

GB021623-01

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south robertson neighborhoods council

Candidate Name: Benji Karben

Board Seat: School Student

Optional, but encouraged: I am passionate about giving back to my community and believe that my skills and experience make me a strong addition to the local volunteer community board. I am committed to working collaboratively with board members and community members to identify and address the needs of our community and to make a positive impact.

Legal Affirmation: yes

SORO NC Committee Memberships as of 2/16/23

Land Use	Barry Levine, Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Ellen Lanet , Joseph Mollaie, Jacob Shofet, Mitch Cohen
Business Advocacy & Development Committee	Ken Blaker, Richard Bloom, Jon Liberman , Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Shevy Lieder, Shirley Traum, Joseph Mollaie , Bill Gross, Baila Romm,
Outreach Committee	Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Sophia French, Fabiola Prieto , Jon Liberman, Sarah Adivi
Parks and Recreation Committee	Barry Levine, Jon Liberman , Laurie Levine, Fabiola Prieto, Sandy Block
Public Safety Committee	Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes , Richard Bloom, Sophia French, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman, Laurie Levine, Baila Romm , Bill Gross, Joesph Mollaie
Transportation Committee	Barry Levine, Sophia French, Joel Weinberger , Shevy Dorfman Lieder, Ellen Lanet, Terrence Gomes
Homelessness Committee	Sophia French, Terrence Gomes , Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Richard Bloom, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman , Laurie Levine, Kylie Lobell
Education Committee	Shirley Traum, Barry Levine, Jon Liberman
Bylaws Committee	Ken Blaker , Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Jon Liberman, Barry Levine
Budget & Finance Committee	Terrence Gomes , Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Jon Liberman
Board Development	Baila Romm ,
Elections Committee (Ad Hoc)	Jon Liberman , Joel Weinberger



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General Board Draft Minutes

Thursday, January 19, 2023

Location: Online via Zoom.com <https://zoom.us/j/89930026366> or by phone (877) 853 5257- Meeting ID No. 899 3002 6366

1. **Meeting called to Order at: 7:05 PM by Chair Michael Lynn**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance led by: Fabiola Prieto**
3. **Roll Call 18**
Present: Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Dina Leeds, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Joel Weinberger, Sophia French, Kylie Lobell, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman
Absent: Jacob Shofet, Richard Bloom, Shevy Lieder,
Sarah Adivi entered the meeting at 7:57pm
Daniel Ferszt entered the meeting at 8:08 pm
Dina Leeds left the meeting at 8:07 pm
Joel Weinberger left 8:23 pm
Ellen Lanet left the meeting at 8:54 pm
Fabiola left the meeting at 9:02 pm
4. **General Public Comment: None**
5. **Brief Board Announcements**
 - a. Likelihood of resuming in-person Neighborhood Council meetings as of March 1, 2023 – **Robertson Rec. Center potential location**
 - b. Items for Future Committee or General Board Agendas- **J-Walking- Public Safety, Broken Sidewalks, Funding for Shenandoah Elementary project,**
 - c. Other Brief Board Announcements – **Election lawn signs to be collected**
6. **Community Reports**
 - a. LA Police Department (Baker/Ojeda) **Not Present**
 - b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 (Miller) **Not Present**
 - c. Office of Councilmember Hutt (Guevara) **Not Present**
 - d. Office of Councilmember Yaroslavsky (Zipper) **Not Present**
 - e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (?) **Not Present**
 - f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Cupen-Ames) **Gave Presentation/ sent email with information**
 - g. Office of the City Clerk- Election Division (Alvarado) **Not Present**

- h. Office of Mayor Bass (?) **Not Present**
- i. Office of County Supervisor Horvath (?) **Not Present**
- j. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan (Persoff) **Gave Presentation**
- k. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas (?) **Not Present**
- l. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove (?) **Not Present**
- m. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices - **Veronica de la Cruz**

**7. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, Resignations & Leaves of Absence
Public Comment: None**

- a. Notification of Automatic Removal of Kyle Burman from the SORO NC General Board- due to missing five (5) General Board meetings in a fiscal year; At-Large Representative 3 Seat (Term expires 2025) will be open as of March 27, 2023 (after the SORO NC Elections) (GB011923-01) April 27, 2023 GB Meeting
- b. Motion to appoint Student Representative (Term expires 2023) (GB011923-02)
No Applicants- postponed to 2/16/23 General Board Meeting
- c. Motion to appoint At-Large Representative 5- Term expires 2025) (GB011923-03)

Moved: Terrence Gomes Second: Jon Liberman

Vote:

- Edgar Steven Caceres - 0
- Stormey Ramdhan - 0
- Stuart Weiss – 1 (Mike Lynn)
- Sarah Adivi - 9 (Fabiola Prieto, Joel Weinberger, Sophia French, Kylie Lobell, Barry Levine, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman)
- Daniel Ferszt -7 (Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Dina Leeds, Joseph Mollaie, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum)

Sarah Avidi became a At-Large Rep -5 and joined the meeting at 7:57 pm

- d. Motion to appoint At-Large Representative 4- Term expires June 2023 (GB011923-04) **Moved: Terrence Gomes Second: Jon Liberman**

Objection to Chair regarding asking additional questions to selectees by Terrence Gomes.

