



Funding SORO NC Town Hall 2011 up to \$750

Agenda Item: GB102011-4
Date: 10/20/2011
Proposed By: Marjan Safinia

Full Proposal

SORO NC's Bylaws call for us to organize an annual Town Hall event, where we 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, provided valuable information to the community on critical issues, and yielded us increased visibility, and even a couple of board members.

This year, SORO NC's 2011 Town Hall will focus on the redevelopment of Robertson Recreation Center, providing an early opportunity for the community to interact with critical City partners such as Council District 5, CM Paul Koretz, the Bureau of Engineers and their architects, the Director of the Proposition K project as well as others. Since redevelopment plans are at their earliest stages, this event will afford the community the opportunity to express their wishes and concerns to key decision makers, with the hope that the project will move forward with community input heard, and community concerns addressed.

The event will be held on site at the Recreation Center, in close collaboration with CD5. This funding motion is to cover the costs of outreach, equipment rental and refreshments that we may need to organize a successful event.

\$750 was assigned for this event in the Outreach Committee's working budget.

Proposed Motion

- I. That SORO NC approve up to \$750 of funding for costs associated with the production and outreach for our 2011 Town Hall event regarding the redevelopment of Robertson Recreation Center.

Considerations

Committee review:	Votes For: 5	Against: 0
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:	\$750
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Arguments for:

It's a valuable opportunity to create dialogue about an important project in our boundaries

Our bylaws require that we hold a Town Hall each year.

Arguments against:

Cost.

There might be other issues of value to focus on instead of the redevelopment.

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Support Variance for Eilat Bakery

Agenda Item: GB102011-5
Date: October 20, 2011
Proposed By: Land Use Committee: Terrence Gomes

Full Proposal

Eilat Bakery came to the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council a year and a half ago to request the support of the NC for their application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a bakery at 9060 W Pico Bl. Once the bakery was approved for a CUP, Eilat Bakery opened as a restaurant with seating on the inside and on the front patio.

A complaint was filed with Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) against Eilat Bakery for failure to comply with the CUP on file. After inspection, it was noted that to operate as a restaurant, the square footage of the building required 24 parking spaces to be compliant. The property only has two spaces and one handicap space. There is no available space on the property to install additional spaces.

After numerous attempts to find additional parking spaces with help from the Mayor's office, the applicant came to the SORO NC Land Use and Economic Committee for help. It was recommended by the committee that the applicant survey her customers as to whether they drive to the restaurant or walk. It was also suggested that the applicant tries to lease parking from one of the adjacent properties and utilize valet parking to try to meet the requirements of the CUP. The applicant took the suggestion and tried to meet the requirements

The applicant has supplied documentation in support of her efforts to meet the requirements of the CUP. (See attached)

Proposed Motion

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports the CUP application for Eilat Bakery to forgo the 24 parking spaces as required by code and to utilize valet parking as an alternative.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: No final
vote

Against:

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

Arguments for:

We need more restaurants in the community.

Arguments against:

This action sets a precedent that other businesses will come to a NC when they cannot comply with a CUP.

