



## General Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Thursday, May 15, 2025 @ 7:00pm

Location: Burton House Hotel, 1177 S Beverly Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90035- Meeting Room

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:26 PM  
Meeting Recessed at 7:28 PM  
Meeting Resumed at 7:55 PM

Pledge of Allegiance led by Laurie Levine

2. Roll Call: Ken Blaker

Boardmembers Present: Michael Lynn, Barry Levine, Laurie Levine, Jason Plummer, Mitch Cohen, Sandy Block, Beth Klein, Ken Blaker, Joel Weinberger, Joseph Mollaie, Margarita Guzman, Noah Damsky, Mallory Smith, Ryan Spivey

Boardmembers Absent: Baila Romm, Terrence Gomes, Stuart Weiss, Marlene Katz, Vahid Jebelli.

Noah Damsky left the meeting at 7:55 PM.

3. General Public Comment *(time for each speaker to be determined by- 15min divided by # hands raised: max 2 minutes per speaker)*  
Public Comment 1-  
Public Comment 2-

4. Brief Board Announcements

- a. Items for Committee Agendas and other Brief Board Announcements  
None.

5. Community Reports

- a. LA Police Department (Baker) - 39796@lapd.online / (Ojeda) - 36393@lapd.online **Not Present.**
- b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 lafdbattalion18@lacity.org **Not Present.**
- c. Office of Councilwoman Yaroslavsky, CD-5 (Rodriguez) - cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org **Present, gave report.**
- d. Office of Councilwoman Hutt, CD-10 (Guevara) - mayra.guevara@lacity.org **Not present.**

- e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Erving) - commission@empowerla.org **Not Present.**
- f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Andrews)- dina.andrews@lacity.org **Not Present.**
- g. Office of Mayor Bass (Miller) - kenneth.g.miller@lacity.org **Not Present.**
- h. Office of County Supervisor Mitchell, 2nd District (Park) - DPark@bos.lacounty.gov **Not Present.**
- i. Office of County Supervisor Horvath, 3rd District (Laflan) - ALaflen@bos.lacounty.gov **Present, gave report.**
- j. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan, AD-55 (Persoff) -Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov **Not present.**
- k. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas, SD-28 (Penilla) - carlos.penilla@sen.ca.gov **Not present.**
- l. Office of Congressmember Kamlager-Dove, CD-37 (Benarroch) - Jackson.Benarroch@mail.house.gov **Not Present.**
- m. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices

## 6. Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations

- a. Motion to appoint Rebecca Horowitz as the Student Representative (1 year term). *Stakeholder who attends a school in the council area and who is between 14 and up to 18 years of age at the time of the election. (GB051525-01)*  
**Michael Lynn informed the meeting that Rebecca Horowitz would not be eligible due to age and being outside the council area; applicant is illegible and therefore Michael Lynn removed item a, without objection.**

## 7. Committees, Liaisons and Alliances

- a. Liaison and Alliance Representative Appointments
  - I. Motion to appoint SORO NC Secretary (GB051525-02)  
**None, postponed.**
  - II. Motion to appoint LADWP Alternate Representative (GB051525-03)  
**None, postponed to next General Board meeting.**
  - III. Motion to appoint Budget Advocates Representative 1 (GB051525-04)  
**None, postponed to next General Board meeting.**
  - IV. Motion to appoint Budget Advocates Representative 2 (GB051525-05)  
**None, postponed to next General Board meeting.**
- b. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports
  - I. Standing Committees: Executive; Education; Land Use; Public Safety; Homelessness; Outreach; Transportation; Budget & Finance; Bylaws; Board Development  
**Beth Klein for Public Safety discussed the Ready Your LA Neighborhood program in which local neighborhoods organize for disaster preparedness; she mentioned their upcoming meeting will give some guidance on how to get started, and that everyone is invited to attend May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**  
**Margarita Guzman for Education noted the ESL Event was canceled.**

- II. Ad-hoc Committees: Tree Removal Notification, Board Selection, 3-on-3 Basketball  
**Michael Lynn mentioned for Board Selection that he had passed out 2,000 cards out of 20,000.**  
**Jason Plummer asked members of the board to please pass out the cards.**  
**Michael Lynn said the VOTE signs would available by next week, the signs on lawns could remain where they were; as for elections Michael Lynn said questions with regards to elections should be directed to the Selection Committee which was Jason Plummer, Terrence Gomes, Stuart Weiss and Joseph Mollaie; Michael Lynn also added that the SORO website was updated with regards to voter information.**  
**Jason Plummer said candidates would have a week to respond to any updates on their candidacy information.**  
**Mallory Smith asked if volunteers were needed.**  
**Jason Plummer said yes; he also asked if they could walk around neighborhoods only located within the SORO area.**  
**Michael Lynn said yes.**
- III. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC, WRAC, LADWP, Budget Advocates, City Attorney, Sustainability, District 37 Congressional Council, Homelessness  
**None.**

- c. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB051525-06)

**Joseph Mollaie resigned from the Ad-Hoc Committee Board Selection.**

**8. Unfinished Business**

- a. None

**10. Consent Agenda**

**Moved by Mitch Cohen; Seconded by Joel Weinberger**

**Public Comment: Public Comment 1-**

**Items Removed (Item/Boardmember): Item C by Jason Plummer, Item D by Joel Weinberger**

**Roll Call: Yes-Michael Lynn, Barry Levine, Laurie Levine, Jason Plummer, Mitch Cohen, Sandy Block, Beth Klein, Ken Blaker, Joel Weinberger, Joseph Mollaie, Margarita Guzman, Mallory Smith.**