Motion to allow two additional questions of selectees

Moved: Terrence Gomes Second: Laurie Levine

Roll Call Vote:

Vote: 1 yes 15 no 5 abstain 2 ineligible

Yes: Sandy Block

No: Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Dina Leeds, Mitch Cohen, Sophia French, Kylie Lobell, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker

Abstain: Bill Gross, Fabiola Prieto, Joseph Mollaie, Joel Weinberger, Jon Liberman

Ineligible: Sarah Adivi, Sophia French

Motion Fails – No additional questions

- Edgar Steven Caceres 1 (Ellen Lanet)

- Stormey Ramdhan - 0
 - Stuart Weiss – 3 (Mike Lynn, Mitch Cohen, Barry Levine)
 - Daniel Ferszt – 12 (Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Dina Leeds, Joseph Mollaie, Sophia French, Kylie Lobell, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman)
- 2 Abstain: Fabiola Prieto, Joel Weinberger

Daniel Ferszt became At-Large Rep. 4 and entered the meeting at 8:08 pm

Dina Leeds left the meeting 8:08 pm

8. Committees, Liaisons and Alliance Representatives

- a. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports
 1. Standing and Ad-hoc Committees: Executive; Education; Land Use; Public Safety; Homelessness; Outreach; Transportation; Business Advocacy & Development; Parks and Recreation; Budget & Finance; Bylaws; Board Development; Elections (Ad-hoc)

Fabiola Prieto- looking for marketing and pr and leadership

Barry Levine- education committee about to restart sketch Program looking to start it again

2. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC, WRAC, LADWP, Budget Advocates, City Attorney, Public Works, Animal Services, Data
- b. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB011923-05) **Join Outreach Committee Jon Liberman, Sarah Adivi**

9. Unfinished Business

- a. None

10. Consent Agenda

Public Comment: None

- a. Motion to approve Draft meeting minutes of December 15, 2022 General Board Meeting (GB011923-06)
- b. Motion to approve December 2022 MERS Report (GB011923-07)
- ~~c. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to Approve the Revised FY 2022-2023 Budget (GB011923-08) removed by Jon Liberman~~
- ~~d. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to Submit a Community Impact Statement to Oppose CF 11-1020 S3 to restrict Neighborhood Council funding autonomy (GB011923-09) removed by Jon Liberman~~
- e. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to send a letter to the LA Bureau of Street Lighting to request that a broken light fixture on 18th Street be replaced with a similar fixture (GB011923-10)
- f. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to participate in the Adopt a Median program for medians in the SORO NC boundaries, and to seek grants and corporate sponsors (GB011923-11)
- g. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to submit a CIS for the City Council to create a new Council File on Neighborhood Council system Reforms based on CF 18-0467 (GB011923-12)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (a,b,e,f,g)

Moved: Baila Romm Second: Terrence Gomes

Roll Call Vote:

Vote: 16 yes 0 no 0 abstain 3 ineligible

Yes: Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Joel Weinberger, Kylie Lobell, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman

Ineligible: Sarah Avidi, Daniel Ferszt, Sophia French

Consent Agenda (a,b,e,f,g) Passes

Joel Weinberger left 8:23 pm

11. New Business

Public Comment: None

- a. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to allocate funds up to \$69 per month to purchase paid Mailchimp paid tier services; To reduce the spending of Social Ads up to \$69 from the social media advertising portion of the outreach budget (GB011923-13)

Moved: Jon Liberman Second: Terrence Gomes

Roll Call Vote:

Vote: 15 yes 0 no 0 abstain 3 ineligibles

Yes: Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Kylie Lobell, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Ellen Lanet, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman

Ineligible: Sarah Avidi, Daniel Ferszt, Sophia French

Motion Passes

Ellen Lanet left the meeting at 8:54 pm

- 10.c. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to Approve the Revised FY 2022-2023 Budget (GB011923-08)

Moved: Terrence Second: Jon

Amendment: In the Proposed Budget, to retile the "FaceBook" item to "Meta/Mailchimp", and to change amount of "Meeting Food" item to \$800

Moved: Michael Lynn Second: Jon Liberman

Roll Call Vote: 13 yes 1 no 1 abstain 3 ineligible

Yes: Sandy Block, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Kylie Lobell, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman

Abstain: Bill Gross

Ineligible: Sarah Avidi, Daniel Ferszt, Sophia French

Motion to Amend passes

Vote on Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to Approve the Revised FY 2022-2023 Budget (GB011923-08) 10 c as amended

Roll Call Vote: 12 y 1 no 1 abstain 3 ineligible

Yes: Sandy Block, Michael Lynn, Fabiola Prieto, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Kylie Lobell, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman
No: Bill Gross
Abstain: Laurie Levine
Ineligible: Sarah Avidi, Daniel Ferszt, Sophia French

- d. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to Submit a Community Impact Statement to Oppose CF 11-1020 S3 to restrict Neighborhood Council funding autonomy (GB011923-09)

Moved: Terrence Gomes Second: Jon Liberman

Fabiola left the meeting at 9:02 pm

Motion to Amend to include the following in the second half of the CIS- “The South Robertson Neighborhood Council has previously contributed funds to the Budget advocates. The Budget advocates have currently been blocked from accessing these funds by the general manager of the department of Neighborhood empowerment. If Council File 11-1020-SS3 is adopted by the City Council, the SORO NC demands that the return of all funds previously contributed to the budget advocates by this Neighborhood Council, but which have not been paid to them, would be returned to the Neighborhood Council.”

Moved: Jon Liberman Second: Terrence Gomes

Roll Call Vote: 13 yes 0 no 0 abstain 3 ineligible

Yes: Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Kylie Lobell, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman

Ineligible: Sarah Avidi, Daniel Ferszt, Sophia French

Vote on Motion as amended

Roll Call Vote: 13 yes 0 no 0 abstain 3 ineligible

Yes: Sandy Block, Bill Gross, Laurie Levine, Michael Lynn, Mitch Cohen, Joseph Mollaie, Kylie Lobell, Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Shirley Traum, Baila Romm, Ken Blaker, Jon Liberman

Ineligible: Sarah Avidi, Daniel Ferszt, Sophia French

12. Adjournment 9:08 pm by Chair Michael Lynn, without objection

Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: January 2023

Budget Fiscal Year: 2022-2023

NC Name: South Robertson
Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$34202.04	\$967.41	\$33234.63	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$32484.63

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$17500.00	\$767.41	\$8159.63	\$0.00	\$7409.63
Outreach		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$200.00		\$750.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$7250.00	\$0.00	\$7250.00	\$0.00	\$7250.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$7250.00	\$0.00	\$7250.00	\$0.00	\$7250.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$8372.96	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	THE WEB CORNER, INC	01/01/2023	Website	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$199.00
2	PUBLIC STORAGE 21914	01/03/2023	Storage	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$466.00
3	PARTNERS IN DIVERSITY	01/26/2023	Minutes at meeting	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$102.41
4	PHANTOM LITHOGRAPHY / DAVID M. GUERRA	12/23/2022	50 lawn signs and H stakes.	General Operations Expenditure	Elections	\$200.00
Subtotal:						\$967.41

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	Genesis FXE	01/18/2023	Graphic design services for the election.	General Operations Expenditure	Elections	\$750.00
Subtotal: Outstanding						\$750.00

The Web Corner, Inc.