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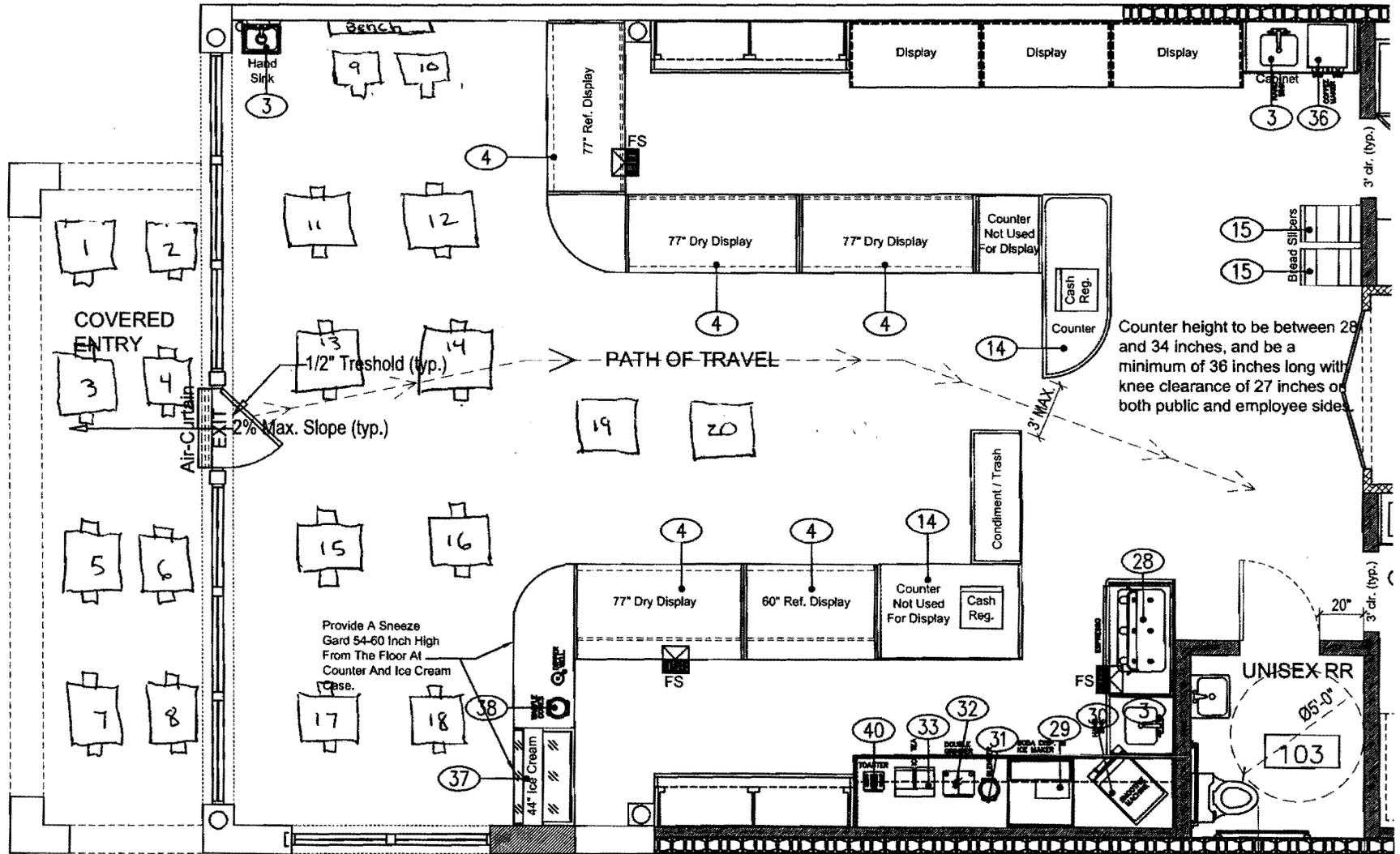
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areas.

A room, enclosure, or designated area, shall be provided where employees may change and store clothes.

Employee lockers to be mounted 6" A.F.F.



ENLARGED BAKERY SALES Scale: 3/16" = 1'

* NOTE:
 WATER SUPPLY LINE TO HAVE IN-LINE
 FILTER & W.P. REGULATOR. WATER & POWER
 ABOVE UNIT, ACCESS PANEL, WATER FILTER,

Counter height to be between 28
 and 34 inches, and be a
 minimum of 36 inches long with
 knee clearance of 27 inches on
 both public and employee sides.

concealed within the
 lines not concealed to
 standoff brackets.
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5/9/11

Eilat Bakery Survey 2011

Exit this survey

1.

1. What is your name and number? (optional)

2. What is your e-mail address? (optional)

3. May we contact you for future promotions, holidays, or events at Eilat Bakery?

- Yes
- No

4. How often do you shop at eilat bakery?

- Everyday
- 1-2 times a week
- 2-4 times a week
- 1-2 times a month
- 2-4 times a month

