOAN C KISER 108 31317  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
JUNE 30  
Public Charity Status:  
170(B)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990 Required:  
YES  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
JUNE 30, 2004  
Contribution Deductibility:  
YES  
Advance Ruling Ending Date:  
JUNE 30, 2008

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. During your advance ruling period, you will be treated as a public charity. Your advance ruling period begins with the effective date of your exemption and ends with advance ruling ending date shown in the heading of the letter.

Shortly before the end of your advance ruling period, we will send you Form 8734, Support Schedule for Advance Ruling Period. You will have 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period to return the completed form. We will then notify you, in writing, about your public charity status.

Please see enclosed information for Exempt Organizations Under Section 501(c)(3) for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

If you distribute funds to other organizations, your records must show whether they are exempt under section 501(c)(3). In cases where the recipient organization is not exempt under section 501(c)(3), you must have evidence the funds will be used for section 501(c)(3) purposes.

Letter 1645 (10/03)

FRIENDS OF CENFIELD

Sincerely,



Lois G. Leiner  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Information for Organizations Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)  
Form 8720-C

Letter 1045 (EO/C)

**Request for Taxpayer  
 Identification Number and Certification**

Give Form to the  
 requester. Do not  
 send to the IRS.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)  
**Friends of Canfield**

Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

Check appropriate box for federal tax classification (required):  
 Individual/sole proprietor     C Corporation     S Corporation     Partnership     Trust/estate  
 Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ \_\_\_\_\_  Exempt payee  
 Other (see instructions) ▶ **501(c)(3) non-profit public charity**

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)  
**9233 Airdrome Ave.**

City, state, and ZIP code  
**Los Angeles, CA 90035**

Requester's name and address (optional)

List account number(s) here (optional)

**Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number

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**Note.** If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Employer identification number

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**Part II Certification**

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here    Signature of U.S. person ▶ *[Handwritten Signature]*    Date ▶ *12/5/2012*

**General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Purpose of Form**

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

**Note.** If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

January 11, 2013

Dear SORO Board and SORO Members,

Due to tight budget constraints, Canfield is applying for a Neighborhood Project Grant because we can no longer support on our own the Fresh Fruit on Friday program at our school. For about the last seven years we have had financial support on and off from The Model Neighborhood Program and SORO. Last year we tried to fund the program ourselves but did not have the necessary resources and went without a program for most of the school year.

Our student body at Canfield is comprised of an ethnically, linguistically, and socio-economically diverse population. We have a significant religious population of students that used to attend private schools but because of the tough economic times the parents now send their kids to Canfield, their local public school.

27% of our student body is designated to be economically disadvantaged as determined by the free/reduced price of the Federal Lunch Program. Unfortunately this is not enough to qualify us for Title One status which would automatically increase funding for our school. It becomes difficult to fund these special programs, when we must use our resources to pay for the basics such as text books and teachers.

Our success in changing our student's habit from eating unhealthy to eating healthy is primarily due to this program and the general atmosphere we have been able to establish of the importance of positive self- image and physical well being. Also good nutrition is strongly linked to high academic performance which has probably made it easier to achieve our educational goals. Should we receive funding from SORO, we will enter into a full partnership between staff, parents, students and community to totally support and implement this very important program which we will call **Farm to School**.

Our Federal ID number is: **20 – 1402963**.

We project Canfield Elementary will serve 400 students for 7 weeks @ \$140.00 a month with a total cost of **\$980.00**. For details please see our application.

Thank you for this opportunity,



Elizabeth Owens, Canfield Parent  
Friends of Canfield Board Member



# Motion to approve Neighborhood Purposes Grant up to \$1671 to Castle Heights Elementary for Earth Week/ Eco Fair

**Agenda Item:** GB011713-7  
**Date:** Jan. 17, 2013  
**Proposed By:** Paula Waxman/Larry Hess/Saran Kirschbaum/Charmaine Colina

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## Summary

The Castle Heights Elementary School is requesting \$1671 to help them pay for their "Earth Week" and "Eco Fair" to be held April 21<sup>th</sup> to April 26<sup>th</sup> 2013.

## Full Proposal

Each year, around Earth Day in April, Castle Heights Elementary School conducts "Earth Week" ending in their weekend "Eco-Fair". This week -long event sensitizes the students and their families to the importance of taking care of their environment and educates students and families on specific measures they can take to be responsible stewards of the earth. Events that take place during the week are: a kick-off assembly, Bottles and Cans Recycling Contest, E-Waste Drive School Beautification Day, and Walk-Bike to School Program. The Eco Fair examines organic food and gardening in their learning garden, sells reusable grocery bags, eco-themed t-shirts, and culminates in the E-Waste and Recycling contest. It is great fun for the students and their families and at the same time teaches important lessons. The funds generated by the sale of T-shirts and reusable grocery bags are used to fund student environmental projects, and their eco-themed booth at the Soro Festival in June.