Invoice

15300 Ventura Blvd. Suite 400
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
818-345-7443

Date	Invoice #	Terms
01/01/2023	24970	

PAID
01/01/2023

Bill To
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council Terrence Gomes

Ship To

QTY	Description	Price Each	Amount
1	Jan. 2023 Monthly Maintenance : includes up to 1.5 hours for; phone support, website requests, & adjustments Cloud DNS Management Free SSL Certificate & Management Hosting	199.00	199.00
		Total	\$199.00
		Payments/Credits	-\$199.00
		Balance Due	\$0.00

Merchant: The Web Corner, Inc

15300 Ventura Blvd. Suite 400
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
US

8183457443

Order Information

Description: South Robertson Neighborhoods Council Monthly Maintenance, Hosting and Management

Order Number:

P.O. Number:

Customer ID:

Invoice Number:

Billing Information

Terrence Gomes
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

Shipping Information

Shipping: 0.00

Tax: 0.00

Total: USD 199.00

Payment Information

Date/Time: 01-Jan-2023 05:06:48 MST
Transaction ID: 43852059676
Transaction Type: Authorization w/ Auto Capture
Transaction Status: Settled Successfully
Authorization Code: 023029
Payment Method: MasterCard XXXX7213

Terrence Gomes

From: Public Storage <DoNotReply@Publicstorage.com>
Sent: 01/03/2023 4:12 PM
To: Terrencegomes@soronc.org
Subject: Your AutoPay confirmation

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Thanks for your AutoPay payment!

Hi Terrence,

We're confirming that a payment in the amount of \$466.00 was made on 01/02/2023 from your Master Card CreditCard account ending in 7213 and entry type is manual.

Your confirmation number for this transaction is 020401.

Your Account Details [Log In](#)

TERRENCE GOMES

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 13352721
PHONE: (310) 387-1274
EMAIL: Terrencegomes@soronc.org

Payment Details

STORAGE LOCATION: 5917 Burchard Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90034
(323) 383-9913

SPACE NUMBER: 254

SPACE SIZE: 10x10

PAYMENT AMOUNT:
\$466.00

	PAST DUE/DUE NOW	DUE NEXT 02/01/2023
RENT	\$0.00	\$457.00
INSURANCE	\$0.00	\$9.00
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$466.00

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South Pasadena, CA 91031-0654

INVOICE

Invoice Amount
\$102.41

Payment Terms	Invoice Date
Due On Receipt	01/23/2023
Invoice No.	Customer No.
40151	1936

Neighborhood Council/South Robertson
P.O. Box 35836
Los Angeles, CA 90035

Customer Name	Department	Customer No.	Payment Terms
Neighborhood Council/South Robertson	Corporate	1936	Due On Receipt

Description	Type	Units	Rate	Amount
Week ending: 01/22/2023				
POZO, MICHAEL A Minute Taker	Reg	3.50	\$29.26	\$102.41
Total This Week ending:				\$102.41

Reg: 3.5 OT: 0 DT: 0	Total - This Invoice: \$102.41
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EmployeeName	CustomerName	DepartmentName	ApprovedDate	ApprovedBy	WeekEndDate	TransactionType	DateWorked	DayLabel	StartTime	BreakOut	BreakIn	EndTime	BillUnit	PayUnit	BreakHours
POZO, MICHAEL A	Neighborhood Council/South Robertson	Corporate	1/23/2023 16:40	Michael Lynn	1/22/2023	Reg	1/19/2023	Thursday	18:58:00			21:08:00	2.17	2.17	0
POZO, MICHAEL A	Neighborhood Council/South Robertson	Corporate	1/23/2023 16:40	Michael Lynn	1/22/2023	Reg	1/22/2023	Sunday	22:40:00			00:00:00	1.33	1.33	0

PARTNERS IN DIVERSITY
690 E GREEN ST STE 101
PASADENA, CA 91101-2190
626-793-0020

PARTNERS IN DIVERSITY

Date: 01/26/2023 01:41:23 PM

CREDIT CARD SALE

MASTERCARD
CARD NUMBER: *****7213 K

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$102.41

APPROVAL CD: 023292
RECORD #: 000
CLERK ID: Officeassist1
CUST CODE: 1936
INVOICE #: 40151

Customer Copy

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PHANTOM LITHOGRAPHY
9309 CATTARAUGUS AVE.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90034
(310) 387-9006

INVOICE NUMBER: 022478

INVOICE DATE:

SOUTH ROBERTSON N. C. 00876
PO BOX 35836

ORDER DESCRIPTION:

P.O.# "JON L."
ATTN: TERENCE GOMES, TREASURER

LOS ANGELES
CA 90035
TEL:

ORDER DATE: 12/16/2022

ORIGS	FIN QTY.	UP	SIDES	INK COLORS	IMPRESSIONS	DESCRIPTION	WGT.	TYPE	COLOR	BINDERY	PRINTING	
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2	1	25	1	4-COLOR		H-STAKES					25.00	2
3												3
4												4
5												5
6												6

BINDERY DETAIL:

PRINTING:	225.00
BINDERY:	
TYPESET:	
DISCOUNT:	<-42.39>
SUB TOTAL:	182.61
SALES TAX EXEMPT:	
SALES TAX:	17.39
TOTAL:	200.00
CASH PAID:	
PAYMENT TYPE:	

CUSTOMER'S SIGNATURE



Motion to write letter to City requesting reinstatement of Neighborhood Council Blitz Initiative to address city potholes

Agenda Item: GB021623-05
Date: February 16, 2023
Proposed By: Transportation Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? YES

Background

In 2015, the City established the Neighborhood Council Blitz Initiative (<https://empowerla.org/prioritize-street-repairs-in-your-neighborhood-with-bureau-of-street-services-neighborhood-council-blitz-initiative/>) to provide Neighborhood Councils a direct way to prioritize pothole repair in their neighborhood when reported by stakeholders.