just started - will come back

5. How did you get to the bakery today?

- Walked
- Drove
- Got a ride
- Other

6. How happy are you that we have opened this new location?

- Very happy
- Satisfied
- Not happy

Done

Parking Lease Agreement

1. This lease agreement is made and entered into by and between the Landlord Bais Chaya Mushka located at 9051 W. PICO BLVD. LA 90035 and the Tenant to lease 24 parking spaces for the amount of \$ 500⁰⁰ per month. ↳ Fasemo Associates, LLC
2. The parking spaces are strictly for the customers of Eilat Bakery from 6:00 pm to 10: pm Sunday through Thursday.
3. Tenant acknowledges that the Leased Area is in excellent condition and free from any surface or other defect that might impair its use for the purposes of this Lease.
4. This lease will be for a period of one year, after which a new long term lease will be signed.
 - a. If arrangement become unacceptable to either party, they may vacate the agreement by providing 30 days' notice of such intentions for good cause, including but not limited to sanitation, public safety, or alternate parking availability.
5. Tenant will obtain proof of insurance for its operation and use of the facility before getting a key to the facility.
6. Tenant will add Chabad of California, Inc. and Bais Chaya Mushka School for Girls as additional insured on its insurance liability.
7. In the event that Eilat Bakery is ever sold or permanently closed down, this contract automatically becomes null and void.

Landlord: Bais Chaya Mushka [Signature] 8-23-11
 Print Sign Date

Tenant: Eilat Bakery [Signature] 9/5/11
 Print Sign Date

310 209 7511
Chabad of CA

MASTER LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION

LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Planning Staff Use Only

ENV No.		Existing Zone		District Map	
APC		Community Plan			Council District
Census Tract	APN	Case Filed by [DSC Staff]		Date	

CASE NO. _____

APPLICATION TYPE Zone Variance
(zone change, variance, conditional use, tract/parcel map, specific plan exception, etc.)

1. PROJECT LOCATION AND SIZE

Street Address of Project 9060 W PICO, LA CA Zip Code 90035

Legal Description: Lot _____ Block _____ Tract _____

Lot Dimensions _____ Lot Area (sq. ft.) _____ Total Project Size (sq. ft.) _____

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Describe what is to be done: Change of use permit from bakery to restaurant, to allow ~~24~~ additional parking spaces in lieu of 24.

Present Use: Bakery Proposed Use: Restaurant

Plan Check No. (if available) _____ Date Filed: _____

Check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change of Use	<input type="checkbox"/> Alterations	<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input type="checkbox"/> Tier 1 LA Green Code

Additions to the building: Rear Front Height Side Yard

No. of residential units: Existing _____ To be demolished _____ Adding _____ Total _____

3. ACTION(S) REQUESTED

Describe the requested entitlement which either authorizes actions OR grants a variance:

Code Section from which relief is requested: _____ Code Section which authorizes relief: _____

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List related or pending case numbers relating to this site:

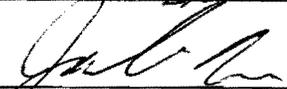
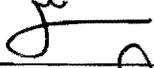
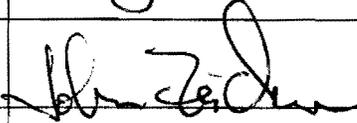
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SIGNATURES of adjoining or neighboring property owners in support of the request; not required but helpful, especially for projects in single-family residential areas. (Attach additional sheet, if necessary)

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caah naz		9112 w. Pico	
MOTTI B. L. Tyle		9116 W. PICO BL	
Ammanz Rafae		9116 1/2 w. Pico Blvd.	
Cadeau		9122 W. Pico	
Bereuzat		9124 W. Pico	
Simon Djahanbani		9150 W. Pico	
Botler RAZ		9164 P. W	
SAEID KHEIRADK		9176 W Pico	
MARIE MOKRARA		9029 W. Pico	
HOOSHMAND		9025 W. Pico	
NEVECCIAN CENTER		9024 W. PICO BL.	
WILLIAM FERRON		9012 W. Pico BL,	
iloo Yedi		9006 W. Pico	
Scott Moll		9005 W. Pico Blvd	
LINDA KENNER		1427 S. DOHNEY DR	
DANIEL ROMM		8643 Androme St. 90051	
Genrickh heznik		2405 Corning 90051	