The school is asking for \$1671 to cover:

- Walk/Bike/Carpool incentives (craft supplies: pencils, stickers, bags) \$455
- Booth equipment (EZ-up canopies) \$351
- Eco Fair Food \$470
- Eco Fair Wireless P.A. system \$341

Castle Heights will print the SORONC logo on all banners, and advertising, using the following wording, "Paid for in part from funds provided by the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council."

## Proposed Motion

That the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORONC) donate up to \$1617 to co-sponsor Castle Heights' Earth Week and Eco Fair to be held April 21<sup>th</sup> to April

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26<sup>th</sup>, 2011. SORONC to be credited on all advertising as follows: "Paid for in part from funds provided by the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council."

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## Considerations

**Committee review:**

*The committee favorably discussed this project but did not take a formal vote. It was assumed that NPG grants would be recommended by ad hoc NPG committee*

Votes For:

Against:

**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:**

Nothing budgeted in Committee. \$4000 available in NPG fund:  
\$1000 available in committee's budget.

**Arguments for:**

These events teach important environmental lessons to both students and families in a fun way.

Because Castle Heights will put the SORONC brand on all advertising materials, this is an ideal way to show the neighborhood that the SORONC sponsors community activities.

**Arguments against:**

Arguably, money could be used to support more fundamental educational needs.

The SORONC gave only \$500 toward this event in 2011.

**APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)**

Invoice No. NPG- \_\_\_\_\_

This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. The Neighborhood Council, upon approval of the application, shall submit the approved application along with all required documentation to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Name of Neighborhood Council you are seeking the grant from: South Robertson Neighborhood Council  
 Neighborhood Council Name

**SECTION I - APPLICANT VERIFICATION INFORMATION**

1A) <u>Castle Heights Elementary</u> Organization Name	<u>8024105</u> Federal I.D. # (EIN#)	<u>CA</u> State of Incorporation	<u>N/A</u> Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)
1B) <u>9755 Cattaraugus Ave.</u> Organization Mailing Address	<u>Los Angeles</u> City	<u>CA</u> State	<u>90034</u> Zip Code
1C) _____ Business Address (if different)	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip Code
1D) _____ Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable)	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip Code
Name and address of person designated to receive official/legal notices:		Name: <u>Brian Grass</u>	
2) <u>9755 Cattaraugus Ave.</u> Street	<u>Los Angeles</u> City	<u>CA</u> State	<u>90034</u> Zip Code
3) Type of Organization- Please select one: ( <b>Organizations must be located within the City of Los Angeles</b> )			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public School (not to include private schools)		or <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) Non-profits (other than religious institutions)	
Attach Letterhead		Attach IRS Determination Letter	

**SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

4) Please describe the Neighborhood Improvement Project for which the grant is intended.

Castle Heights' annual Earth Week and Eco Fair takes place every April, around Earth Day (April 22). This event helps educate the students and community on environmental awareness and conservation.

5) How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a non-discriminatory, public purpose and benefit the public at-large.

This grant will be used to for supplies we need for our walk/Bike/Carpool-to-school promotion such as incentives. The grant will also be used to buy supplies for our Eco Fair. Earth Week and Eco Fair benefit the public at large because environmental awareness and education are emphasized. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rethink is the motto for Earth Week and beyond.

**SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE- Please outline the project budget below.**

6A) Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
N/A	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

6B) Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
incentives + craft supplies - pencils, stickers, bags, etc	\$ 455.00	\$ 455.00
booth equipment (EZ-up canopies)	\$ 351.00	\$ 351.00
EcoFair Food - organic veggie wraps + lemonade	\$ 470.00	\$ 470.00
Other EcoFair equipment - wireless PA system	\$ 341.00	\$ 341.00

1,671.00

7) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in box 4 above contingent on any other factors or sources or funding?  Yes, please describe below  No

Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
Friends of Castle Heights	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,200.00
(parent booster club funds some of the Earth Week supplies for t-shirts we sell)	\$	\$
	\$	\$

8) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$ 1,671.00

9) What is the expected completion date? 4/26/2013 (mm/dd/yyyy) (required), need funds by 4/1/2013  
EcoFair

**SECTION IV - PROJECT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Provide the name, telephone number, fax and e-mail address (if applicable) of the person(s) responsible for the funds and program(s) listed in Section II of this application.