This program disappeared, leaving stakeholders without a way to directly appeal for pothole repair prioritization. After the recent rains, the SORO NC has received an increased number of pothole repair reports but has no way to directly prioritize them to the City.

Proposed Motion

I. That the SORO NC write a letter to the Mayor’s office, the offices of Councilmembers 5 and 10, and the Bureau of Street Services requesting the reinstatement of the Neighborhood Councils Blitz Initiative.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 3 Against: 0
(highly recommended)

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

Arguments for:

- Would provide a way for stakeholders to directly prioritize potholes in the neighborhood, which they currently have no way of doing

Arguments against:

- Might cause the City to prioritize less traveled potholes if they get a report about a specific pothole elsewhere

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200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Office of Councilmember Heather Hutt
3699 Crenshaw Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90016

Office of Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky
6380 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 800
Los Angeles, CA 90048

Bureau of Street Services
200 N. Spring Street, Suite M-165
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mayor Bass, Councilmember Hutt, Councilmember Yaroslavsky, and Bureau of Street Services,

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, have received several notices from community stakeholders about the increase of potholes in our neighborhood. Given the rains so far in late 2023, we expect these notices to increase. Unfortunately, our stakeholders do not have a formal method of bringing this to the City's attention, nor does this Neighborhood Council.

Previously, the Neighborhood Council Blitz Initiative provided a formal method for Neighborhood Councils to field concerns about potholes from their stakeholders and report them to the City. We request that the City reinstate this program and provide a direct channel for stakeholders to report pothole concerns to the City to have them repaired.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynn
President



Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhood Council to fund \$120 to cover the additional cost of Robertson Recreation Center staff at \$30 per meeting for four SORO NC General Board meetings

Agenda Item: GB021623-06

Date: November 17, 2022

Proposed By: Executive Committee

Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes

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Background

With the expiring of COVID-19 provisions in State Law that due to the Pandemic exempted in-person Public Body Meetings from the Brown Act, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners and Department of Neighborhood Empowerment are requiring the Neighborhood Councils to resume in-person meetings as of March 1, 2023.

The SORO NC has submitted forms to secure meeting locations to both Hamilton High School and the Robertson Recreation Center. The Recreation Center has tentatively approved the use of its larger meeting room for the duration of the fiscal year, pending approval of the SORO NC covering the cost of Rec Center staff staying an extra hour, at the rate of \$30 per meeting. There are four meetings remaining in the fiscal year.

Proposed Motion:

Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhood Council to fund \$120 to cover the additional cost of Robertson Recreation Center staff at \$30 per meeting for four SORO NC General Board meetings.

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Considerations

Committee review:	Votes For: 4	Against: 0
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Arguments for:

Necessary to have 3 hour General Board meetings.

Arguments against:

We could just agendize less items.



Motion that the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council support the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition motion, requesting that all project applications to any City Department requesting waivers or expedited treatment under Executive Directive 1 should immediately be published online with notice to all Neighborhood Councils of at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such waiver or expedited treatment to allow NC input.

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Agenda Item: GB021623-07
Date: February 16, 2023
Proposed By: Executive Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes

Background

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports the position of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition motion requesting thirty (30) days advance online notice to all neighborhood councils of any City Department proposing a waiver or expedited treatment for any project application requesting such treatment under Executive Order 1 to allow Neighborhood Councils time to present their input on the impact of such waiver or expedited treatment on their stakeholders and their community.

Proposed Motion

That the SORO NC General Board authorizes the filing of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) supporting the Los Angeles

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Neighborhood Council Coalition motion requesting a minimum of thirty (30) days advance online notice to all neighborhood councils of any City Department proposing a waiver or expedited treatment for any project application requesting such treatment under Executive Order 1 to allow Neighborhood Councils time to present their input on the impact of such waiver or expedited treatment on their stakeholders and their community.

Community Impact Statement

One of the most essential functions that Neighborhood Councils provide is to advise the various parts of the City of Los Angeles as to the effect on their community and residents of proposed actions that the City contemplates taking. Neighborhood Councils are comprised of volunteers operating on various committees within the neighborhood council. This requires advance notice to allow the committee process to operate. The Mayor’s Executive Directive 1 is meant to streamline the process. We support the intent but note that the unintended consequence is to preclude neighborhood councils with the ability to provide needed input.

Therefore, any and all project applications to any City Department whatsoever requesting waivers or otherwise to be qualified for expedited treatment under the Executive Directive 1 should be immediately published online with thirty (30) days advance notice to Neighborhood Councils when such application enters the expedited process, including location, project description and developer.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For:5 Against: 0

Arguments for: **Arguments against:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transparency 2. Provides time for NC to respond to the requested action with effect of City action on the community and its residents. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. n/a |
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Motion for the SORO NC to approve funding of up to \$4100 to implement the final two phases of the modified 2023 SORO NC Election Marketing Plan

Agenda Item: GB021623-08
Date: February 16, 2023
Proposed By: Elections Ad Hoc Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

Phase 1 of our Modified 2023 Soro Election Marketing Plan has been completed. In order to implement the remaining two phases we need authorization to have the City pay up to \$4100.00:

1. A "Virtual Candidate Gathering" put on at no cost to go over election guidelines from the City Clerk.
2. A "Virtual Candidate Forum" put on at no cost to allow stakeholders to meet the candidates.
3. Seventy-five (75) Lawn Signs in English providing information on how to register to vote and where/when to vote.
4. Six banners 4 feet by 8 feet providing information on how to register to vote and where/when to vote.
5. Five hundred posters in color on heavy cardboard stock (glossy finish) size 8 1/2" x 11" providing information on how to register to vote and where/when to vote. These will be distributed to restaurants, markets, convenience stores, gas stations, and religious institutions throughout Soro.
6. Social Media posts (including artwork).