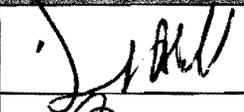
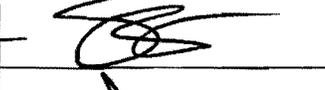
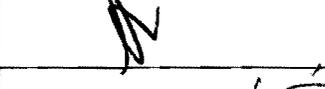
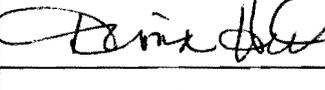
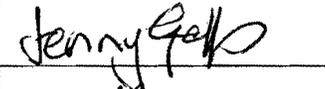
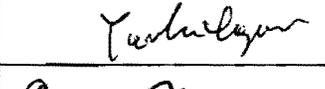
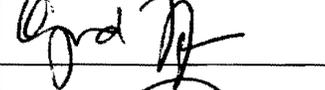
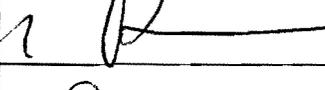
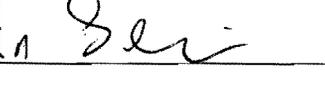
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Rachel Monroe		9025 Alcott St. #203	
Caren Slotkin		9025 Alcott St #203	
Jacob Toubi		1521 Reeves St.	
JOE STALMONI		1129 S. SHERBOURNE LA 9003	
Farzad Rodef		1529 S. Rexford Dr.	
John Teichner		3200 BAGLEY AVE 9039	

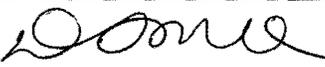
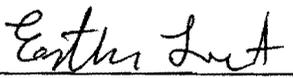
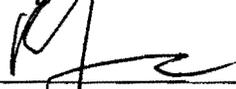
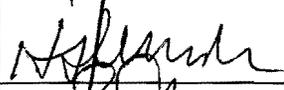
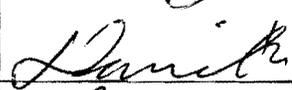
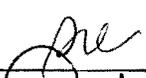
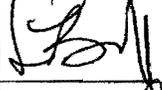
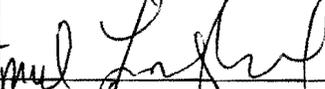
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Alex Thorpe		4615. Oakhurst Drive	
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Salvador		9320 Monte Mar	
J. Braun		1703 Resonance Rd LA 90027	
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E. Tuchman		2120 Pamela LA 90011	
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Support an EIR for Marina Del Rey

Agenda Item: GB102011-6
Date: October 20, 2011
Proposed By: Terrence Gomes

Full Proposal

The County of Los Angeles (County) is planning to redevelop areas of Marina Del Rey. The County Board of Supervisors has passed a motion to allow two developments to proceed under the Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA). The County needs approval of the LCPA by the California Coastal Commission at its November 2, 2011 regional meeting in Oceanside California. The County also has 15 other construction projects planned for the unincorporated area of Marina Del Rey that are not currently incorporated into the LCPA.

With the meeting being held in Oceanside, California most impacted stakeholders will be unable to attend the hearing due to the distance. California Government code demands that the public has a right to be involved in the process.

Section 30006 Legislative findings and declarations; public participation

The Legislature further finds and declares that the public has a right to fully participate in decisions affecting coastal planning, conservation and development; that achievement of sound coastal conservation and development is dependent upon public understanding and support; and that the continuing planning and implementation of programs for coastal conservation and development should include the widest opportunity for public participation.

The Westside Region of Neighborhood Councils, along with the Venice Neighborhood Council has taken a position on the issue and supports that a comprehensive EIR (or its equivalent) that considers regional impacts on the City of Los Angeles and takes into account the cumulative impact of constructing 17 new developments in the unincorporated areas of Marina Del Rey. Without the study, traffic, noise, and pollution issues that affect quality of life in the surrounding areas of the development will not be discovered until the sum of the projects have been completed.

The currently proposed LCPA of the County outlines a plan that will rely on an already overburdened regional infrastructure:

- I. 100% reliance on LAUSD to provide schools for the new families that will be residing in the new developments.
- II. 100% reliance on existing regional resources for parks and other recreational resources.
- III. 100% dependence on the City of Los Angeles for the developments waste and sewer needs.
- IV. 100% reliance on the City of Los Angeles to maintain the streets and roads that provide both ingress to and egress from the Marina as well as transporting the increased traffic on surface streets.