10A) Charmaine Colina First Name Last Name C MI  
805-680-7254 Telephone Number 310-839-3097 Fax Number ccc@55@lausd.net E-mail

10B) Brian First Name Last Name Grass MI E  
310-839-4528 Telephone Number 310-839-3097 Fax Number beg1783@lausd.net E-mail

**SECTION VI - AFFILIATIONS**

11) Does anyone in your organization have a former or existing relationship with any of the NC board members? NO.

Name of Organization	Status
Example: XYZ Non-profit Corporation	Executive Director
N/A	

**SECTION V - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE**

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein and communicated otherwise is truly and accurately stated. I further affirm that I have read Appendix A, "What is a Public Benefit," and Appendix B "Conflicts of Interest" of this application and affirm that the proposed project(s) and/or program(s) fall within the criteria of a public benefit project/program and that no conflict of interest exist that would prevent the awarding of  
*Two signatures required*

12A) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal

Brian Grass                      Principal                      [Signature]                      1/14/13  
PRINT First Name/ Last Name                      Title                      Signature                      Date

12B) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal

Kosaland Madison                      School Admin Asst                      [Signature]                      1/14/13  
PRINT First Name/ Last Name                      Title                      Signature                      Date

**SECTION VII - FOR DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT USE ONLY**

Date Received

Application     Complete     Incomplete

Reviewer Name

Date Reviewed

REVEIWER'S NOTES

Date submitted to Funding Unit

Method:     In-person     E-mail     Fax     Inter-departmental mail

NPG #

Application     Complete     Incomplete

Funding Unit Notes:

DONE Date Stamp Receipt



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- Archery
- Air Guns
- Canopies & Furniture
- Tents
- Sleeping
- Coolers
- Cooking
- Flashlights & Lanterns
- Camping Accessories
- Binoculars & Monoculars
- Backpacking Gear
- Fuels/Propane
- Hydration Backpacks
- Electronics
- Knives
- Telescopes & Microscopes
- Rainwear/Shells
- Camping Food
- Women's Outdoor Apparel
- Men's Outdoor Apparel
- Backpacks
- First Aid & Survival
- Gold Panning
- Insect Repellent & Control
- Outdoor Eating
- Stuff/Mesh Bags
- Travel Mugs
- Water Bottles

Print



E-Z UP Jamboree 10' x 10' Shelter

\$159.99 Regular

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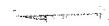
- 10' x 10' straight-leg design
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<p>Recycle Rubber Duckies IN-16/1238 Per Dozen <a href="#">Remove</a></p>	2 <a href="#">Edit</a>	\$6.50	\$13.00
<p>Peace Sign Stampers IN-12/3559 24 Piece(s) <a href="#">Remove</a></p>	2 <a href="#">Edit</a>	\$6.50	\$13.00
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<p>Earth Pencils With Globe Eraser Toppers</p>	4	\$7.50	\$30.00



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Mini Swirl Pops  
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Earth Erasers  
IN-9/1350  
48 Piece(s)  
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Color Your Own Papier-Mâché Earth Day  
Flowerpots  
IN-48/5769  
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Remove

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Tropical Sea Life Roll Stickers  
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"Reduce/Reuse/Recycle" Kraft Paper Spiral  
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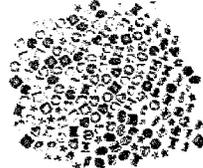
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 Butterfly Tattoos 	1	\$5.25	\$5.25

  
 100 Mini Valentine Heart Dollies  
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 \$4.25

  
 Self-Adhesive Jewels  
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 Peace, Love & Earth Dog Tag Necklaces  
IN-24/2039  
48 Piece(s)  
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 Tropical Necklace Craft Kit  
IN-48/5806  
Makes 12  
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IN-48/5145  
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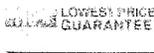
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# Motion that South Robertson Neighborhoods Council spend up to \$2600 to plant 7 Koelreuteria bipinnata along Pico Boulevard

**Agenda Item:** GB011713-8  
**Date:** January 17, 2013  
**Proposed By:** Green Team Committee

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## Full Proposal

A SORO resident, approached the Green Team proposing that if we would plant 7 Koelreuteria bipinnata in empty tree boxes and where dead trees currently exist, he would water and maintain them for two years. Koelreuteria bipinnata are the type of tree consistent with other living trees along this stretch of Pico Boulevard. TreePeople will supply seven 15 gallon Koelreuterias free of charge.