We have obtained bids for these items and the total estimated costs are \$3907.07.

Proposed Motion

That the SORO NC General Board authorize the two virtual meetings to be held via Zoom and also authorizes the purchase of:

- A) Seventy-Five Lawn Signs from Phantom Printing at a cost of up to \$1177.13.
- B) Six 4'x8" banners from UPrinting at a cost of up to \$571.68.
- C) 500 8 1/2"x 11" color posters on glossy cardboard paper stock from UPrinting at a cost of up to \$158.26.
- D) Social media buys for a total cost of \$2000. This cost covers the cost of social media. It anticipates that existing artwork can be utilized. If new artwork is needed it will come out of the \$2000 and the amount of social media purchased will be reduced downward by the cost of the artwork.
- E) The amount of these enumerated expenditures (A through D) is \$3907.07 the amount we are requesting is \$4100.00. The difference \$192.93 is to cover for any price changes. If there are no price changes it will be used to purchase additional Social Media buys.

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Considerations

Committee review: Votes For:2 Against: 0

Arguments for: **Arguments against:**

1. n/a

1. n/a



Motion that the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council in support of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition motion, requesting that a Community Impact Statement be filed for CF 23-1200-S6 to ask Mayor Bass to withdraw Josh Nadel’s application for Board of Neighborhood Council Commissioner until the NC Alliances and affected Neighborhood Councils have the opportunity to vet the proposed appointee.

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Agenda Item: GB021623-09
Date: February 16, 2023
Proposed By: Executive Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports the position of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition motion requesting that Mayor Bass withdraw Josh Nadel’s application for Board of Neighborhood Council Commissioner until the Neighborhood Council Alliances and the affected Neighborhood Councils have the opportunity to vet the proposed appointee. Mr.

Nadel’s application was submitted during a time of transition between the outgoing Mayor Garcetti and the incoming Mayor Bass. As such there was no opportunity provided for the neighborhood councils to vet this applicant.

One of the alliances, the Budget Advocates, have submitted a letter , dated February 6, 2023, to the Los Angeles City Council and to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. Attached to that letter was a copy of Mr. Nadel’s letter to the Los Angeles County District Attorney.

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Both letters raise concerns about whether Mr. Nadel has the necessary judgement and temperament to serve in the position for which he has applied.

Proposed Motion

The SORO NC General Board authorizes the filing of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) for CF 23-1200-S6 supporting the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition motion requesting that Mayor Bass withdraw Josh Nadel's application for Board of Neighborhood Council Commissioner until the Neighborhood Council Alliances and the affected Neighborhood Councils have the opportunity to vet the proposed appointee.

Community Impact Statement

Neighborhood Councils are regulated by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment which is governed by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. Each Commissioner is appointed for a five-year term and has significant influence over DONE and the individual neighborhood councils.

Due to the timing Mr. Nadel's application was submitted during the time of transition between the outgoing Mayor Garcetti and the incoming Mayor Bass. As such there was no opportunity provided for the alliances or for the individual neighborhood councils to vet this applicant.

Based on information provided by the Budget Advocates in a February 6 2023 letter to the City Council which included a letter from Mr. Nadel there is concern as to whether the applicant has the necessary judgement and temperament to serve in the position for which he has applied. Those documents are included as attachments to this CIS.

We are requesting that his application be withdrawn until such time as the Alliances and the Neighborhood Councils have been provided an opportunity to vet the proposed appointee.



Considerations

Committee review: Votes For:5 Against: 0

Arguments for: **Arguments against:**

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| 1. Lack of Consistency as to process with other applicants. | 1. n/a |
| 2. Transparency | |
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February 6th, 2023

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council
Honorable Members of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

**RE: Appointment of Josh Nadel to Board of Neighborhood Commissioners
CF 23-1200-S6**

Page 4 of the Mayor's Report on Council File 23-1200-S6 dated February 2nd, 2023 contains a resume for Josh Nadel that represents that he is or was a "Budget Advocate." The Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates would like to set the record straight that Mr. Nadel is not currently a Budget Advocate nor has he ever been a Budget Advocate. This is not the first time that we have had to address these fabulistic claims from Mr. Nadel. In 2019 Mr. Nadel was making reports at meetings within the Neighborhood Council system and representing himself as a Budget Advocate and was told that he needed to cease doing so as it was inappropriate. In the Budget Advocates report on the General Services FY 2020-21 budget requests Mr. Nadel identified himself as a Budget Advocate and was again reminded that he was not a Budget Advocate and the report was corrected. More recently, in the September 6th, 2022 Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting Mr. Nadel referenced leaving the Budget Advocates and was reminded again that he was never elected as a Budget Advocate.

Beyond this, we feel that Mr. Nadel has exhibited behavior that is unsuitable for a Commissioner representing the Neighborhood Council System. Mr. Nadel ran for a position as a Region 11 Budget Advocate in the 2020 Budget Advocate Elections and lost. In response to not winning his election, Mr. Nadel filed multiple grievances and sent a five page letter to the LA County District Attorney alleging racism, fraud, corruption, election rigging, and illegal conspiracy by the Budget Advocates, specifically targeting Budget Advocates' leadership (attached). In this letter Mr. Nadel also identifies the Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate assigned to the Budget Advocates as a "DONE compliance monitor", which demonstrates an alarming misunderstanding of the role of the NEAs and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment in the Neighborhood Council System. It should also be noted that upon losing his election, Mr. Nadel became so disruptive and threatening in Budget Advocates meetings such that we could

no longer conduct business and had to change the way we managed our meetings to severely restrict the opportunities for the public to participate in our discussions.

Furthermore, the Budget Advocates feel strongly that all appointments to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners should be vetted by the Neighborhood Councils and Alliances from the region(s) that the appointee represents. We urge the Mayor to withdraw this nomination until the affected Neighborhood Councils have a chance to weigh in on this appointment and the information provided by the appointee can be fully vetted.