FAQ

1. **Is passing this motion time sensitive?**

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Yes – The California Coastal Commission will be considering the County's Local Coastal Plan Amendment (LCPA) the first week of November – in Oceanside. We are currently asking the CCC to postpone the item to December so it can be heard in the LA area – but we don't know if they will be responsive to our request. We of course would like WRAC to endorse the motion prior to the CCC Meeting – so the sooner it is passed at the NC / CC level, the sooner the President of WRAC can get a letter off to the CCC letting them know of WRAC's stance.

2. Doesn't CEQA require that the County perform an EIR and that it be approved prior to any major development?

Yes - CEQA requires that an EIR or its equivalent be created for every major development (according to CEQA, an LCP or its amendment qualifies as the functional equivalent of an EIR). The County has bundled several projects into a single LCPA, fulfilling the CEQA EIR requirement for those projects. But the amendment does not take into account the other 13 projects that are currently in the approval queue. Those projects are proceeding according to the traditional piecemeal approach with an EIR being produced for each individual project. We are asking for ALL projects to be included in a single EIR or its equivalent so that the cumulative impacts can be taken into account.

3. Why should the County provide such a comprehensive, cumulative EIR for all projects proposed for MDR? Sounds expensive.

Because CEQA defines a "Redevelopment Project" such that the proposed developments, as a group, would seem to fall under that definition, and further specifies that Redevelopment Projects need such an EIR. The Coastal Commission has already "suggested" that the County proceed with such a document – but the County has declined. The question of whether the projects fall under the definition of a "Redevelopment Project" has not been adjudicated.

4. Why should our council consider a problem, though real enough, in an area where the impacts won't really affect our community?

Because sometimes the only power we have as NC/CCs is the power of our numbers and the people we represent. In the City of LA we have are part of the City with credibility and responsibilities. And the City often listens to our opinions. We are not anti-development – but in LA developers must include us in the process and are starting to recognize that fact.

But if any one of our NC's tries to tackle the City of Santa Monica, or Culver City or the County of Los Angeles, we will be ignored. It is only by banding together that we can demonstrate that these other jurisdictions need to listen. It is only by banding together that we can get the mega-developers and adjacent jurisdictions to recognize the necessity of including us in the process and understanding that if they don't involve us we will take action together to oppose their projects.



Proposed Motion

- I. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports the WRAC motion for Venice NC's position re: the need for an EIR regarding County Development at Marina Del Rey and the loss of 806 public parking places due to development.
- II. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports the need for a comprehensive EIR (or its equivalent) that considers regional impacts on the City of Los Angeles and takes into account the cumulative impact of constructing 17 new developments on LA County lands in Marina Del Rey.
- III. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council sends a letter to Dr. Charles Lester, Executive Director, California Coastal Commission to postpone any action by this board on the matter of the LCPA for Marina Del Rey until their next regularly schedule meeting in the South Coast District on January 11, 2012. This is to allow more stakeholder participation on the matter. (See attached draft letter.)

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 4

Against: 0

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

Arguments for:

Places undo strain on the regional infrastructure

The Coastal Commission is on a time schedule.

Arguments against:

Marina Del Rey needs the development to draw tourists and revenue.

Public participation in the process is paramount.

DRAFT

October ____, 2011

Dr. Charles Lester

Executive Director

California Coastal Commission

45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000



San Francisco, CA 94105-2219

Re: Request for continuance of Coastal Commission review of Los Angeles County's Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program Amendment

Dear Dr. Lester:

On behalf of the 40,000 stakeholders of the City of Los Angeles' South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC), the SORO NC Board requests a continuance of Los Angeles County's Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA), which is currently scheduled for Commission review during your November 2-4, 2011 meeting in Oceanside, in the San Diego Coastal District. We ask that this matter be re-scheduled for your next meeting in the LCPA's home district, namely the South Coast District, which is slated for January 11-13, 2012.

SORO NC was never notified about the LCPA during the county's review process, so we have not heretofore had an opportunity to assess its potential impacts upon our community and our stakeholders, or to participate in discussions about potential mitigations and/or modifications to the plan. Our understanding is that this LCPA is a major amendment to the Marina's land use laws and development policies, which suggests it may have potentially serious and permanent regional impacts, not just on adjacent neighborhoods that will be the most directly affected, but also upon those of us who live elsewhere in the area served by the Marina's public and private recreational resources who might be adversely affected by their conversion to other private, non-recreational uses. A continuance to January would give us an opportunity to consider the amendment and to submit our findings to your Commission. We hope we will not be denied this opportunity simply because jurisdiction over the LCPA lies with another municipality.

