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**ENVIRONMENTAL & CULTURAL
 AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
 MEETING AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY,
 FEBRUARY 25TH 2009
 AT 6:00PM**

**at CBS Studios, Radford Center
 Edit Bldg. #2, SCNC Office, 4024 Radford,
 Studio City CA, 91604**

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Committee members: Michael McCue (Chair), Jane Drucker (Secretary), Chris Houchins, George Shea, Dr. Joye Swan (Committee Members), Ed Begley, Jr. (Special Energy Advisor), Ben Neumann (Ex-officio)

Agenda

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min).
2. Approval of SCNC Environmental & Cultural Affairs Committee meeting minutes (3 min).
3. Comments by the Committee Chair (3 min).
4. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction (10 min).
5. Response(s) to comments by Committee Members (10 min).
6. Discussion and possible motion re: **Question: Should an expenditure for the printing and distribution of the "Public Health Alert-Illegal Leafblowers" a two-sided flyer intended for use throughout the Studio City community be approved? Should the expenditure be limited to under \$1,000? If approved, how shall the flyer be distributed?** Presentation by committee member, Chris Houchins (15 mins.)
7. Presentaion, discussion and possible motion with respect to the production of a short, educational video, no longer than 5 minutes in length, that addresses the public health hazard caused by the continued use of illegal gas-powered leaf-blowers? **Question: Should the committee approve an expenditure, not to exceed \$2,000, for the production of such a video presentation?** Presentation by stakeholder, Ron Truppa of Truppa productions. (15 mins)
8. Presentation, discussion and possible motion with respect to **Public Access Channels on cable television.** 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).

9. Presentation, discussion and possible motion with respect to the sale of mylar balloons.
Mylar balloons are causing power outages throughout the city and the DWP's cost of repairing electrical lines damaged by mylar balloons is adding expense to the DWP. **QUESTION: Should mylar balloons be outlawed within the city limits of the City of Los Angeles?**
(10 mins)
10. Presentation, discussion and possible motion with respect to City council's support of a new state law requiring that retailers must charge 25 cents per each plastic bag used?
QUESTION: Do we support the City Council's position on the new requirement of retailers to charge 25 cents for each plastic bag used by their customers? (10 mins.)
11. Comments from members on subject matter within the Committee's jurisdiction (5 min).
12. Closing Comments from Committee Chair (5 mins.)
13. Adjournment (1 min).