### TREE SUMMARY:

Five boxes would need to be cleared before planting. They are located at:

9800 Pico (Chase Bank, Ficus stump)

8918 Pico (2 Ficus tree trunks cut at 10')

8612 Pico (Tile Shop, dead tree)

8501 Pico (Bank of America, 4' high tree stump)

8500 Pico (Shell Station, space filled with asphalt)

**Estimate for removal, Moreno's Five Star Tree Service        \$2600.00**

Two trees would be planted in empty spaces located at:

8948 Pico (not wide enough for a tree but we can submit for it)

8930 Pico (by Jeff's Sausage)

The Green Team proposes that this money come out of the \$5000 allotted for Phase II of Robertson Tree Planting and previously accounted for in the South Robertson Neighborhood Council's working budget of 2012-2013.

The Green Team will get all city permits and permission from the adjacent businesses.

## Proposed Motion

South Robertson Neighborhoods Council will spend up to \$2600 to remove stumps and dead trees from tree boxes along Pico Boulevard between the addresses of 8930 and 9800 Pico Boulevard in order to plant up to 7 Koelreuteria bipinnata trees which are a type consistent with the current live trees in this area of Pico. The trees will be 15-gallon size and provided free by TreePeople. They will be cared for up to two years by a resident. The Green Team will pull the proper permits and get permission from the business owners.

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## Considerations

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

Votes For: 7

Against: 0

**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** \$5000.00  
*(applies to funding motions only)*

### Arguments for:

Trees beautify our business district resulting in the attraction of customers and new business owners into empty business rental property.

Trees mitigate air pollution and provide shade which can lower energy costs.

We have a resident who has agreed to maintain these trees for free for two years

We are getting 15 gallon trees provided free from Tree People

### Arguments against:

Some businesses feel that trees obscure signage. However, we will only plant trees in front of businesses that give their approval.

Having trees maintained by a resident is possibly less reliable than a paid vendor. We have no recourse if he should decide not to honor his commitment to care for the trees.

# EMPOWER LA

## REQUEST FOR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PAPER CHECK

### DEMAND WARRANT DW

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

334-B E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, 213.485.1360 Website: [www.empowerLA.org](http://www.empowerLA.org)

Mail or submit this request via Fax: 213.485.4608 or email: [done.funding@lacity.org](mailto:done.funding@lacity.org); ATTN: **FUNDING PROGRAM**

Date of Check Request: Jan 17, 2013 Amount of Check Request: \$ 2500

Neighborhood Council: South Robertson Neighborhoods Neighborhoods Co.

Check box if expense is itemized in the NC budget. Indicate line item budget being used: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select Expense Category.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Operational/Administrative</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Neighborhood Improvement</u>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Office Equip./Supplies/Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Beautification Project
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temp. Acctg./Admin. Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Services
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meeting Expenses/Translation	<input type="checkbox"/>	LAUSD/Educational Support
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advertisement / Newsletter / Web		
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Please provide a description of expense and attach additional information:  
The NC would like to spend \$2500 to clean tree stumps and dead trees in preparation for planting 7 trees along Pico Blvd.

Make check payable to: McDonald's Food Services Inc.  Check Box if payment is for a City Dept.

Remittance Address: 12345 Main St

City, State, and Zip: Los Angeles, CA 90001

**INSTRUCTIONS: CHECK ALL APPLICABLE BOXES BELOW. SUBMIT "Request for NC Paper Check" TOGETHER WITH ALL THE REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. See attached NC Demand Warrant Checklist for required supporting documents. INCOMPLETE REQUEST WILL BE RETURNED.**

<input type="checkbox"/> First - Time Use of Vendor	<input type="checkbox"/> Outreach
<input type="checkbox"/> NC Board Member Reimbursement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Improvement Project
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Order	<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Purposes Grant
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#### DECLARATION

By the signature below, we declare that the Governing Body of the Neighborhood Council named above: (1) authorized to make the payment request, (2) payment request is exclusively intended for the Neighborhood Council named above, (3) all reasonable precautions shall be exercised by the undersigned to safeguard and account for use of the funds, and (4) the amount of payment request will be deducted from the total available balance of the Neighborhood Council's account.

