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**ENVIRONMENTAL & CULTURAL
 AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
 AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2009
 at 6:00PM at CBS Studios,
 Radford Center, Edit Bldg. #2,
 SCNC Office, 4024 Radford,
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Committee members: Michael McCue (Chair), Jane Drucker (Secretary), Ed Begley, Jr. (Special Energy Advisor) Eugene Hernandez, George Shea, Dr. Joye Swan, Ben Neumann (Ex-officio)

Agenda

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min).
2. Approval of January 15th, 2009 SCNC Environmental & Cultural Affairs Committee meeting minutes (3 min).
3. Comments by Michael McCue, Committee Chair (3 min).
4. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction (10 min).
5. Responses to comments by Committee Members (10 min).
6. **Report: Michael McCue, chair -- "The cost of commuting for LA City Council members and other city officers & employees"** **Note:** Even as Angelenos are being urged to take public transit, some elected officials and city officials continue to rack up costly gas tabs by driving vehicles that are not fuel-efficient at the expense of taxpayers. A recent audit of practices by City Controller, Laura Chick, highlighted 'unbusinesslike' behavior of city workers driving home city cars and fueling them at taxpayer expense with little oversight or accountability. **Discussion and possible motion** with respect to the following questions...**QUESTION: Should City Council amend the LAMC to deny/withhold transportation expenses reimbursement at taxpayer expense for city council members and other officers and city employees who are not driving vehicles that maintain at least a 30MPG rating? Should private use of the public vehicle fleet be stopped? Should unmonitored fuel credit cards for city workers be ended?** (15 min).
7. **Presentation, discussion and possible motion** with respect to Public Access Channels being closed by local cable television providers. Cable companies are bound by law to provide public access channels as part of their agreement to serve the neighborhoods and cities their companies are servicing with cable programming. There is a movement afoot to eliminate all public access programming and/or bring public access under the control of the government of the City of Los Angeles. **QUESTION: Is eliminating public access programming a violation of the cable companies' contract to serve the communities whom they provide cable programming to? What recommendation should be made to the SCNC board? Should we protect public access channels or allow the City to**

take over their operation and/or eliminate them? Presentation by a guest speaker/Representative from Full Disclosure.(15 min).

8. **Presentation by Studio City businessman, Chris Houchin**, owner of 'Quiet Garden Landscaping' re: drought resistant/gasoline-free gardening, including a **discussion and possible motion** with respect to committee expenditure for educational flyer to be distributed to Studio City stakeholders and recommendations for enhancing the city's clean water supply, and air quality. (20 min).
9. Comments from members on subject matter within the Committee's jurisdiction (10 min).
10. Closing Comments and Instructions from Committee Chair (5 min)
11. Adjournment (1 min).

