

## **SORO NC Board Applicant Statement**

15 August 2013

### **Sarah Sabin**

*Candidate for School Representative 2 (student seat, one year term)*

I live in Beverlywood, and I attend Alexander Hamilton High School.

I truly care about my neighborhood and I would like to take action in the important decisions that will be made for in the future.

Breakdown Data of Board Member Attendance 2012-2013

Board Member	Board Meetings	Cmte Mtgs Attended	New Brd Training	Retreat	Cmte										Total Cmtes	Motions		
					Ed	Gr	Ou	LU	PS	Tr	Fin	Other	CR	NB		Total		
1 Kevin Gres	7	6	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	6	0	1	1
2 Kimber Smith	8	8	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	0	2	2	0
3 Beth Ryan	7	17	1	1	0	0	6	0	1	0	1	0	9	17	6	4	10	0
4 Robyn Braun	9	6	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	0
5 Bette Billet	11	17	0	1	0	1	4	6	0	0	0	0	6	17	0	0	0	0
6 Michael Lynn	10	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	12	0	4	4	0
7 Jon Liberman	11	32	0	1	0	0	7	6	0	6	1	1	12	32	0	0	0	0
8 Ellen Lanet	8	8	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	1	1	8	0	1	1	1
9 Paula Waxman	11	12	0	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	12	0	10	10	0
10 Michael Bloom	6	9	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	9	0	1	1	0
11 Bethie Kohanbash	6	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
12 Nahed Guirguis	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13 David Mattis	6	5	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0
14 Brian Kite	5	12	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	9	12	0	3	3	0
15 Barry Levine	10	39	1	1	5	7	8	2	0	5	1	1	11	39	0	3	3	0
16 Susan Burden	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
17 Marj Safinia	10	8	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	0	8	8	0
18 Terrence Gomes	9	28	1	1	0	0	1	6	7	0	1	1	13	28	12	15	27	0
19 Martin Epstein	9	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	8	8	0	8	0
20 Hector Garza	8	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	4	0	0	0	0
21 Victor Mity	11	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	2	2	0
22 Org 3	x	0	x	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23 Doug Fitzsimmons	12	30	1	1	0	0	8	2	0	5	1	1	14	30	13	16	29	0
24 Grant Cohen	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 Erick Morales	8	11	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	2	0	3	11	11	0	0	0	0
	Board Meetings	Cmte Mtgs Totals	New Brd Training	Retreat	Cmte										Total Cmtes	Motions		
	193	285	9	16	Ed	Gr	Ou	LU	PS	Tr	Fin	Other	CR	NB	Total			
Total Hrs Volunteered	482.5	427.5	27	48	11	19	57	40	29	21	11	96	39	70	109			



# Motion to approve changes to the LA Neighborhood Council Coalition bylaws

**Agenda Item:** GB071813-9  
**Date:** 18 July 2013  
**Proposed By:** Terrence Gomes

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## Full Proposal

The LA Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) is an active umbrella group for the Neighborhood Council system that provides a forum for sharing information between NCs. They consider policy questions, have an active speaker series, and help organize the annual Congress of Neighborhoods event.

Not all NCs have approved the original LANCC charter, although SORO NC has. All NCs are welcome to participate.

LANCC is currently considering changes to its charter, which currently must be approved by a 2/3 vote of participating NCs. The current and proposed bylaws are attached.

## Proposed Motion

- I. To approve the proposed changes to the LANCC bylaws.

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## Considerations

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<b>Committee review:</b> <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: n/a	Against: n/a
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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:

The changes will streamline LANCC operations

The current bylaws lead to very loose meetings, which tends to undercut the legitimacy of the decision the body makes

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### Arguments against:

The changes seem to concentrate decision-making in the hands of a small group of people

The proposed bylaws removes language about not usurping individual NC's right to voice opinions, and, more troublingly, language that the org will not attempt to speak for NCs.