**Note: The names and signatures of the Neighborhood Council Treasurer and Second Signatory are required.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: [Signature]  
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 Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Five Star Tree Service INC.**

(818) 373-0088 (310) 837-6956

4715 Blossom Lane Los Angeles, CA 90064

Fax (818) 373-0227

Contractor's Lic. # 739266

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<b>Name:</b>	Bloom Landscape		c/o Larry Hess	
<b>Address:</b>	Re: Pico Blvd. Project		Addresses listed below	
<b>City:</b>	Los Angeles	<b>State:</b>	CA	<b>ZIP:</b> 90035
<b>Phone:</b>	310-839-2455		<b>FAX:</b>	310-839-2455
<b>E-MAIL:</b>		<b>Referred by:</b>		

ITEM#	DESCRIPTION
	Please have the work areas surveyed by DigAlert prior to tree and stump removal.
	Estimate:
1	9800 Pico Blvd.(Chase Bank. Ficus Stump) Removed
2	8826 & 8832 Pico Blvd. (2 Ficus Tree Trunks Cut at 10') Removed and roots ground out
3	*3rd damaged ficus, trunk also about 8' feet in height located in front of 8815 Pico Blvd.
4	8612 Pico Blvd.(Dead tree by Tile Shop) Removed
5	8501 Pico Blvd.(Bank of America. 4' high tree stump) Removed
6	8500 Pico Blvd. (Shell Station. space filled with asphalt) Remove asphalt-cleared for new tree.
	Debris Hauled away.
<b>Order taken by:</b> Jesus Rio Moreno	
<b>TOTAL</b> \$ 2,600.00	



Form W-9

(Rev. March 7 2000)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Request for Taxpayer  
Identification Number and Certification**

Give form to the  
requester. Do NOT  
send to the IRS.

<b>Please print or type</b>	Name (If joint names, list first and circle the name of the person or entity whose number you enter in Part I below. See instructions on page 2 if you name has changed.) <b>JESUS MORENO</b>				
	Business name (Sole proprietors see instructions on page 2.) <b>MORENO'S FIVE STAR TREE SERVICE INC.</b>				
	Please check appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole proprietor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other >				
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) <b>15541 FRIAR ST.</b>	Requester's name and address (optional)			
City, state, and ZIP code <b>VAN NUYS CA 91411</b>					
<b>Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)</b>	List account number(s) here (optional)				
Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). For sole proprietors, see the instructions on page 2. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see <b>How To Get a TIN</b> below.		<b>Part II For Payees Exempt From Backup Withholding</b> (see Part II instructions on page 2)			
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Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 2 for guidelines on whose number to enter.					
<b>Part III Certification</b>					
Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued me), and</li> <li>I am not subject to backup withholding because: ( a ) I am exempt from backup withholding, or ( b ) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or ( c ) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding.</li> </ol>					
<b>Certification Instructions.</b> - You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS you are currently subject to backup withholding because of underreporting interest or dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, the acquisition or abandonment of secured property, other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. (Also see Part III instructions on page 2.)					
Sign here	Signature > <i>Jesus Moreno</i>	Date > <i>1-16-13</i>			





# Motion to approve up to \$500 to be used for supplies, copies and food for the board training meetings and retreat.

**Agenda Item:** GB011713-9  
**Date:** January 17, 2013  
**Proposed By:** Beth Ryan

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## Full Proposal

SORO NC has eight new board members as of the October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 election. It is important to provide training for the new board members so that they have the ability to ask questions and to learn first-hand from committee chairs and existing board members outside of the monthly board meeting.

We would like to propose up to three trainings before June 30, 2013 as well as a retreat for all board members to discuss strategies on goal setting and working together to ensure a productive team environment.

## Funding will be used in the following manner:

Binders, dividers and copies for new board members – up to \$150.  
Food for new board member trainings – up to \$75 for each training (x3)  
Food for retreat – up to \$125

## Proposed Motion

Motion to approve up to \$500 to be used for supplies, copies and food for the board training meetings and retreat.

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## Considerations

**Executive Committee:** Votes For: 4 Against: 0

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

### Arguments for:

Show support and commitment to the new board members who were recently elected to the SORO board.

Allow board members to meet and interact outside of the general board meeting while also allowing new board members to learn more about the committees, by-laws, motions, funding, board goals, etc.

### Arguments against:

Would be additional meetings and perhaps new board members don't feel motivated to attend more meetings.

Funding could be used for the benefit of the entire community and not just the SORO board.

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# Motion to support proposed Koretz Medical Marijuana Dispensary ordinance

**Agenda Item:** GB011713-10  
**Date:** 17 January 2013  
**Proposed By:** Doug Fitzsimmons

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## Full Proposal

The title of this motion is a slight misnomer. At the time of this writing, the City Council has instructed the City Attorney to shift from writing an ordinance to drafting a voter initiative. Nevertheless, this motion seeks to identify key aspects of a medical marijuana dispensary law that would best serve SORO and have enough general support to pass in a City-wide election.

### Striking a delicate balance

It is important to understand that marijuana is illegal in the United States. It is classified as a Schedule I drug, which means the Federal government regards it as dangerous and does not recognize any legitimate medical uses.

