

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES (3/28/24 MEETING)

On March 28, 2024 the Public Safety Committee of the SCNC held a regular meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. Committee members who were present: *Jeff Hartwick (Chair & Corresponding Secretary)*, *Charlotte Larsen (Board Member)*, *Jerry Lewis (Board Member)*, *Patty Kirby (Stakeholder)*, *Luis Oliart (Stakeholder)*. Quorum established.
2. The chair delivered a brief opening statement, mentioned that the Board passed the shoplifting motion at the March meeting. The other two motions were continued to the April meeting due to time constraints. Also, the chair welcomed Luis Oliart to the Committee. Luis was the former chair of the SCNC Homelessness Committee, and he was instrumental in helping alleviate the homeless encampment problem in Studio City.
3. Public comments on non-agenda items. No public comment occurred.
4. SLO Shawn Smith was not available; Officer Nguyen was unable to attend.
5. Sheri Herman of CPAB gave an update. CPAB is weighing in on the LAPD Police Chief search. The city attorney reorganized the neighborhood prosecutor program. Prosecutors are no longer located in precincts. Current LAPD staffing is 8,866 officers, and 2,627 civilian employees. The numbers are down. There are only 20-25 potential officers in Academy classes; this goes down to 15 because of attrition. Residential burglaries are up. Stolen cars are up (especially Hyundais and Kias). There will be a catalytic converter etching day on April 20, 2024 in North Hollywood.

A Board of Police Commissioners meeting is set for April 16, 2024 from 6-8pm. North Hollywood Division is #1 in non-coded calls, #3 in city for coded calls. It is the busiest division in the Valley.

The first Tuesday of August will be National Night Out. It will be held at Beeman Park.

6. Discussion of possible motion pertaining to Council File 24-0196, nuisance abatement proceedings, was held. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
7. Discussion was made regarding CERT supplies for the SCNC. The Board passed a motion at the last meeting approving the expenditure of up to \$5,000 to replenish and supplement the CERT lockers and supplies located at Radford Studios.
8. Jerry Lewis discussed forming a "Neighborhood Leadership Team" in each zone within Studio City to further emergency preparedness and neighborhood watch

organization. Efforts will be made with the Outreach Committee to recruit persons as team leaders.

9. The chair opened discussion of future topics for the next meeting. These included: SCNC letter re the selection of the next LAPD chief; changing the neighborhood prosecutor program; National Night Out; streets without street lights; and a possible motion regarding cars being parked in Studio City by car dealers.

10. The chair moved to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.