**No- 0**

**Ineligible-Ryan Spivey. Motion Passes 12 yes, 0 No and 1 Ineligible.**

- a. Motion to approve April 17, 2025 General Board Special Meeting Draft Minutes (GB051525-07)
- b. Motion to approve April 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (GB051525-08)
- c. ~~Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) to fund up to \$500 for the purchase of 2 SORO NC branded 8-foot tablecloths (GB051525-09)~~
- d. ~~Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter to Mayor Karen Bass and all City Councilmembers; CCing General Manager Carmen Chang, City Controller Kenneth Mejia, and Chief Administrative Officer Matt Szabo; requesting 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 proposed in the Mayor's Budget. Also, the SORO NC requesting that the proposed cuts to the five Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Project Coordinator, Class Code 1537 positions, be restored as well; and to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in Council File 25-0600, Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2025-2026 "against, unless amended" with the following summary text~~

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- e. Motion for the SORO NC to approve the revised 2024-2025 budget (GB051525-11)

## 11. New Business

**Public Comment: None**

- a. Motion for the SORO NC to request LA DOT to perform a study on adding a right turn only sign southbound on South Shenandoah Street at Olympic Blvd. (GB051525-12)

**Moved by Laurie Levine; Seconded by Joseph Mollaie.**

Joel Weinberger said there is currently no right turn sign. However, he also added that he had mixed feelings asking for the city to perform a study while the ongoing budget crises deepens as this may require the city to make more cuts to things they are already required to cut.

Joseph Mollaie added that city would take too long to implement this; he added he has seen cars make left turns and almost get hit.

Ken Blaker added that he too knew people injured on this street; he stated he was in favor of the motion.

Beth Klein asked how much of an impact would such a sign have.

Joseph Mollaie said he himself had hit someone who was making a left turn on South Shenandoah.

Mallory Smith said that bollards had been run over in the area.

Laurie Levine asked if people adhered to right turn signs.

Beth Klein said it would be an issue of enforcement, without enforcement people would do whatever they want.

**Roll Call: Yes-Michael Lynn, Barry Levine, Jason Plummer, Ken Blaker, Joel Weinberger, Joseph Mollaie.**

**No- Mallory Smith, Margarita Guzman, Sandy Block, Mitch Cohen, Beth Klein, Laurie Levine.**

**Ineligible-Ryan Spivey. Motion Fails 6 yes, 6 No and 1 Ineligible.**

- b. Motion for the SORO NC to request LA DOT to perform a study on adding stop signs on eastbound and westbound Chalmers Dr at Shenandoah St. (GB051525-13)

**Joel Weinberger said the Stop sign was on one direction but that there was none going the other way; he added there had been some close calls on that street.**

**Laurie Levine wondered if people were even stopping at stop signs.**

**Beth Klein said she had heard traffic studies are expensive, and wondered just how expensive.**

**Michael Lynn agreed stating that car counts could be costly.**

**Public Comment 1-**

**Public Comment 2-**

**Moved by Laurie Levine; Seconded by Sandy Block.**

**Beth Klein said there was not enough police to enforce this issue and that they had other priorities.**

**Jason Plummer said consistency should be important as far as stop signs in neighborhoods.**

**Barry Levine said CHP would not enforce traffic laws.**

**Michael Lynn said that part of the process of the board recommending for the DOT to do a study means, especially in the past, is that at some point it is out of our hands; we could request to monitor a particular stop sign area.**

**Public Comment 1-**

**Beth Klein said we could put a request for LAPD for enforcement; we have done it before and LAPD said they would send them but only one police car showed up.**

**Ryan Spivey asked if it was an of not enough cops or a budget problem.**

**Michael Lynn said it was about limited resources; West LA gets four officers; they rarely do traffic enforcement.**

**Roll Call: Yes-Michael Lynn, Barry Levine, Jason Plummer, Ken Blaker, Joel Weinberger, Mitch Cohen, Mallory Smith, Sandy Block.**

**No- Beth Klein, Laurie Levine, Joseph Mollaie.**

**Abstain- Margarita Guzman**

**Ineligible-Ryan Spivey.**

**Motion to perform for a stop sign in both directions passes 8 yes, 3 No and 1 Abstain, 1 Ineligible.**

**Joseph Mollaie left the meeting at 9:06 PM, resulting in loss of Quorum.**

- c. Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter to Mayor Bass, CD 5 Councilwoman Yaroslavsky, and CD 10 Councilwoman Hutt regarding budget items to implement

HLA and generally safer streets (GB051525-14) **Item not addressed- Postponed to next General Board Meeting, Unfinished Business**

- d. Motion for the SORO NC to fund up to \$20,000 for the manufacture and installation of the previously approved SORO NC Medallions (GB051525-15) **Item not addressed- Postponed to next General Board Meeting, Unfinished Business**
- e.
- f. Motion for the SORO NC to fund up to \$1000 for the purchase of (approximate) 10.5" x 13" x 5" reusable shopping bags (GB051525-16) **Item not addressed- Postponed to next General Board Meeting, Unfinished Business**

#### **Items removed from the Consent Agenda**

- c. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) to fund up to \$500 for the purchase of 2 SORO NC branded 8-foot tablecloths (GB051525-09) **Item not addressed- Postponed to next General Board Meeting, Unfinished Business**
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#### **12. Meeting Adjourned at 9:06 PM by Michael Lynn due to loss of Quorum.**