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# CHARTER FOR THE LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COALITION (LANCC)

Revised FEBRUARY 2008

## • PREAMBLE

The Neighborhood Councils of the City of Los Angeles do hereby create this Charter to provide a more effective voice for the residents of Los Angeles, to create a more effective system of Neighborhood Councils to communicate with each other, and to fulfill our responsibilities under the Los Angeles City Charter.

- Los Angeles Ordinance No 174006 **states that the goals and objectives of the Neighborhood Council system include:**

Promoting and facilitating communication, interaction and collaboration among all neighborhood councils regarding their common and disparate concerns; and

Fostering a sense of community for all people to express ideas and opinions about their neighborhoods and their government.

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## **Article 1. MISSION AND STRUCTURE**

### **Section 1. MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE LANCC**

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), will:

- (1) Provide opportunities for Neighborhood Councils (NCs) to communicate with each other on issues of common interest, including Citywide issues, regional issues, and local issues with Citywide or regional implications;
- (2) Develop and maintain tools for effective communication among NCs;
- (3) Develop and maintain expertise on City issues;
- (4) Provide assistance to NCs regarding elections, bylaws and grievances;
- (5) Educate NCs about how to effectively bring issues before City government; and
- (6) Educate the public and City government about NCs.
- (7) Establish a structure to report the positions taken by NCs on City issues;

### **Section 2. CORE PRINCIPLES**

1. The LANCC is intended to enhance the ability of Certified NCs to have their voices heard on issues affecting their neighborhoods and the City, and is not intended to usurp or interfere with the role of individual NCs to voice opinions or positions on issues. *This organization cannot and will not attempt to speak for any certified neighborhood council on any issue unless specifically empowered to do so by that neighborhood council's governing board. This organization reserves the right to refer to official positions taken by certified neighborhood council.*2. All Certified NCs will be provided a full and equal opportunity to participate in the Congress of Neighborhood Councils.
2. Each Certified NC may participate in the LANCC to the extent it is willing and able; when an NC chooses to participate, it will be on an equal basis with all other participating NCs.
3. The LANCC will be open, public and inclusionary in its organization and its operations.
4. To the extent feasible, the LANCC will abide by all applicable federal, state, county and city constitutions, laws, ordinances and regulations.

### **Section 3. OFFICERS & DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES**

**3.1** The following officers will be elected to serve

- a. Chair
- b. Vice Chair
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer

**3.2** Seven District Representatives will be chosen to represent the 7 Area Planning Districts.

#### **3.3 Board of Delegates**

The Board of Delegates includes all the Officers and District Representatives and one designated delegate from each participating NCs.

## **Article 2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Section 1. Officers**

1.1 Chair

1.2 Vice chair

(see Standing rules No. 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 for Chair and Vice Chair duties and responsibilities)

1.3 Secretary

- a. Secretary will be elected by Board of Delegates
- b. Responsible for administrative functions of LANCC
  1. Track all pending motions/issues before LANCC
  2. Keep Master Calendar
  3. Disseminate information/reports to NCs, governmental entities and media
  4. Responsible for communications and outreach as directed by Board of Delegates
  5. Maintain website
  6. Maintain e-mail distribution listsAs an example: The Secretary is responsible for the creation of a Communications Center. That may become the communications network to participants and the source that keeps everyone connected, informed and involved.

1.4 Treasurer

- a. The Treasurer is responsible for the Treasury and providing regular financial reports to the Board of Delegates
- b. The Treasurer will be elected by the Board of Delegates
- c. The Treasurer is Responsible for monitoring agendas, etc. from ENS, discovering important issues, and transmitting reports to NCs, Board of Delegates, and LANCC Committees.