This letter was approved by the Budget Advocates at a regularly scheduled meeting on February 6th, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter,

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District Attorney's Office,

The Budget Advocates are an organization built off of the City of Los Angeles 'Neighborhood Council program. There are 36 Budget Advocates or 3 from each of the 12 different service regions that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) utilizes for organizing the neighborhood council system. The only people eligible to become Budget Advocates are Budget Representatives. Each Neighborhood Council can appoint up to two and the appointment(s) stay in place until a resignation or board led replacement appointment occurs. If a Neighborhood Council has no Budget Representatives, the Budget Advocates have determined that a President or Treasurer from that Neighborhood Council could instead be made eligible to run.

The Budget Advocates have a mysterious origin. It is not clear how or when the organization started at this point because there are literally no records. Budget Advocates nor DONE is in position of any founding documents. This is troublesome because of the nature of how the Budget Advocates claim to derive their power.

The Budget Advocates bylaws clearly state in Article 2, Section 3 – Authority and Power (Exhibit 1 attached herein) that the Budget Advocates derive their power and authority from section 909 of the LA City Charter:

"Each neighborhood council may present to the mayor and council an annual list of priorities for the city budget. The Mayor shall I for certified neighborhood councils of the deadline for submission so that the input my be considered in a timely fashion"

According to the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates bylaws the text was amended and currently reads:

" The [Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates] NCBA is authorized to act under the Los Angeles City Charter (the "Charter") Section 909, which provides 'each neighborhood council may present to the Mayor and Council an annual list of priorities for the City budget. The Neighborhood Councils have given their proxy to the NCBA (via the Budget Representatives and Budget Advocates) to speak out on their behalf to the electorate of the City of Los Angeles. This proxy will not limit or inhibit the individual Neighborhood Councils from expressing their own individual thoughts or comments or opinions on various budgetary concerns that fall within the activities authorized under the Charter. The Neighborhood Councils shall give their proxy in the form of appointing or electing or otherwise designating two Budget Representatives from their Board members or stakeholders. This appointment of Budget Representative(s) shall be a revocable proxy which will expire only when the Budget Representative(s) are replaced or resigned."

Proxy voting requires written proxy statements to accompany the voting. This is to ensure that the proxy is in fact voting on what the original voter actually wants and not what the proxy voter thinks. So any legitimate proxy voter, in the context of being a Budget Advocate, should have a proxy statement and

be regularly checking in with their Neighborhood Council in a formal meeting setting, with appropriate agendas and minutes, about how to vote in accordance with the full Neighborhood Council Board. It has to take place at a meeting to be in compliance with the Brown Act and cannot take place via email, so as to not violate the serial meeting aspects of the Brown Act.

The Ralph M. Brown Act, part of the California Government Code, is an act of the California State Legislature, authored by then Assembly member Ralph Brown and passed in 1953, that guarantees the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies. The Brown Act, originally a 686 word statute that has grown substantially over the years, was enacted in response to mounting public concerns over informal, undisclosed meetings held by local elected officials. City councils, county boards, and other local government bodies were avoiding public scrutiny by holding secret "workshops" and "study sessions." The Brown Act solely applies to California city and county government agencies, boards, and councils. The Act has been interpreted to apply to email communication as well, leading to restrictions on the number of parties that can be copied on electronic messages.

The Brown Act has many provisions that have helped it become called "The Sunshine law" because of the vast amounts of transparency it allows to take place. Among some of the more key provisions: 72 hours notification for meeting agendas, including translated options upon request, 24 hours notice for special meetings, minutes for all meetings, no serial communications, strong protections against conflicts of interest and a host of other incredibly useful tools for battling corruption. The Budget Advocates violate every one of these

They claim they are not a Brown acted organization. That claim has no basis behind it. It is receipt of public taxpayer money that confers Brown Act status according to the law. Under California Code 54952 (Exhibit 2 attached herein), Chapter 9 of the Brown Act, states

"As used in this chapter, "legislative body" means:

(a) The governing body of a local agency or any other local body created by state or federal statute.

(b) A commission, committee, board, or other body of a local agency, whether permanent or temporary, decision making or advisory, created by charter, ordinance, resolution, or formal action of a legislative body. However, advisory committees, composed solely of the members of the legislative body that are less than a quorum of the legislative body are not legislative bodies, except that standing committees of a legislative body, irrespective of their composition, which have a continuing subject matter jurisdiction, or a meeting schedule fixed by charter, ordinance, resolution, or formal action of a legislative body are legislative bodies for purposes of this chapter.

(c) (1) A board, commission, committee, or other multimember body that governs a private corporation, limited liability company, or other entity that either:

(A) Is created by the elected legislative body in order to exercise authority that may lawfully be delegated by the elected governing body to a private corporation, limited liability company, or other entity.

(B) Receives funds from a local agency and the membership of whose governing body includes a member of the legislative body of the local agency appointed to that governing body as a full voting member by the legislative body of the local agency.

(2) Notwithstanding subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1), no board, commission, committee, or other multimember body that governs a private corporation, limited liability company, or other entity that receives funds from a local agency and, as of February 9, 1996, has a member of the

legislative body of the local agency as a full voting member of the governing body of that private corporation, limited liability company, or other entity shall be relieved from the public meeting requirements of this chapter by virtue of a change in status of the full voting member to a nonvoting member.”

That rather lengthy quote is all necessary. It clearly states that any private group that receives public money is automatically Brown Acted by the provisions of the law and it goes to say that essentially nothing can change that.

The reason for the lengthy discussion on the Brown Act is to discuss the specifics of becoming a Budget Representative. It requires a Neighborhood Council Board vote. According to the Brown Act, minutes are required to accurately document everything that occurred of importance at a given meeting. So, there is a basis for finding quantifiable and verifiable proof for every Budget Representative appointment. With that being said, a human being appointed is not all the Budget Advocates are requesting.

As stated above, in Article 2, Section 3 – Authority and Power:

“The Neighborhood Councils have given their proxy to the NCBA (via the Budget Representatives and Budget Advocates) to speak out on their behalf to the electorate of the City of Los Angeles ... The Neighborhood Councils shall give their proxy in the form of appointing or electing or otherwise designating two Budget Representatives from their Board members or stakeholders. This appointment of Budget Representative(s) shall be a revocable proxy which will expire only when the Budget Representative(s) are replaced or resigned.”

