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**GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday November 7,
2018
7:00 PM**

4024 Radford Avenue, Editorial 2 Bldg., Room 6
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Committee Members: Eric Preven (Board Member, Chair), Barry Johnson (Stakeholder, Vice Chair), Marsha Newman (Stakeholder), Lisa Karadjian (Board Member), Victoria Shulem (Stakeholder), Jeff Carter (Stakeholder), Rick Rosner (Stakeholder), Patrick Lewis (ex-officio).

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min).
2. Approval of October 20, Government Affairs Committee minutes (3 min).
3. Update by the Committee Chair (2 min).
4. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction
5. Response(s) to public comments by Committee Members (5 min).
6. **Neighborhood Council Elections** — The Government Affairs Committee plans to review all aspects including [bylaws](#) and operating procedures for the Studio City Neighborhood Council Elections in mid 2019.

What do Studio City stakeholders think? **Possible Motion:**

7. **Campaign Finance** — The Studio City Neighborhood Council voted to send a CIS to case file [12-1269-S5](#) regarding the City of Los Angeles matching fund program and has since learned that 79% of the candidates that qualified by getting 500 in-district signatures in the 2017 City Elections received ZERO public matching funds, while a handful of incumbents and candidates from the districts with higher average earnings took most of the public money intended to level the playing field in city elections.

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Council submits an updated CIS urging the Mayor and Council to replace the threshold with a stipend to more equitably distribute the nearly \$20,000,000 among ALL qualified candidates.

8. **Studio City Service Organizations** — The last page of our the [Studio City Neighborhood Council Operating Procedures](#) has a list of service organizations as certified stakeholders in the SCNC jurisdiction.

Motion: Refresh list of service organizations

9. **Community Outreach** - The Board shall maintain a procedure for communicating with the Stakeholders on a regular basis in a manner ensuring information is disseminated in an evenhanded and timely manner.

What do Studio City Stakeholders think?

10. **Money Matters** - The TREASURER shall be a member of the Budget Committee; maintain financial accounts and records; prepare all reports for DONE pursuant to the Plan to disburse all Council funds.

The Budget Committee currently meets as often as needed, to review financial reports, create annual budgets, and receive, review and submit (with recommendations) committee funding requests and stakeholder grant applications to the Board for consideration. Should the Budget Committee meet monthly?

What do Studio City Stakeholders think?

11. **Sole Source County Contracts** -- On April 18, 2017, the Board enacted a motion requiring that the subsequent purchases of portable radios be made using a competitive bid process. During the competitive bid in FY 2017-18, samples were obtained from the only two responding manufacturers, Motorola and Harris Corporation.

On October 30, 2018 the [board approved a sole source contract with Motorola](#).

An opponent of the contract commented, "The procurement and selection decision here is legally flawed—it violates County and CA State law, and even worse, discourages competition, resulting in higher prices. And while competitive prices are important to this procurement, this procurement sets the stage for continuing related procurements which, if conducted in this sole-source manner, will cost the County an additional \$35 million. So, not only is this patently unfair to bidders and taxpayers alike, it runs afoul of basic procurement law and will divert money unnecessarily from other important County needs."

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council intends to send a Community Impact letter of inquiry to the Board of Supervisors to get them to confirm for Studio City that county residents are in fact getting a good, fair deal.

12. Comments from members. (5 min).

13. Closing comments by the Committee Chair (3 min).

14. Adjournment (1 min).

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