## 1.5 Funding/Treasury

### a. Possible Sources of Funding

1. City of Los Angeles/DONE
2. Assessments to participating NCs
3. Contributions from third parties
4. Foundations/non-profits

## **Section 2. District Representatives**

- a. The District Representatives, one from each of the seven (7) city planning areas, would be the primary liaison between LANCC and the NC's in their district. However they will have the assistance of as many NC representatives as needed to help them.
- b. Their prime responsibilities for the NC's in their district include:
  1. Provide to the NCs the pro and con positions on city wide issues.
  2. Follow up to see that the issue is agendized.
  3. Follow up and report to the LANCC, the voting status of the issue along with any other significant input.

## **Section 3. Board of Delegates**

- a. The Board of Delegates is the administrative authority that oversees the actions of this organization, including control of the budget and of expenditures, and, in addition, the planning and administration of the meetings of this organization including those of the Officers & District Representatives, as well as the meetings of the Board of Delegates.
- b. The Board of Delegates has authority over the planning, scheduling, funding, and operation of meetings that are henceforth to be known as the Board of Delegates. The Board of Delegates may at its discretion set rules as to how the Board of Delegates and/or stakeholders voice its opinions on subjects of interest in the city, including the methods by which straw votes of all of those present are tallied.
- c. The only requirement for voting at a LANCC meeting by a delegate is a communication from the President/ Chair of the NC Board, to the LANCC Chair or other officer who may be designated for that purpose, stating the name of the stakeholder that will represent his/her NC.

### **Article 3. CREATION AND AMENDMENT OF THIS CHARTER**

**Section 1.** The LANCC will be established upon the ratification of this Charter by at least twenty percent (20%) of certified Neighborhood Councils.

Section 2. *(deleted)*

**Section 3.** By participation at any LANCC meeting said delegate agrees to the responsibilities of this charter.

**Section 4.** Amendment of this Charter

1. Any Delegate may propose an amendment to this Charter
2. An amendment will be submitted to participating NCs if passed by majority vote at a regular meeting of the Board of Delegates
3. Any amendments to this Charter will not take effect unless and until ratified by 2/3 of NCs that vote, and those votes must be received by the LANCC within 2 months of submission to NCs

LANCC Charter, revised 1-29-08

# Charter and By-Laws for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)

## Charter

The Neighborhood Councils of the City of Los Angeles do hereby create this Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) to provide a more effective voice for the residents of Los Angeles, to create a more effective system of Neighborhood Councils, in order to facilitate communication with each other and City Government, and to fulfill the rights and responsibilities under the Los Angeles City Charter as follows:

**Los Angeles Ordinance No 174006** states that the goals and objectives of the Neighborhood Council system include:

*Promoting and facilitating communication, interaction and collaboration among all neighborhood councils regarding their common and disparate concerns; and fostering a sense of community for all people to express ideas and opinions about their neighborhoods and their government.*

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**Article 1. MISSION AND STRUCTURE**

**Section 1. Mission Statements**

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition may:

- 1) Provide opportunities for Neighborhood Councils (NCs) to communicate with each other on issues of common interest, including citywide issues, regional issues, and local issues with citywide or regional implications.
- 2) Develop and maintain expertise on Los Angeles City issues
- 3) Provide assistance to NCs regarding elections, bylaws and grievances
- 4) Educate NCs about how to effectively bring issues before Los Angeles City Government
- 5) Educate the public and City government about NCs.
- 6) Establish a structure to report the positions taken by NCs on Los Angeles City issues
- 7) Take positions on significant issues and communicate them to the public, NCs, and to the City of Los Angeles

**Section 2. Core Principles**

- 1) The LANCC is intended to enhance the ability of Certified NCs to have their voices heard on issues affecting their neighborhoods and the City of Los Angeles
- 2) All NCs will be provided a full and equal opportunity to participate in the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition.
- 3) Each NC may participate in the LANCC to the extent it is willing and able; when an NC chooses to participate, it will be on an equal basis with all other participating NCs.
- 4) The LANCC will be open to the public and inclusionary in its organization and its operations.
- 5) The LANCC shall respect all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations.

