

## Student Seat Application



**Candidate Name: Rebecca Horowitz**

**Board Seat: School Student Representative**

**Statement:** Hello, my name is Rebecca Horowitz, and I am a Jewish teen who has lived on Pico and Robertson my whole life. Though I do not go to school within the boundaries of this neighborhood, my community and synagogue are within the limits of this application, and I believe that my input as a student representative will not be hindered because my school is not within the zoning areas. That being said, I am an 18-year-old student leader with a hunger to make change within my community, and eventually run for office when I am old enough. Throughout high school, I have been appointed as president of the Jewish Student Union, President of the Feminist Affinity Group, the recipient of the Posse Foundation Scholarship, and Captain of the Varsity Swim team. My ambition to represent this community is driven by my desire to create success not just for those who look like me or live in my neighborhood, but for the greater community as a whole. I aim to bring innovative ideas that can serve as a catalyst for broader change. As a Latina and Jewish woman, I find myself in one of the smallest minorities in the country. My experiences have shaped me into a resilient, ambitious, empathetic person who is capable of tackling inequalities and discrimination. I have big goals ahead of me, and I know I have much to learn. As I begin my journey into adulthood, I believe that stepping into this new position will fuel my ambition and serve as a stepping stone toward my future goal of running for office and making significant changes in public policy. Becoming a student representative will be an essential first step toward this greater goal, allowing me to work in service of my community. Thank you for considering my application.

**Legal Affirmation: yes**

## **SORO NC Committee Memberships as of 5/15/25**

### **(Board Members)**

<b>Land Use Committee</b>	Barry Levine, Ken Blaker, Joseph Mollaie, <b>Mitch Cohen</b> , Stuart Weiss, Noah Damsky, Jason Plummer, Margarita Guzman, 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, Beth Klein, Ryan Spivey
<b>Outreach Committee</b>	Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, <b>Michael Lynn</b> , Baila Romm, Stuart Weiss, Marlene Katz, Mallory Smith
<b>Transportation Committee</b>	Barry Levine, <b>Joel Weinberger</b> , Terrence Gomes, Michael Lynn, <b>Jason Plummer</b> ,
<b>Homelessness Committee</b>	<b>Terrence Gomes</b> , Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Laurie Levine, Marlene Katz,
<b>Education Committee</b>	Barry Levine, <b>Margarita Guzman</b> , Michael Lynn
<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>	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>3-On-3 Basketball- Ad Hoc</b>	Margarita Guzman



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May 15, 2025

Mayor Karen Bass  
City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

City Council Members  
City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: CF 25-0600

Dear Mayor Bass and City Council Members,

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) requests that the Mayor and City Council restore the amount annually allocated to at least the current \$32,000 and supports the rollover of all unexpended funds from this fiscal year to next year, as currently proposed in the Mayor's Budget.

Also, the SORO NC requests that the proposed cuts to the five Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Project Coordinator, Class Code 1537 positions, be restored as well.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynn  
President  
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

CC: Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Carmen Chang  
CC: City Controller, Kenneth Mejia  
CC: Chief Administrative Office, Matt Szabo

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Los Angeles Department of Transportation  
100 S Main St  
Los Angeles CA 90012

Dear Los Angeles Department of Transportation,

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, would like to request that the City conduct a study on the addition of a right-turn only sign southbound on South Shenandoah St at Olympic Blvd. We have had stakeholders report to us that this is a concerning intersection and dangerous to pedestrians and drivers.

Sincerely,

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**GB051525-13**



Los Angeles Department of Transportation  
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Dear Los Angeles Department of Transportation,

We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council, would like to request that the City conduct a study on the addition of stop signs going eastbound and westbound on Chalmers Dr at Shenandoah St. We have had stakeholders report to us that this is a concerning intersection and dangerous to pedestrians and drivers, with near misses because southbound and northbound drivers expect stop signs in the other directions.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynn  
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Office of Mayor Karen Bass  
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Office of Councilwoman Heather Hutt  
200 N. Spring St, Room 420  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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

Dear Mayor Bass, Councilwoman Hutt, and Councilwoman Yaroslavsky,

In Fiscal Year 2025-26, the City of Los Angeles will face huge budget challenges. We trust the City will address its most pressing legal and moral obligations. One of these obligations is the voter-approved Measure HLA, which is not only a legal requirement, but one such moral obligation for protecting the approximately 300 people killed and thousands more injured each year in traffic collisions in the City. We, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC), believe the City can and must act to fulfill these obligations, especially in those areas described by the Budget Advocate.