Since it appears that a venue for the January meeting has not yet been determined, we strongly urge you to consider a location that will provide the maximum opportunity for public participation, as stipulated in Coastal Act §30006.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

[see next pages for list of recipients and their addresses]

Cc:

Commissioner Mary K. Shallenberger, Chair

Commissioner Steve Blank



Commissioner Richard Bloom
Commissioner Dayna Bochco
Commissioner Brian Brennan
Commissioner Dr. William A. Burke
Commissioner Steve Kinsey
Commissioner Martha McClure
Commissioner Wendy Mitchell
Commissioner Esther Sanchez
Commissioner Mark W. Stone
Commissioner Jana Zimmer
Jack Ainsworth, Deputy Director, South Coast District/LA County

[please also cc to:]

LA City Councilmember Paul Koretz (5th district)
LA City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl (12th district)
Westside Regional Alliance of Councils – Mike Newhouse
Venice Neighborhood Council – Marc Saltzberg

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Motion to support the Music Academy in the Glee Give A Note Contest

Agenda Item: GB102011-7
Date: October 20th, 2011
Proposed By: Erick Morales

Full Proposal

Hamilton High School's Academy of Music is currently in a state of financial crisis due to the budget cuts imposed upon the Los Angeles Unified School District. The Academy's budget has been reduced to half of what it was in the 2010 – 2011 School Year and the administrators are doing the best with what they have.

In an attempt to ameliorate the budget cuts that are ailing the Academy of Music, students and administrators have entered the school in a competition known as Glee Give A Note. The competition, sponsored by Fox, Glee, and the National Foundation for Music Education, will give away 73 prizes totaling 1 million dollars. The Academy of Music seeks to win one of the three grand prizes, \$50,000, in order to allow for the Academy's severed budget to convalesce.

The Academy of Music, one of the most renowned performing arts schools in Los Angeles, is a vital part of this community and the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council should aid the Academy by allowing it to use its name, logo, branding, anything affiliated with the Neighborhood Council, in its community outreach efforts to get as many votes as possible.

Anyone can vote for the Academy of Music at:
http://www.gleegiveanote.com/vote_details.php?id=261.

Proposed Motion

- I. Allow the students and organizers of the Music Academy's Glee Give A Note candidacy to use the logo, templates, and name of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council as they please as long as they refrain from sullyng the name or position of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council.
 - a. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council also vests the power of reviewing, checking, and approving all community outreach flyers and plans that the Music Academy uses with the Neighborhood Council's name within the School 2 Representative (Erick Morales).
- II. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council fully supports the candidacy of the Music Academy in the Glee Give A Note contest and will inform community leaders about the Music Academy's candidacy in the contest.

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Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 0

Against:

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

Arguments for:

Arguments against:

Will help the Music Academy recover from the blow it was dealt due to LAUSD Budget cuts.

Advertises for Glee and Fox.

Have more Hamilton students know about the Neighborhood Council and use it as a resource.

\$50,000 and the effort in promoting the contest could be considered relatively worthless considering the size of the Music Academy program.



Motion to spend up to \$200 to purchase business cards for new Board members

Agenda Item: GB102011-8
Date: 20 October 2011
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

We have recently added three new members and elected a new Secretary. None of the new members have SORO NC business cards. While Nick does have cards, they don't reflect his new position.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Executive Committee, and funds would come out of the Operations budget.

Proposed Motion

- I. To spend up to \$200 for SORO NC business cards for Nick Burkhart, Armando Roman, Troy Richardson, and Sam Jagger

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Considerations

Committee review: <i>(highly recommended)</i>	Votes For: 4	Against: 0
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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$ 0
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Arguments for:

All Board members should have business cards to identify themselves.

Arguments against:

Not a budgeted expense.

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Motion to eliminate redundant standing rules on runoff elections and abstentions

Agenda Item: GB102011-9
Date: 20 October 2011
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

The revised SORO NC bylaws of March 17, 2011 incorporated two provisions that had previously been standing rules.