## **Section 3. Structure**

### **3.1 Officers**

The following officers will be elected by the majority present at the January meeting to serve for a term of one year:

**Chair**  
**Vice Chair**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**

### **3.2 Steering Committee**

The LANCC Steering Committee shall support the LANCC by advising on the LANCC operations, agendas, and the LANCC mission. The following organizations and groups shall have the right to send a representative to LANCC Steering Committee meetings and have full rights of participation:

City Watch/media  
The Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates (NCBA)  
Congress of Neighborhoods  
DWP-MOU  
DWP-Advocacy Committee  
Plan Check NC  
NC Regional Alliances such as Valley Alliance of NCs, Harbor Alliance of NCs, Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, North East Central Alliance, South LA Area Neighborhood Councils, etc.

The individuals representing the above listed groups shall be kept track of in the Minutes of the LANCC, in keeping with common practices of the NC System.

### **3.3 The LANCC will run its meeting under the Parliamentary Authority of Roberts Rules of Order**

### **3.4 Meetings shall be held regularly**

### **3.5 The LANCC will organize Committees on an as needed basis**

**3.6 The LANCC will maintain Standing Rules. The LANCC may create and approve Standing Rules that shall govern the operations of the LANCC. These Rules shall be approved by a simple majority of the NC Representatives present at the LANCC meeting.**

## **Article 2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Section 1. Officers**

All officers shall assist in setting LANCC agendas and keeping track of City of Los Angeles and Neighborhood Council issues. The LANCC Standing Rules shall further specify the officer duties and responsibilities. The officers shall be members of the Steering Committee

#### Chair

- a. The LANCC Chair shall be the primary administrative officer, keep order by running fair meetings, and protect the rights of all the NCs and participants

#### Vice Chair

- b. The LANCC Vice Chair shall preside over meetings in the absence of Chair, or when the Chair steps down for any reason

#### Secretary

- a. Secretary will be responsible for administrative functions of LANCC;
  1. Track all pending motions/issues before LANCC
  2. Keep Master Calendar
  3. Disseminate information/reports to NCs, governmental entities and media
  4. Responsible for communications and outreach as directed by the Steering Committee
  5. Supervise website
  6. Maintain e-mail distribution lists

#### Treasurer

- a. The Treasurer is responsible for any LANCC funds and shall providing regular financial reports to the Officers and Steering Committee
- b. If applicable; the Treasurer oversees any 501c3 Nonprofit Organization that the LANCC uses as its fiduciary agent

### **Section 2. Regional Alliance Representatives**

The LANCC recognizes the importance of Regional Alliances and encourages their participation at every level of LANCC

- \* Regional Alliances may report on issues significant to their regions, and they may submit motions for LANCC to consider

\* Regional Alliances shall designate their representatives to the Steering Committee as they see fit, and inform the LANCC Officers if a formal designation is made

### **Section 3. Neighborhood Council Representatives**

- a. The LANCC, as a Coalition of Neighborhood Council Representatives, is the authority that oversees the actions of this organization.
- b. The NC Representatives have the authority to oversee the planning, the scheduling, the funding, and operations of the LANCC.
- c. The requirement for voting at a LANCC meeting by an NC Representative is a designation for that purpose by the NC
- d. There may be more than one delegate from an NC present at LANCC monthly meetings, but there may be only one vote per delegation from any NC, on a LANCC Motion
- e. Town Hall meetings called by LANCC shall be exempt from this one vote per NC rule.
- f. All NC Representatives shall sign in to the LANCC meetings.

## **Article 3. AMENDMENT OF THE LANCC BY-LAWS**

### **Section 1. Amendment of the By-Laws**

- a. Anyone may propose an amendment to these By-Laws
- b. All amendments shall be submitted in writing at a LANCC meeting, where a vote by a simple majority of those present, will move the proposed amendment to the next LANCC regularly scheduled monthly meeting, to be placed on that agenda.
- c. At the following regular meeting, a two-thirds vote of LANCC NC Reps present and voting will be required to pass any amendments to these By-Laws.

