

## Open Board Seat Applications



**Candidate Name:** Ryan Spivey

**Board Seat:** At-Large Representative 7

**Candidate Statement:** I am running for the SORO Council because I believe that grassroots initiatives make a difference. My commitment to community activism stretches from politics as a campaign organizer to assisting pro-bono attorneys in housing affairs. I deeply value social progress and insist that being vocal starts as a local. I have worked in the legal and financial field where attention to team cooperation and high integrity, displays the best of how you perform on behalf of others. Together we can build an environment where all are welcomed and everyone's voices are heard. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward serving along side our

**Legal Affirmation:** yes



**Candidate Name:** JOE LISUZZO

**Board Seat:** At-Large Representative 7

**Candidate Statement:** Hello Board Members, I would like to apply for the open At-Large Representative 7 (unfilled Zone 1 Representative). I reside in Zone 1 and have been a long time resident and former SORO community business owner. I owned and operated the eatery "AL Gelato" for 32 years (now retired), which was located at my 806 Robertson Blvd., between Gregory Way and Olympic Blvd. Additionally, I have attended many SORONC meetings in person and via zoom over the years. I love this community, and to protect it, ran for CA State Senate in this district 28, twice. I am also currently the Chairman of CA assembly district 55 which includes the entire SORO community. Given my years of involvement professionally and politically, I have come to know many residents and business owners in our community and believe that my experience can be of assistance in helping to accomplish tasks and fulfilling the many needs of our community. I thank you for your consideration. Sincerely yours, Joe Lisuzzo

**Legal Affirmation:** yes

# **SORO NC Committee Memberships as of 3/20/25**

## **(Board Members)**

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| <b>Land Use Committee</b>                | Barry Levine, Ken Blaker, Joseph Mollaie, <b>Mitch Cohen</b> , Stuart Weiss, Sara Messall, Noah Damsky, Jason Plummer, Margarita Guzman, Holly Hubsher, Katelyn Best, Laurie Levine |
| <b>Public Safety Committee</b>           | Michael Lynn, <b>Terrence Gomes</b> , Ken Blaker, Laurie Levine, <b>Baila Romm</b> , Joesph Mollaie, Stuart Weiss, Holly Hubsher, Beth Klein  |
| <b>Outreach Committee</b>                | Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, <b>Michael Lynn</b> , Baila Romm, Stuart Weiss, Sara Messall, Marlene Katz, Mallory Smith   |
| <b>Transportation Committee</b>          | Barry Levine, <b>Joel Weinberger</b> , Terrence Gomes, Michael Lynn, <b>Jason Plummer</b> , Katelyn Best, Holly Hubsher   |
| <b>Homelessness Committee</b>            | <b>Terrence Gomes</b> , Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Laurie Levine, Marlene Katz, Holly Hubsher  |
| <b>Education Committee</b>               | Shirley Traum, Barry Levine, Eitan Gershov, <b>Margarita Guzman</b>   |
| <b>Bylaws Committee</b>                  | <b>Ken Blaker</b> , Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Joel Weinberger, Joseph Mollaie   |
| <b>Budget &amp; Finance Committee</b>    | <b>Terrence Gomes</b> , Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Baila Romm  |
| <b>Board Development</b>                 | Sara Messall, Stuart Weiss  |
| <b>Tree Removal Notification- Ad Hoc</b> | <b>Barry Levine</b>   |
| <b>Board Selection- Ad Hoc</b>           | Jason Plummer, Joseph Mollaie, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, <b>Michael Lynn</b>  |
| <b>3-On-3 Basketball- Ad Hoc</b>         | Sara Messall, Katelyn Best, Margarita Guzman  |



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## **GB032025-08**

CD10 Councilwoman Heather Hutt  
City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Councilwoman Heather Hutt,

This letter concerns the mitigated alleyway in the 1900 block, between South Sherbourne Street and South Bedford Street.

The City of Los Angeles created a "Nuisance Alley Conversion Project" to allow residences to request that alleyways behind homes be gated off to prevent criminal activities like illegal dumping, loitering, vandalism, drug sales, gang violence, and prostitution. Residents agreed to key stipulations in order for the petition to be granted:

- Maintain the alley and be responsible for actions occurring there.
- Keep gates locked at all times.
- Dumping trash or debris in alleys is illegal and will result in citations.
- The city will provide a limited number of keys; additional keys can be obtained from coordinators at duplication cost.
- Only property owners needing vehicle access should have keys, but all abutting property owners may request them.
- No keys will be given to individuals without adjacent property or residency.
- No animals are allowed in the alley.
- Vehicle parking in alleys is prohibited.
- Destruction of gates, locks, or fixtures is a criminal offense and will be investigated as destruction of city property.
- The city reserves the right to revoke any alley closure.

In the case of this alleyway, the closed off portion extends south from Sawyer Street behind sixteen properties (ending with 1920 South Bedford Street and 1925 South Sherbourne Street). It was gated several years ago, due to serious area-wide gang and prostitution problems occurring at the time.

Over the years, there has been a turnover in ownership of the homes abutting the alleyway, with many of the current homeowners unaware of the rules and their responsibilities. Currently, the alleyway suffers from lack of maintenance and upkeep. Overgrowth has resulted in improper drainage, resulting in periodic flooding of the properties south of the closed section.

Due to these issues, as well as a substantial reduction of criminal activities that originally

necessitated the alleyway's closure (as evidenced by current crime reports for nearby alleyways that have remained open), the SORO NC requests that your office takes actions necessary to revoke the Permanent Closure status of this alleyway, thereby returning it under the care and control of the City of Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Lynn  
President  
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

CC: Mayra Guevara  
CC: Terrence Gomes

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24" tall x 36" wide lawn sign

South Robertson  
Neighborhoods Council

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