The first, a standing rule on abstentions, read:

For purposes of whether a motion is to be considered as having passed, the Official Action as defined in our bylaws will be modified by not counting abstentions as a vote for the item under consideration.

It was superseded in Article V, Section 3 of the Bylaws. There, action is defined as:

A simple majority vote by the Board members present, not including abstentions, at a meeting at which there is a quorum shall be required to take official action, unless specified otherwise in these Bylaws.

A motion will be presented later in the meeting to further clarify official actions.

The second, a standing rule to establish runoff election process, applied to Board votes where more than two candidates stood for a seat, chair or office:

If no candidate wins a majority of votes cast in the first round, only the two candidates with the most votes proceed to a second round of voting.

Assuming that any potential ethical conflicts are resolved, all Board members are free to vote for either of the two candidates in the second round, even if they have abstained or recused themselves in the first round, or if it means voting for a different candidate.

A coin toss will be used to resolve a tie in either round.

Article V, Section 6 of the Bylaws incorporated it verbatim.

The motion will eliminate the two redundant standing rules and must pass by a simple majority.

Proposed Motion

- I. To eliminate the standing rule to establish a runoff election system and the standing rule on abstentions. The SORO NC Bylaws are not affected.

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Considerations

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Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: <i>(applies to funding motions only)</i>	\$ 0
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Arguments for:	Arguments against:
Keeps the standing rules relevant	None



Motion to add Board Development responsibilities to the Secretary position

Agenda Item: GB102011-10
Date: 20 October 2011
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

in the Bylaws, all of the Executive members chair a committee (President: Executive, VP: Bylaws, Treasurer: Finance) except the Secretary.

The Secretary is already in charge of filling Board vacancies, so it makes some sense that the role also chairs Board Development.

In the motion, that committee would have responsibility not only for recruitment, but also for Board training and the co-ordination of elections (in the past, no one has been responsible for training and we have had a separate Election committee).

Changes to the Bylaws require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board members present.

Proposed Motion

- I. To add the following to the Secretary's responsibilities in Article VI, Section 2, Item 4 of the SORO NC Bylaws:
 - e. Serves as chair of the Board Development Committee, responsible for Board recruitment efforts, training, and the co-ordination of Board elections/selections.

Considerations

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

Ensures that Board Dev always has leadership and that someone is responsible for training issues.

Arguments against:

Other people may want to chair the committee.

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Motion to clarify official actions in the bylaws

Agenda Item: GB102011-11
Date: 20 October 2011
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

Article V, Section 3 of the Bylaws defines an action as:

A simple majority vote by the Board members present, not including abstentions, at a meeting at which there is a quorum shall be required to take official action, unless specified otherwise in these Bylaws. An official action can be taken by no fewer than seven (7) votes when there is a quorum of thirteen (13). Proxy voting is not allowed.

This slightly confusing language is unclear about abstentions and does not address recusals at all.

The language about "a quorum of thirteen" also sets up an unintended loophole: strictly speaking, an official action could be taken by, say, six yes votes if MORE than thirteen people are at the meeting (e.g., 6 yes / 5 no / 3 abstentions)? The proposed revision sets the absolute floor at seven votes, regardless of attendance (our quorum is set at thirteen in the preceding Bylaws article).

Changes to the Bylaws require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board members present.

Proposed Motion

I. To change Article V, Section 3 of the SORO NC Bylaws to read:

Official Actions

A simple majority of the votes cast by the Board at a meeting at which there is a quorum shall be required to take official action, unless specified otherwise in these Bylaws. Regardless of abstentions, an official action can be taken by no fewer than seven (7) votes. Proxy voting is not allowed.

- a. Abstentions and recusals are failures to vote and are not counted in the vote total. Therefore, a vote of seven (7) ayes and six (6) nays with twelve (12) abstentions passes—a majority of the thirteen (13) votes actually cast.
- b. In the event of a recusal, the Board member must declare the nature of their recusal and leave the room during discussion and vote on the item, even if this would result in loss of quorum.

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Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 3

Against: 0

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

Arguments for:

Changes clarify language, remove an unintended loophole and give concrete examples.

Arguments against:

None apparent.