(Date of adoption)

LANCC By-Laws Draft D 5/2/2013



# Motion to support the suspension and re-evaluation of DWP's FIT-100 program

**Agenda Item:** GB071813-10  
**Date:** 15 August 2013  
**Proposed By:** Terrence Gomes

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## Introduction

On January 11, 2013, the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) approved the 100 MW Feed in Tariff (FiT) Set Pricing Program as the first component of the 150 MW FiT Program. LADWP's 100 MW FiT Set Pricing Program seeks to encourage renewable energy development within the Los Angeles Basin and help meet the 33% Renewable Portfolio Standard mandate by 2020. The FiT Program will allow the LADWP to partner with program participants to purchase, under a standard power purchase contract, energy generated from a participant's renewable energy generating system. These systems will be located within the LADWP's service territory and interconnected to the LADWP electrical distribution system. All the energy generated by these systems will be purchased at a fixed price, subject to time-of-delivery multipliers, for a term of up to 20 years. The program includes five 20 MW tranches (100MW) scheduled to be made available every six months through 2016. The initial power purchase price will be 0.175/kWh for the first 20 MW, with sequential price drops of 0.01/kWh scheduled to kick in for each subsequent tier.

Overall, LADWP aims to install 100 MW of solar and other renewable energy projects in the department's service territory by 2016. However, already in the opening week of its new FIT program, the first 20 MW allocation has been oversubscribed to. Both customers and developers have submitted applications totaling 107 MW of solar projects to be installed across the city and in the Owens Valley service area, including 2 MWs worth of projects 30 to 150 kW in size, and 76 MW worth of projects 151 kW to 3 MW in size.

Costs for the LADWP will include hiring 30 additional administrative staffers to operate the program which is not included in the fixed price.

## Full Proposal

At a recent meeting of the LA Neighborhood Council Coalition, Department of Water and Power Ratepayer Advocate Dr. Fred Pickel. He discussed the Feed-In Tariff Set Price (FIT-100). His PowerPoint presentation is attached.

*From the LANCC minutes:*

"Dr. Pickel accepts the FIT-50 program but not the FIT-100. As explained in the power point, ratepayers are not getting a fair or reasonable program from DWP on the FIT-100 program. The price that DWP is proposing to pay for solar power under the Feed-in-Tariff is over market by about \$250 million over the next 20 years. For the first 20 megawatts of the 100 megawatt program, DWP is proposing to pay 17 cents per kilowatt hour. This amount declines by 1 cent for the next 20 megawatts to 16 cents. Then 15, 14 and 13. But when these prices are compared to current market prices, we are paying \$250 million over market. Dr. Pickel recommends suspension of the FIT-100 program until it can be re-evaluated."

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Dr. Pickel asked for a suspension of the FIT-100 program until the end of September, by which time its offering rate could be reevaluated. His point is that while the city is obligated to purchase renewable energy, it is not obligated to purchase it at rates above market price. He believes that ratepayers will be able to buy twice as much green energy for the same money they are now pledging for 20 years to vendors under the FIT-100 program. The solar companies and property owners would be directly benefiting from what Dr. Pickel is essentially saying is a subsidy for private businesses by the LADWP ratepayers.

### Proposed Motion

- I. To support the Rate Payer Advocate Dr. Fred Pickel’s request that the FIT-100 Program be suspended and support the subsequent reevaluation of the FIT-100 Program as suggested by the Office of Public Accountability.

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### Considerations

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<b>Committee review:</b> <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: n/a	Against: n/a
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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:

The motion was passed unanimously by LANCC

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#### Arguments against:

The NC hasn't been briefed on the issue.