HLA requires the City's resurfacing projects to include both curb ramps and mobility improvements to build out the networks included in Mobility Plan 2035 (MP2035). Notably, these are also largely required under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well.

The City can begin to address these in a budget-neutral way by:

1. Improving the coordination between the Bureau of Street Services and the Department of Transportation so the pavement preservation program prioritizes MP 2035 projects.
2. Realign the City's pavement preservation and access ramp funding allocations to ensure that the resurfacing program is driven by pavement condition and mobility needs, rather than limited to streets that do not require curb ramp work.
3. Ensure that the Prioritized Critical Hiring process (PCH) does not impede departments from filling and refilling authorized and funded positions that support the resurfacing program, including curb ramps, and MP2035 implementation.

However, additional resources are needed to ensure the City is both fully compliant with these legal and moral obligations.

### **LADOT**

LADOT faced significant cuts in the FY25 budget, and in light of fiscal constraints has submitted a modest budget proposal for FY26 that restores critical services and mitigates financial risks. We hope that these requests will be fully funded.

At LADOT, we ask for restoration of \$1.5m to Paint & Sign budget to support both HLA compliant project delivery. Failure to maintain existing striping and signage, or to install long-approved safety improvements, exposes the City to significant liability risks.

### **Streets LA**

Although the Proposed FY24-25 Budget included a stated intention to avoid layoffs, it inadvertently omitted funding for more than 100 filled positions in StreetsLA, and did not include funding for ADA-mandated curb cuts. For that reason, the Council's modifications to StreetsLA's budget were almost entirely focused on restoring funding for filled positions and providing limited funding for legally-mandated curb ramp work.

At StreetsLA, we ask for:

1. Increased funding for curb ramps. The FY24-25 budget provides funding for approximately 200 new curb ramps per year, which is far short of the actual need. As a consequence, the City's resurfacing program is increasingly determined by streets that do not need curb ramp work, rather than improving mobility and safety, or even maintaining PCI. The FY24-25 Budget should fund curb ramp work at a level necessary to maintain or increase the number of lane miles resurfaced.
2. Increased funding for implementation of grant-funded projects. StreetsLA has a portfolio of \$330 million in Active Transportation Program projects, which are focused in disadvantaged communities. StreetsLA is not funded or staffed to complete these projects in accordance with grant deadlines, which increases project costs, jeopardizes grant funding, impedes the City's ability to obtain new grants, and – most importantly – delays needed safety and mobility improvements in the communities that need them most.
3. Approval of the Capital and Technology Improvement Expenditure Program (CTIEP) request for Mobility Plan 2035 corridors and HLA implementation. Approving this request now is critical for having the needed first/last mile facilities ready by the Olympics.

### **PCH Process**

On the City's PCH process, we believe there are several important changes and improvements that could be made.

There are a large number of LADOT positions that are currently unfilled (around 130), which is causing the department a number of challenges to the department.

These should be filled where they are budget neutral and/or do not raise the budget. The PCH process is hindering this.

1. Positions approved after the FY25 budget that right-sized departments to meet fiscal challenges should not be subject to PCH.
2. Positions that do not have a General Fund impact should not be subject to PCH.
3. Positions becoming vacant due to people retiring or leaving departments should not be subject to PCH.
4. Council should consider getting rid of the PCH process altogether. Lastly, we believe there is significant funding dedicated to transportation that is not being used as the voters intended, so where possible, this should be redirected to fix these positions.

We believe these changes are vital to implementing the legal obligations of the City under HLA. As more people are killed and injured every year due to traffic collisions, this is not the time to back off the moral—as well as legal—obligations to protect our citizens.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynn  
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council  
President