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ENVIRONMENTAL & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

**September 11th (Patriot Day), 2008,
at 7:00pm CBS Studios, Radford Center
Edit Bldg. #2, SCNC Office, 4024 Radford,
Studio City CA, 91604**

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Committee members: Michael McCue (Chair), Special Advisor-Water Issues (TBA) Committee members Michael Jay, Dr. Joye Swan, George Shea. (Ex-officio) Ben Neumann

SPECIAL Advisor Energy Issues: Ed Begley, Jr.

Agenda

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min).
2. Introductory Comments by the Committee Chair (3 min).
3. **Public Comments** on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction (10 min).
4. Response(s) to comments by Committee Members (10 min).
5. **Selection of Committee Secretary.** (5 mins.)
6. Issue: **Smoking in the Farmer's Market –Guest Speaker: Steve Gallegos, Smoke-Free Advocacy & Programs Manager, American Lung Association of California** -The L.A. City Council's Arts, Parks, Health and Aging committee voted to ban smoking at Farmer's Markets permitted by the city. City Council vote is pending. **Question: Should the public be allowed to smoke in outdoor Farmer's Markets within the City of Los Angeles?** **Motion: The SCNC supports amending the LAMC to ban all public smoking at all outdoor Farmer's Markets within the limits of the City of Los Angeles.** (15 min).
7. **Presentation**-Report from committee member, **Michael Jay**, re: the environmental impact of ethanol and gasoline-powered leaf blowers and gardening equipment in our community. **Question: "Should the LAPD enforce the Municipal Code prohibiting use of gas-powered leaf-blowers within 500 ft. of residences?"** **Motion A: The SCNC supports the full enforcement of LAMC banning operation of gas-powered leaf-blowers within 500ft of residences...(resolution attached)** or **Motion: The SCNC supports amending the LAMC to ban the sale of all ethanol, gasoline and any fuel-powered leaf-blowers, edgers, and/or any other fuel-powered lawn maintenance equipment within the City of Los Angeles.** (30 min).
8. **Guest Speaker: Special Advisor to the committee on Energy Issues: Ed Begley, Jr.** **Discussion** of the question, **"What practical solutions can this committee offer to Los Angeles City Council to create higher energy efficiency and decrease pollution in our atmosphere?"** and **possible motion** based on speaker's report. **Note:** Speaker's appearance subject to scheduling availability. (15 min).

9. **Report: Michael McCue**, chair – **“The cost of commuting for LA City Council” Note:**
 Even as Angelenos are being urged to take public transit, some elected officials continue to
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10. **Guest Speaker, U.S. Ambassador to Los Angeles, U.S. Green Building Council, Los Angeles Chapter, Reintra Pointe at Santa Monica: ratifying** certificate for the NBC/Universal Development project. Discussion and possible motion for action based on the speaker’s report. **Motion: The SCNC supports mandatory LEED certification for every prefatory aspect and building phase of the Universal Development Project.**
11. Comments from members on subject matter within the Committee’s jurisdiction (5 min).
12. Adjournment (1 min).