# Resolution to support Peace Picnic

**Agenda Item:** GB081513-5  
**Date:** 15 August 2013  
**Proposed By:** Kimber Smith, Marj Safinia

## Full Proposal

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Picnic will be held September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Robertson Rec Center. The Picnic is one of numerous events around the world commemorating the United Nations' International Day of Peace. The event began in 2006 as the community's peaceful response to the tragic loss of a young SORO resident to gang violence. The Picnic is entirely free to the public and features food from local restaurants (including Kosher meat and dairy presented separately), live music, and games and crafts for children. Organizers estimate that about 500 guests annually.

In years past, SORO NC has contributed financial support in addition assistance organizing and promoting the event. However, given the NC's reduced budget allocation from the city and increasing commitments to additional priorities, SORO NC proposes to support the Peace Picnic in other non-financial ways.

The Picnic organizers continue to seek funding from other sources. They have steadily increased the contributions from other organizations. To aid them in this pursuit, Outreach proposes that SORO NC issue a general letter of support, as it did in 2012, that can be used to introduce the event to potential funders and allies.

## Proposed Motion

That SORO NC pass the attached resolution in support of the 2013 Peace Picnic.

## Considerations

<b>Committee review:</b> <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 3	Against: 0
<b>Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:</b> <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	N/A	
<b>Arguments for:</b>	<b>Arguments against:</b>	
The letter would help lend credibility to the Peace Picnic and thereby support financial and in-kind donations from other sources.	Sets a precedent without establishing guidelines for when such support is warranted to support community events or organizations.	
It is a helpful way for SORO to support fundraising even though the NC can't spare funds at this time.		

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**To Whom It May Concern:**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Picnic**

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council has been fortunate enough to be closely associated with the Peace Picnic event since its inception in 2006, and we are proud the event is held within our boundaries.

Each year, the picnic is hosted close to the United Nations International Day of Peace, and is a non-denominational community event conceived to bring together disparate parts of our community for a day of family fun in the sunshine, including food, music, inspiration and the opportunity to meet others from the community who you may not normally have the chance to meet.

The organizers work tirelessly to pull together the event, and reach deep into the surrounding community for support of all kinds, bringing the community together in yet more ways. South Robertson Neighborhoods Council has always been honored to be able to support this event, and strongly encourages other organizations, businesses and community members to find ways to also support this event.

The spirit of local community is alive and well in South Robertson, as evidenced by this important annual event.

Sincerely,  
Doug Fitzsimmons  
President, SORO NC



# Motion to Fund 2013 SORO NC Town Hall Emergency Preparedness Safety Fair for \$1993.90

**Agenda Item:** GB081513-6

**Date:** 8/15/13

**Proposed By:** Michael Lynn

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## Full Proposal

SORO NC's Bylaws call for the Council to organize an annual Town Hall event to offer our stakeholders the opportunity to interact with City officials about issues that affect their lives. Historically, these Town Hall events have been well attended by a diverse range of stakeholders and have provided valuable information to the community of critical issues. These events have also yielded increased visibility for the Council.

The 2013 SORO NC Town Hall will utilize the Emergency Preparedness Safety Fair Event on October 20<sup>th</sup> to focus on educating Stakeholders on preparing for a major disaster. The event will feature displays and hands-on demonstrations by professional first responders, such as LAFD, LAPD, FEMA, CERT, Medical, LADWP, Gas Company, CHP, Homeland Security. The event gives Participants an opportunity to learn what to do in a major emergency situation, personally and as a community. There will also be Food Trucks, and possibly other activities. With proper outreach and publicity, an event such as this should draw 3-4000 attendees.

This funding motion is to cover the cost of Portable Toilet Facilities (\$1639.65), and the printing of 60 outreach lawn signs (\$354.25).

## Proposed Motion

- I. That SORO NC approve up to \$1964.65 of funds to cover the costs associated with the production and outreach of our 2013 Town Hall Emergency Preparedness Safety Fair Event on October 20, 2013.