California law cannot over-ride Federal law. The solution, therefore, was to restrict State law enforcement from enforcing or prosecuting the Federal law. Twice, the voters of California approved measures *decriminalizing* possession and cultivation of medical marijuana within certain parameters (the Compassionate Use Act (CUA) and the Medical Marijuana Program Act (MMPA)). Both acts sought to balance safe access to medicine with general public safety. Neither were clear on the subject of distribution.

It is important to note that this motion does not question the medical benefits of marijuana or the right of patients to have access to treatment.

### Inability to regulate

As some dispensaries have proven, it is possible to operate responsibly and legally, in partnership with the business community. Unfortunately many do not, and efforts to-date at self-regulation within the medical marijuana community have failed. A large percentage makes no effort to even pretend to operate as non-profit entities. Sadly, the current boom is not driven by a desire to improve patient access—arguably, one or two dispensaries in the area would do that—but too often by pure greed.

The City of Los Angeles passed an ordinance in January 2010 that, among other things, restricted dispensaries from opening within 1,000 feet of schools, parks, libraries and each other. However, a recent ruling (*Pack v. City of Long Beach*, 4 October 2011) by the 2nd District Court of Appeal effectively invalidated any city ordinance that creates a permitting process for collectives or otherwise explicitly authorizes them to exist.

### Calling a time out

The Appellate Court ruling in *Pack* conflicts with other rulings (including one in November 2011 by the 4th District Court) and a law passed in September 2011 by the State of California (AB 1300) that authorized cities to use criminal and civil penalties to regulate the establishment, location and operation of medical marijuana

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collectives. The hope is that the State Supreme Court will hear the *Pack* case and overturn it. However, a decision is not expected for a year or more—and the outcome is far from certain.

The City Council passed an interim ban on dispensaries in July 2012, a temporary measure they felt could withstand legal challenges. In response, the medical marijuana community filed for a voter referendum to block the ban. In order to avoid a ballot measure, the Council rescinded its ordinance. Once again, we have no ordinances governing dispensaries. For now, the balance between access and safety sought by the CUA and MMPA is lost.

Special Assistant City Attorney Jane Usher has proposed another legal approach: limited immunity. In essence, it follows the State law in that it acknowledges that marijuana is illegal, but establishes a series of conditions for dispensaries under which the City will not enforce that law. Roughly speaking, the original approach consisted of three parts:

1. All dispensaries are banned.
2. *However*, if a non-profit business meets certain filtering criteria (open before Sept. 2007, has kept a valid tax registration certificate, has been in continuous operation, etc.), the City will not enforce part 1. This set of filters could reduce the number of dispensaries, depending on how they're written.
3. These immune businesses must also comply with a set of operating parameters. They would also be phrased in the negative: cannot be open between X pm and X am, cannot have an entrance or exit that faces residential homes, cannot be within X distance of another immune business or sensitive uses, etc. Again, these vary from proposal to proposal.

It is not clear if this tack will withstand legal challenges, but it does seem to address most of the concerns expressed in Appellate Court rulings. To date, two voter initiatives have qualified for the May 2013 ballot based on this approach. If passed by voters, they become law and cannot be modified by the City Council.

#### **MM Initiative 1**

The Greater Los Angeles Collective Alliance (GLACA), Americans for Safe Access, and UFCW Local 770 have come together as the “Committee to Protect Patients and Neighborhoods” to draft an initiative that is somewhat reflective of the City’s 2010 ordinance.

It does not allow new dispensaries to open. However, it does differ in several key aspects:

- Its set of filters is looser. Existing dispensaries only have to qualify for two out of three criteria.
- It provides more flexibility for dispensaries that have closed temporarily while relocating or in response to a Federal warning.
- While it prohibits dispensaries within 1000’ of schools, it does allow a smaller 600’ radius for other sensitive uses. There is no limit placed on proximity to other dispensaries. It also gives dispensaries 300 days to relocate if there is a conflict.
- Many of the operating parameters are described as infractions, with no specified recourse for violations. This includes allowing minors on the premises.
- It does not specifically prohibit consumption in parking lots



- It adds several new items as infractions, including a requirement for closed circuit security cameras and security guards, and a prohibition against “noxious fumes.”
- It allows portions of the initiative to be overturned by the Court without invalidating the entire ordinance (“severability”).

In addition, some feel that the definition of medical marijuana collective in the initiative contains a loophole that could be used to keep virtually all of the dispensaries open and unregulated.

### **MM Initiative 2**

The second qualified initiative (sometimes referred to as the “Welch Initiative” after the attorney representing the group sponsoring it) is less influenced by the 2010 City ordinance.