They are also requesting that the Budget Representative be a proxy for the Neighborhood Council board pursuant to their claim of authority arising from Section 909 of the LA City Charter. While Section 909 does not mention the word “proxy” anywhere. However, it does mention that the Neighborhood Councils may give budget priorities to the Mayor. The Budget Advocates are effectively making the claim that Budget Representatives are a proxy for Neighborhood Council Board’s so they can perhaps be compliant with Section 909.

But for actual compliance with Section 909 two things would have to happen. First, the Budget Advocates would have to tell all Neighborhood Councils that a Budget Representative votes on their behalf on budget matters and is supposed to vote in exactly the manner that the Neighborhood Council Board decides. Second, the only proof that the Neighborhood Council Board’s decisions are being followed would be an accompanying proxy statement from the Neighborhood Council Board, which would describe and define their position for any and all votes.

I have never heard of any attempt to elicit the votes of Neighborhood Council boards for Budget Advocates votes. I have never heard of any attempt to use proxy statements. This is clearly a corruption of the terms being used and an overreach on the power the Budget Advocates should have.

Since there is a large amount of corruption described here, a discussion on who has compliance power over the Budget Advocates is necessary. In deriving power from section 909 of the LA City Charter, the Budget Advocates have squarely placed themselves as participants in the larger Article IX – Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Exhibit 3 attached herein). Article IX describes the powers of DONE and the citizen run commission, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) in sections 901 and 902, respectively.

Section 901, Part D says that DONE will “assist neighborhood councils with the election or selection of their officers”. Since the Budget Advocates claim power from Article IX, they also put themselves in the category of Neighborhood Councils, especially since each Budget Advocates membership is ostensibly a proxy for a Neighborhood Council Board. Budget Advocates made no effort for their 2020 elections to be monitored by DONE. In fact, they put in their own members in charge of elections and then systematically had the previous co-chair and parliamentarian overrule any decision those put in charge of the election made. That is inherently corrupt. No effort was made to verify the eligibility of voters. Two different ineligible candidates were allowed to run even though they had no official Budget Representative status. Senior leadership conspired to push through these illegal candidates.

One of the most troubling aspects of my grievances is that DONE compliance monitor, John Darnell, was shouted down by the co-chair Jack Humphreville at the 6/29 meeting shouting that he had no right to be here and should not speak. That is unacceptable conduct and should, on its own, merit removal of Mr. Humphreville as he conducted himself in an illegal fashion that personally benefitted himself. This is all detailed in my two grievances (Exhibits 4 & 5 attached herein).

Section 902, Part B says that BONC will “be responsible for policy setting and policy oversight, including the approval of contracts and leases and the promulgation of rules and regulations, but shall not be responsible for day-to-day management”. Since the Budget Advocates are deriving their power from Article IX, then this section covers the fact that BONC is supposed to be adjudicating the rules and regulations of the Budget Advocates. In this case, BONC should exercise its power to examine the proof, or lack thereof, that all Budget Advocates were in fact eligible candidates AND removing those that consistently are violating the rules that BONC has been promulgating, such as no racism, legal candidates, fair elections and open meetings. Those rules have been systematically violated by a cartel of senior leadership as detailed in Exhibits 4 & 5.

The Budget Advocates have adopted the Neighborhood Council’s mandated “Code of Conduct” and “Code of Civility” (Exhibit 6 & 7 attached herein). Each refers to DONE and/or BONC as the oversight to the Budget Advocates. The Code of Conduct clearly says that BONC. The Code of Civility contains a host of already detailed matters as things that should never occur and is designed as a de facto contract for all Budget Advocates to abide by. For these reasons alone, there needs to be a large amount of removals.

The Budget Advocates should be put on hiatus as a group until several things occur. First, they need to secure actual proxy statements in the form of motions voted on by the full boards from a majority of Neighborhood Councils. That is the only way according to their own derivation of power that could legitimately leave them in place. Second, DONE must complete a thorough inspection of voter eligibility and the inconsistencies that occurred in the various elections. Third, BONC must complete a thorough examination of the racism that senior leadership is inflicting on the ethnic minorities in the group. BONC must also examine the systematic avoidance of Brown Act provisions that Budget Advocates has engaged in.

Furthermore, much of the senior leadership should be forced to resign. Not only have they made zero effort to comply with the Brown Act, they have also rigged multiple elections and been wildly racist. It would be inexcusable for the leadership to remain in place because they would likely continue operating in the same fashion. DONE & BONC could first inform senior leadership that they can resign without any

fanfare/complaints or a combination of open hearings by BONC about these matters with witness testimony and a DONF/City Hall led investigation into the charges.

As this is a time sensitive matter, I expect a swift resolution to this issue

Sincerely,

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Motion to establish ad-hoc committee for Adopt-a-Median Program

Agenda Item: GB021623-10
Date: February 16, 2023
Proposed By: Transportation Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? NO

Background

The SORO NC Board previously voted to apply to manage a median in the neighbor boundaries through the City's Adopt-a-Median program. Given the detailed requirements around the project, the Transportation Committee feels it would be appropriate to have a specific ad-hoc committee to work on the project and refers recommendations back to the Transportation Committee.

Proposed Motion

I. The SORO NC establishes an ad-hoc committee to manage the Adopt-a-Median project and refer recommendations back to the Transportation Committee.

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>	\$ N/A
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Arguments for:

- Establishes a specific group to focus on the Adopt-a-Median program instead of taking lots of discussion time in the Transportation Committee

Arguments against:

- None
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Motion to propose ad-hoc committee on sidewalk conditions

Agenda Item: GB021623-11
Date: February 16, 2023
Proposed By: Transportation Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? NO

Background

The Business and Transportation Committees both have had stakeholders reach out about the quality of sidewalks in the neighborhood and how they detract both from the livability in the residential parts of the city as well as the effect on businesses in SORO. Given that both the Transportation and Business Committees have a vested interest in this area, and that it is a large body of work that requires focus, it was suggested that an ad-hoc committee focusing specifically on this subject would be appropriate.