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## Considerations

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

Votes For: 5

Against: 0

**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:** \$500  
*(applies to funding motions only)*

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### Arguments for:

SORO NC Bylaws Section 11:1 stipulates that we hold a Town Hall meeting at least once per year.

Safety and emergency preparation are consistently among the top concerns of stakeholders

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### Arguments against:

There may be other worthy topics to focus on this year.

This was not discussed or voted on by the Outreach Committee

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## PROPOSAL

Date: 8/10/2013

Company: South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

Attention: Michael Lynn

Phone: 310-387-1374

Email:

[michaelynn@soronc.org](mailto:michaelynn@soronc.org)

Event: Safety Fair

Delivery: 10/20/2013 as early as possible  
possible

Pick up: 10/20/2013 as early as possible

Location: Pico/La Cienega, Los Angeles, CA

**A-Throne is proud to offer you the following Temporary Services Proposal:**

### *Portable Restrooms:*

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cost Each</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
12	ULTRAS	\$70.00	
			\$840.00
4	ADA'S	\$140.60	
			\$562.40
3	HAND WASH STATIONS	\$70.00	
			\$210.00
10	TRASH BOXES	\$2.5 + tax	\$27.25
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1639.65</b>

Price is based on regular delivery and pick up during normal business hours. Additional charges may apply to weekend or timed deliveries and pick ups. Bid is preliminary based on details available at time of bid and subject to change based on placement requirements/ site condition, increase or decrease in quantities or other factors not known at time of proposal request.

**\*All units come equipped with hand sanitizer, toilet paper, seat covers and air freshener**

**\*this bid is valid thru October 2013.**

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Proposal Acceptance Signature

Date

Ricardo Miranda  
Sales Supervisor  
A-Throne Company Inc.  
Office: 562-981-1197  
Cell: 562-505-3952

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL FUNDING PROGRAM  
FUNDING REQUEST FORM**

**EMPOWER**  
NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

Please complete in full to request funding from a Neighborhood Council.

REQUEST DATE: August 15, 2013 Funding Amount: \$ 1639.65

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

Please complete the information below for the Requester/Payee:

Name of Requester: Michael Lynn

Are you a board member of this Neighborhood Council?  Yes  No  
 Is this a request for a recurring payment?  Yes  No If yes, enter term \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is this request a payment for services requiring a 1099?  Yes  No  
 Is this a request for an out of state vendor?  Yes  No

Payable to: A-Throne Company Inc.

Remittance Address: 1850 E. 33<sup>rd</sup> ST.  
Long Beach CA 90807  
City State  
ricardo@athrone.com (562) 981-1197  
Email Address Contact Number

**PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT - Description and Purpose of Expenditure:**

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council Emergency Preparedness Safety Fair will feature displays and hands-on demonstrations by professional first responders to educate stakeholders in preparation for a major disaster.

**DECLARATION**

I, the Requester, understand that I am requesting public funds from the Neighborhood Council and that such funds are restricted under the guidelines set forth by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. I declare that this funding request does not pose any potential conflict of interest for any Board Member and will provide any documentation requested by the Department to authorize payment or review the appropriateness of the request.

Michael W. Lynn Aug 15, 2013  
 REQUESTER'S SIGNATURE DATE

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL USE ONLY**

TREASURER'S NAME AND SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Approved  \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amended  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNER'S NAME AND SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Budget Category: Denied

**DEPARTMENT USE ONLY**

AUTHORIZATION CATEGORY:  NPG  NIP  CONTRACT  LEASE  SPONSORED EVENT  > \$2,500  ADVANCED PAYMENT Authorization Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DEPARTMENT APPROVAL SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL FUNDING PROGRAM  
FUNDING REQUEST FORM



Please complete in full to request funding from a Neighborhood Council.

REQUEST DATE: August 15, 2013 Funding Amount: \$ 354.25

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL: South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

Please complete the information below for the Requester/Payee.