- It proposes a 6% City tax on gross MMD receipts. Curiously, it is worth noting that some supporting this initiative had previously sued to invalidate Measure M, which sought to tax dispensaries.
- The measure would not cover locations zoned for residential use, leading some critics to worry that it would lead to the proliferation of unregulated “home-based” collectives.
- It places no limits on the number of dispensaries, nor prohibits new dispensaries from opening.
- It does not allow dispensaries within 1000’ of schools, but sets the distance at 500’ from other sensitive uses (including other dispensaries).
- Hours are set at 10am to 10pm
- The initiative requires testing of marijuana for pesticides and contaminants. It does not specify how often testing be done, nor any official reporting of the results.
- Like MM Initiative 1, it allows portions to be declared legally invalid without tossing out the entire ordinance.

Council Member Paul Koretz was drafting his own “limited immunity” motion when these initiatives qualified for the ballot. On January 16, the City Council directed the City Attorney to prepare a third initiative for the ballot based on CM Koretz’s work. The City initiative must be completed and approved by the Council by January 31 in order to be included.

### **Differences between the Koretz draft ordinance and MM1 & 2 initiatives**

Although far from final, the Koretz draft is the most restrictive of the three.

- The definition of what constitutes a dispensary is tighter
- The filters for limiting the number of dispensaries are very restrictive; depending on interpretation, they may only allow for less than 50.
- There is no exception made for dispensaries that had to close temporarily in the past five years; they would be not be allowed under this plan.
- Violations of the operating parameters would be cause for closure.
- Dispensaries would be prevented from operating within 1000’ of all sensitive uses, the distance stipulated in the 2010 ordinance. (This was subject to some debate at the time. State law sets it at 600’. Some also argued that 1000’ reduced the number of available locations to an impractical level.)
- It prohibits people from owning or working at two dispensary locations.
- Severability is limited: invalidating any of the filters or operating parameters would scuttle the whole thing.



### **The argument for compromise**

As a practical matter, a May election will almost certainly have a light turnout. A well-organized special interest group may very well be able to pass any initiative it cares to. MM2 has the potential to win if there are no credible alternatives.

But as the two competing initiatives show, the medical marijuana community is not monolithic. The Committee to Protect Patients and Neighborhoods (sponsor of MM1) has worked closely with the City Attorney in the past to find consensus. Given the unfortunate and unintentional flaws in MM1, there is some hope that a City-sponsored compromise initiative may convince MM1 supporters to shift their support, and indeed, members of GLACA have publicly signaled their willingness to do so.

This SORO motion asks for a consistent 1000' radius from sensitive uses. This not only is consistent with the 2010 ordinance, but also avoids the clustering effect that plagues several areas in the City, including our own. Fair distribution of dispensaries reduces the impact on any one area of the City, lessens community opposition, and ensures better access for patients.

This motion argues for filters that cap the total number at no more than 150, which would be one dispensary for every 25,000 residents (an average of one or two dispensaries per NC). Given that the filters would be biased towards dispensaries that have consistently “played by the rules,” this seems like an equitable compromise.

As noted, MM1 shifts many of the operating parameters to a list of “infractions.” While we see no particular issue with this, we do think that violations should lead to revocation of the dispensary’s limited immunity. We leave the specifics open to negotiation.

### **Proposed Motion**

- I. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council recognizes the benefits of medical marijuana for the seriously ill and the expressed desire of California voters to decriminalize possession and cultivation for medical purposes.
- II. To that end, the NC officially supports the creation of a City Council-sponsored voter initiative for limited immunity for qualified dispensaries with Council Member Koretz’s draft ordinance of January 2013 as a starting point. It is the express hope of the NC that the initiative provisions be developed with significant input from the Committee to Protect Patients and Neighborhoods in order to create a compromise proposal.
- III. In line with the 2010 City ordinance, however, the NC does specifically urge the City Council in creating this ballot initiative to maintain a 1000' exclusion radius (measured property line to property line) for sensitive uses (including schools up to grade 12, parks, libraries, religious institutions, accredited child care institutions, youth centers, rehabilitation centers and other dispensaries), excepting licensed residential medical or elder care facilities; an effective initial limitation on immune dispensaries of no more than 150 City-wide; a prohibition on marijuana consumption on premises (including parking lots); no unaccompanied minors on premises; no employees, managers, owners or volunteers who have failed an annual LAPD LiveScan background check; with the exception of emergencies, no ingress or egress from doors abutting residential areas (which must be kept locked from the exterior at all times); and an effective limitation on operating hours to 10am to 8pm.



IV. The NC asks for specific recourse and penalties for violations of operating parameters, up to and including criminal charges and revocation of the dispensary's limited immunity.