Proposed Motion

I. The SORO NC establishes an ad-hoc committee on sidewalk and sidewalk quality that focuses on education and assistance to businesses to help them repair sidewalks in addition to enforcement measures such as ADA compliance, as well as encouraging the City to repair residential sidewalks where appropriate.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 3 Against: 0
(highly recommended)

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

Arguments for:

- Establishes a specific group to focus on sidewalk quality instead of having committees partially focus on it

Arguments against:

- None

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Motion to oppose the WRAC motion “Venice Blvd. Improvements Project Concerns/Withhold Support”

Agenda Item: GB021623-12
Date: February 16, 2023
Proposed By: Transportation Committee
**Include motion in Consent
Agenda?** NO

Background

In a prior General Board Meeting, LA DOT reported on their Venice Blvd Mobility Improvements (Lincoln - National) project (<https://ladotlivablestreets.org/projects/venice>). After several changes to the project, including based on feedback from the SORO and Palms NCs, LA DOT announced their commencement on work on the project (<https://ladotlivablestreets-cms.org/uploads/8571ea419d9741df8da21744e28fba03.pdf>).

The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils expressed concern about the project, especially about how it might affect local traffic on side streets, and proposed a motion to withhold support until a more extensive study is done on local traffic effects (<https://westsidecouncils.com/motion/venice-blvd-improvements-project-concerns-withhold-support/>). Some Councils have already voted in favor of this initiative, including the directly affected Venice Council, while the Palms and Mar Vista Councils who are most adjacent, have not supported it as of this time.

The Transportation Committee voted to propose that the SORO NC Board oppose this initiative. While we do have concerns about the project, they ultimately have studied it extensively, and the improvements are important to the continued growth of the City and the environmental initiatives of the City.

Proposed Motion

I. That the SORO NC opposes the WRAC motion “Venice Blvd. Improvements Project Concerns/Withhold Support.”

Considerations



Committee review: *(highly recommended)*

Votes For: 2

Against: 1

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

\$ N/A

Arguments for:

- LADOT already presented an extensive report on the effects of the project so unclear what additional reports are being requested
- Expansion of public transit and biking infrastructure is important to the City's continued growth, safety, and environmental initiatives
- LADOT has already started the project, so withholding support is unlikely to have any practical effect
- While SORO NC is slightly adjacent to the project, Palms and Mar Vista are more affected, so WRAC should defer to their judgment

Arguments against:

- Concerns that local neighborhood street traffic increases might incite road rage, and slowing traffic might have the opposite effect on traffic safety than intended
- Concern that LADOT may not have done due diligence



Motion for the SORO NC to a write letter to LA City PLUM Committee & LA City assigned Planner supporting Crossings Campus proposed Office Project (Apple anchor tenant) at 8888 Venice Blvd. and 8829 National Blvd in Los Angeles

Agenda Item: GB021623-13
Date: February 16, 2023 (General Board Mtg Date)
Proposed By: Land Use Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? No

Background

The development company Trammell Crow have been developing an integrated creative office complex which is east of Ivy Station, west of the Helms Bakery and spans from Venice Blvd in Los Angeles to Washington Blvd in Culver City. The project has completed it's Culver City approvals and is now proceeding with City of Los Angeles planning approvals. Last week they received approval from LA Planning Commission and our SORONC Land Use Committee. They would appreciate SORONC writing letters of support tp LA PLUM Committee and LA City Council for their upcoming hearings.

Trammel Crow Company and their anchor tenant Apple TV+ and Music have had several community outreach meetings in both Culver City & Los Angeles to gather local input to improve their proposed development for local concerns over the past year. In October 2022 they came to the Land Use Committee to give a presentation of their proposed office complex and gather specific feedback from our stakeholders. They returned earlier this month to seek Land Use Committee support and to come before the SORO NC Board for final support.

To receive final approval from the City of Los Angeles they are requesting the following entitlements:

1. Adoption of Responsible Agency findings on the EIR certified by Culver City as Lead Agency.
2. Amendment to the Exposition Corridor Transit Neighborhood Plan (EXPO TNP)
3. Amendment to the West Adams Baldwin Hills - Leimert Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO)
4. Site Plan Review
5. Waiver of Dedication and Improvements along National Blvd to align with Culver City

The Los Angeles Building #2 will be 369,000 square feet, 5 levels above grade office with the top level setback from both Venice & National Blvds. and 3 levels below grade parking. The parking entrance will be from Venice Blvd at a shared

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alley with between the project site & Helms Bakery. They have secured approval from LADOT to install a new traffic signal to allow left turns in & out of the alley yet not thru into the neighborhood north of Venice Blvd. The Culver City Building #1 will be 167,00 square feet, 4 levels above grade office and 3 levels below grade parking. The entire project will function and appear as one building from Venice & National Blvds yet legally be independent buildings with 2 separate driveway entrances to parking. The project includes a private landscape Courtyard between the two building wings and a public landscaped Parklet off Washington Blvd. There is generous native landscaping proposed along both Venice & National Blvds.

Apple is requesting their sustainability requirements be part of the project construction which includes: LEED Gold construction, at least 30% awarded to diverse suppliers and building to use 100% renewable energy. Furthermore Apple commits to giving employees benefits and subsidies to use diverse public transit modalities, ride share and intercampus commute shuttles.

Proposed Motion

- I. That the SORO NC write a letter to the LA City PLUM Committee & LA City assigned Planner supporting Crossings Campus at 8888 Venice Blvd & 8829 National Blvd.

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>	\$ N/A
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Arguments for:

1. Well planned and designed office development. Care to vary street facades and provide large landscaped setbacks.
2. Many community outreach forums for community feedback and site plan revisions to address community concerns
3. Desirable, stable long term anchor tenant: Apple TV+ and Music

Arguments against:

1. Too much traffic congestion already exist along Venice & National Blvds.
2. Traffic disruptions during the 2+ year construction process