Name of Requester: Michael Lynn

Are you a board member of this Neighborhood Council?  Yes  No

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Is this request a payment for services requiring a 1099?  Yes  No

Is this a request for an out of state vendor?  Yes  No

Payable to: SLB Printing

Remittance Address: 2822 S. Robertson Blvd

Los Angeles CA 90034  
City State

SLBprint@yahoo.com \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address Contact Number

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Michael W Lynn Aug. 15, 2013  
REQUESTER'S SIGNATURE DATE

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL USE ONLY**

TREASURER'S NAME AND SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved  \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Amended  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNER'S NAME AND SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Budget Category:  
Denied

**DEPARTMENT USE ONLY**

AUTHORIZATION CATEGORY: \_\_\_\_\_ Authorization Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Motion to align NC efforts and funding towards the revitalization of South Robertson

**Agenda Item:** GB081513-7  
**Date:** 15 August 2013  
**Proposed By:** Doug Fitzsimmons

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## Full Proposal

At the Neighborhood Council's March 17<sup>th</sup> retreat, we first discussed the idea of aligning our efforts behind a single mission. In subsequent committee meetings and, particularly, in the May 13<sup>th</sup> Finance committee meeting, the general consensus was that a co-ordinated effort to revitalize the South Robertson business corridor (with special focus between Cadillac to Cataraugus) presented a promising opportunity for a) positive and proactive community change, b) broad committee involvement, and c) alignment with the clear desires of our neighborhood, as gathered through years of community surveys.

This idea was discussed again in detail at our July 21<sup>st</sup> follow-up Board retreat. The hope is that if successful, a vibrant South Robertson could ultimately:

- Create a welcoming, diverse, and walkable row of retail shops and restaurants that truly serve the surrounding community
- Optimize and calm traffic flow along Robertson to reduce neighborhood cut-throughs—and encourage cycling and public transportation use
- Connect South Robertson with the Expo stop and planned transit-oriented-development along Venice
- Increase a sense of pride, identification and personal investment in the neighborhood, all of which helps combat crime and create a sense of community interconnectedness
- Emphasize greening and landscaping along the Boulevard (not just for aesthetic reasons, but also to improve air quality and act as a safety buffer for traffic)
- Establish stronger connections with the business community, which could be used to establish a business safety network, centralize job postings, conduct energy efficiency seminars, plan events (Taste of SORO, etc.), and eventually form the basis of a Business Improvement District and/or Chamber of Commerce

Of course, these objectives (and more) will not be fully achieved in a single year, or even perhaps in a dozen years. But the potential benefits make a strong case for starting work now.

The implications of this initiative would affect much of the NC's activities. Committees would devote a prioritized percentage of their activity to some aspect of the effort; this wouldn't preclude other work, however, and obviously some committees are naturally more closely aligned than others.

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This would also provide the NC with a lens through which to evaluate funding proposals. Again, it wouldn't preclude other projects, but our funding priorities should be in sync with our overall goals as an NC. This may result in revising our budget.

(My personal feeling is that we should still preserve the SORO Neighborhood Purposes Grant program to allow for support of worthy projects outside of this initiative.)

We have momentum at the moment. Our work on the Community Plan, the 2012 Robertson tree planting, the soon-to-be-revived SOROCARD program are all important steps. This motion would affirm our collective commitment to carrying it further.

### Proposed Motion

- I. That the SORO NC Board and its committees prioritize the revitalization of South Robertson (as described above) in its fiscal year 2013-14 efforts.

### Considerations

<b>Committee review:</b> <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 3	Against: 0
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<b>Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:</b> <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$
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#### Arguments for:

We can accomplish more if we're all pulling on the same rope.

This would not stop us from addressing new, pressing issues within the community as they pop up, but it would keep us generally focused on working towards a single goal.

#### Arguments against:

Robertson Revitalization is not the only important issue within SORO.

Boardmembers may or may not share the enthusiasm for the initiative; it may, therefore, weaken Board involvement