The NC authorizes a community impact statement to this effect, as well as communication of the NC's position to governmental leaders and press.

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## Considerations

Votes For: n/a

Against: n/a

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

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

**Arguments for:**

**Arguments against:**



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# SORONC to Support LANCC Motion to Allow NCs to Weigh in on LA City Council Motions

**Agenda Item:** GB011713-11

**Date:** January 17, 2013

**Proposed By:** Terrence Gomes

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## Full Proposal

On January 4, 2013 the Los Angeles City Council, without any warning or advance notice, introduced a motion to place a three billion dollar bond measure on the May ballot. They did this without any input from the Public or the Neighborhood Councils that represent the stakeholders that will have to shoulder the eventual burden of a possible six billion dollar tab.

On January 5, 2013 Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition, a Coalition of Councils, drafted a motion that asked the 95 NCs to send a message to the City Council that would allow NCs to have 60 days to have an opportunity to weigh in on the motion. Although this is a systemic problem with the City Council, we need to take the first step and address the current issue at hand. A LANCC committee, with NC participation, will be set up to deal with the far reaching problem of the lack of transparency and stakeholder participation from City Council.

## Proposed Motion

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports the LANCC Motion'

Resolution on Proposed \$3 Billion Street Repair Bond Measure

Council File 13-1300-S1

Whereas, the City Council believes that the Neighborhood Councils do not inform their stakeholders about Council initiatives;

Whereas, the City Council requests better participation in city issues by Neighborhood Councils;

Whereas, Councilmember Parks held hearings at the Education and Neighborhoods Committee regarding Neighborhood Council participation in city issues;

Whereas, yet again, the City Council, without any warning or advance notice, introduced a motion on January 4, 2013 to place a three billion dollar bond measure on the May ballot, thereby again silencing their stakeholders' voice in this matter;

Whereas, LANCC has already adopted and transmitted a position to the City Council asking for 60 days time for Neighborhood Councils to be able to weigh in on issues;

Therefore: Be it resolved that this body motions and approves that the Executive Committee immediately transmit LANCC's opposition to the City Council action precluding the Neighborhood Councils from weighing in on the ballot measure.

Furthermore, the LANCC demands that a City Council decision on this item be postponed for 60 days until the 95 certified Neighborhood Councils have an



opportunity to hold a Brown Act compliant meeting and report back to the Councilmembers with their stakeholders' views.

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## Considerations

**Committee review: Was not before a committee.**

Votes For: 0

Against:



# Motion to Support WRAC Motion on City Infrastructure Review

Agenda Item: GB011713-12

Date: January 17, 2013

Proposed By: Terrence Gomes

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## Full Proposal

The maintenance of City infrastructure is critical for the quality of life of all citizens in all neighborhoods with regard to the provision of adequate public services: police, fire, schools, parks/open space, and libraries. Los Angeles City officials are required by the City's General Plan to produce an Annual Report on Growth and Infrastructure (ARGI) as cited in the General Plan Framework Element Chapter 2, Growth and Capacity, Growth Monitoring. The most recent report dates from 2000 and is based upon data from 1998.

Smart development is a positive indicator of growth to a city, but the SORO community is experiencing rapid 'piecemealing' of development projects in the Western Los Angeles area without adequate regional infrastructure assessment, growth monitoring or capacity.

WRAC has created a motion that will address these issues and recommend to the City Council to produce an ARGI as required by the General Plan.

## Proposed Motion

### WRAC LUPC PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE MOTION

Whereas the maintenance of City infrastructure is critical for the quality of life of all citizens in all neighborhoods with regard to the provision of adequate public services: police, fire, schools, parks/open space, and libraries, and

Whereas Los Angeles City officials are required by the City's General Plan to produce an Annual Report on Growth and Infrastructure (ARGI) as cited in the General Plan Framework Element Chapter 2, Growth and Capacity, Growth Monitoring, and

Whereas the most recent report dates from 2000 and is based upon data from 1998, and

Whereas members of WRAC are experiencing 'piecemealing' of development projects in the Western Los Angeles area without adequate regional infrastructure assessment, growth monitoring or capacity,

Therefore South Robertson Neighborhoods supports the WRAC recommendation for an immediate proper assessment of infrastructure to be undertaken based upon accurate and up to date information, to:

- Determine present and future development carrying capacity of the Westside prior to the issuance of approvals/permits for upcoming projects.
- Balance long-term impacts on the environment and geopolitics
- Identify and establish funding sources for infrastructure upgrades, including directing payments from local sources to the local area instead of the City's general fund.

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## Considerations

**Committee review: was  
not before committee**

Votes For: 0

Against:

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