Motion to add Board Development responsibilities to the Secretary position

Agenda Item: GB102011-12

Date: 20 October 2011

Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

Inadvertent duplicate listing of GB102011-10

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Motion to change eligible voters in the bylaws

Agenda Item: GB102011-13
Date: 20 October 2011
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

Several years ago, the City Council passed an ordinance establishing the concept of "factual basis stakeholders" (FBS) for Neighborhood Councils—basically, anyone who declares *any* sort of interest in the area is a stakeholder. Someone who stopped once at Taco Bell could claim an interest and run for a seat, regardless of where they live, work, or worship.

This has proven to be a problem for several NCs, and in one case, a prominent developer took over an NC wholesale. While they are fully aware of the problem, to date the City Council has refused to change the ordinance.

After a long study and endorsement by the City Attorney, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners has officially recommended to NCs that they limit the number of seats available to FBSs to no more than 10% of the board (the ordinance does not specify how many seats are open to FBSs).

Fortunately, most SORO NC seats are already restricted to local residents, businesspeople,* or organization members. Only the four At-Large seats are currently open to FBSs. The Bylaws Committee unanimously felt that the changing the eligibility of a single seat wasn't worth the effort.

As it now stands, however, FCBs can VOTE for any SORO NC seat. There is a risk that an outside interest could stack the Board with candidates who support their position. The motion would therefore only allow FCBs to vote for the four At-Large seats.

The motion was not passed unanimously by the Bylaws Committee. Changes to the Bylaws require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board members present.

* There may be a slight loophole in the business seat definition that the Bylaws committee will consider in a future meeting.

Proposed Motion

I. To change the voting eligibility matrix in Attachment B of the SORO NC Bylaws:

For all seats except At-Large and School Rep 2 (which is appointed):

Any Stakeholder who is at least 15 years of age at the time of the election, excluding factual basis stakeholders.

For At-Large seats:

Any Stakeholder who is at least 15 years of age at the time of the election, including but not limited to factual basis stakeholders.

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Committee review:
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Votes For: 2

Against: 1

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$ 0
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Arguments for:

Arguments against:

Eliminates the possibility that this most local form of government be taken over by non-local interests.

This issue is more properly solved at the City Council level.

Preserves the ability for FBSs to vote for FBS candidates, a fundamental of representative democracy.

Passing the measure may draw unwanted attention to the issue, exacerbating the problem.



Motion to allow an alternate Board selection process if the City Clerk cannot conduct an election

Agenda Item: GB102011-14
Date: 20 October 2011
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Full Proposal

By City ordinance, the City Clerk is the only entity that can conduct NC elections. However, the City Council has not provided funds for the 2012 NC election, and it is likely they will not be held. Many feel this critically erodes the legitimacy of the NC system and is an egregious betrayal of voter trust.

The Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils does allow for another method, however: a selection process. The City Attorney considers selection to be any process whereby individual votes are made public: for example, a town hall where people raise their hands, or a ballot that requires a signature.

Our bylaws do not currently allow for a selection process. This motion creates a way for us to opt for a selection if the City Clerk cannot have an election. It does not require a selection, nor dictate a method. It *does* require that if we do have one, that it adhere to the same standards of inclusiveness, fairness and transparency that an election would have.

The motion was not passed unanimously by the Bylaws Committee. Changes to the Bylaws require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board members present.

Proposed Motion

- I. To include in Article X, Section 6 of the SORO NC Bylaws:

Other Election Related Language

In the event that the City Clerk is unable to conduct a duly-scheduled election, per Article III, Section 2 of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils the Neighborhood Council may adopt an alternate selection process.

A selection differs from an election in that individual votes must be made public, e.g., via signed ballots or a public show of hands. The selection process must preserve the goals and objectives of the Council; occur during the same time period as the planned election; include a method for resolving any challenges to the results; and be inclusive, transparent, and non-discriminatory. The Board must approve the selection process by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board members present.

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Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 2

Against: 1

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

Arguments for:

Gives us the option for a selection process IF the City Clerk cannot have an election. Our selection methodology would still have to be approved by a 2/3 supermajority of the Board.

Since bylaws amendments must be approved by BONC and they have historically taken a long time to process, it is important that we pass this now.

Arguments against:

This issue is more properly solved at the City Council level. By creating an alternative, it reduces pressure on the City Council to fund NC elections.

The election isn't scheduled until April or May of next year.