

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Fellow Stakeholders:

I would like to extend a personal invitation to attend the April Board Meeting of your Studio City Neighborhood Council.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your involvement and direction.

All neighborhood councils are a direct link to our City Council.

Your involvement is critical in our effectiveness. If we are speaking with (many voices) and the City is aware of this, we are much more likely to be heard.

I am very pleased to announce that our Special Guest speaker this month is our City Attorney, Carmen Trutanich. He will be speaking on local and City issues and will be taking questions after.

Come to our Social time, which begins at 6:30pm – with light refreshments served where you can meet your neighbors.

Sincerely,

John Walker

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BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 20, 2011
Light Refreshments 6:30pm
Meeting 7:00pm

at

**CBS Studio Center, Building 8, MPR-3,
4024 Radford, Studio City CA, 91604**

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call (2 min).
2. Approval of March 16, 2011 minutes (2 min).
3. Comments by the President - recommendation for vacant Homeowner seat: **Denise Welvang**. (10 min).
4. Introduction of City Attorney, **Carmen Trutanich** (30 min).
5. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (2 min).
6. Responses to comments from the Board (10 min).
7. Treasurer's report by **Remy Kessler** (5 min).

MOTION: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the April 2011 financial statements and the March 2011 bank statements and hereby accepts and approves them.

8. Budget Committee Report by **Remy Kessler** for **Mark Batterman** (10 min).
9. Bylaws Committee report by **Ron Taylor** (10 min).

MOTION: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the following revision of the SCNC Bylaws, Article XIV (attached).

10. Outreach Committee Report by **Lisa Cahan-Davis** (10 min).
11. Transportation Committee Report by **Ben Di Benedetto** (10 min).
12. Government Affairs Committee Report by **Jeffery Carter** and **Rita Villa** (20 min).

MOTION: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the efforts led by Councilman Paul Koretz and the Los Angeles City Attorney Carmen Trutanich (Report R 10-0264 and Motions 10-0085 and 10-0600) to allow an alternative method of code enforcement known as Administrative Code Enforcement (ACE). We support the ACE Ordinance and request that it would be used for all city departments from inception.

MOTION: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the submission of a community impact statement with respect to Community Care Facilities substantially in the form attached thereto.

MOTION: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the issuance of a community impact statement and a letter with respect to the issuance of the cell tower regulation report substantially in the form attached hereto.

13. Land Use Committee Report by **Lisa Sarkin** (20 min).

MOTION: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the Studio City Beautification Association assuming responsibility of landscaping and irrigation system maintenance on the Los Angeles City's easements on the north and south sides of the Los Angeles River Colfax Avenue footbridge.

MOTION: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes an increase of enrollment allowing in excess of 20 students at the Sunset Montessori Pre-School, located at 4212 Tujunga Avenue, Studio City, CA (ZA-2011-360).

14. VANC Report by **Arlene Samak** (10 min).
15. Crime & Safety Committee report by **Wayne Kartin** (10 min).
16. Cultural Affairs Committee report by **Richard Niederberg** (10 min).
17. Comments from Board Members on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction (10 min).
18. Adjournment (1 min).

ARTICLE XIV
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- (A.) Upon the first meeting of a newly elected Board, the Vice President shall solicit and/or recruit a standing pool of at least 12 stakeholders willing to serve on a Grievance Committee. Pool members shall be approved by majority vote of the Board and identified on the SCNC website. The Vice President shall be responsible for replacing pool members who become unable to serve so that the pool is always comprised of no fewer than twelve (12) stakeholders.
- (B.) Any Grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Board which shall cause the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next regular Board meeting. The submission may be made at a regular Board meeting during Public Comment, or to the President, Vice President or Recording Secretary at the SCNC offices by appointment.
- (C.) At the meeting specified in Article XIV (B), the Vice President shall refer the matter to an Ad Hoc Grievance Panel comprised of five (5) Stakeholders randomly selected at that Board meeting from the standing pool of Stakeholders who have volunteered to serve on such a panel.
- (D.) Within two (2) weeks of the panel's selection, the Vice President shall coordinate a time and place for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting the Grievance to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved.
- (E.) Within four (4) weeks following the meeting specified in Article XIV (B), a member of the panel shall prepare a written report to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board outlining the panel's collective recommendations for resolving the Grievance. The Board may receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations prior to a Board meeting but, in accordance with the Brown Act, the matter shall not be discussed among the Board members until it is heard publicly at a regular Board meeting.
- (F.) This Grievance process is intended to address procedural disputes only, i.e. the Board's alleged failure to comply with its Bylaws, Operating Procedures or Code of Conduct. It is not intended for Stakeholders who disagree with a position or action taken by the Board, which grievance may be aired publicly at Board meetings.
- (G.) No Grievance shall be filed against an individual Board member. Grievances may only be filed against the Board as a whole.

Revisions April, 2011

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Studio City Neighborhood Council

Name: John Walker, President

Phone Number:

Email:

Date of NC Action: 04/__/2011

Impact Information

Date: March 31, 2011

Update to Previous Input: YES

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File No: 11-0260

Agenda Date: April __, 2011

Item Number ____

Brief Summary:

On ____, the Studio City Neighborhood Council passed a motion **SUPPORTING** the: CITYWIDE PROPOSED ORD - .CASE NO CPC-2009-800-CA with a request for the following amendments to the proposed ordinance.

APPLICABILITY: Prohibit Community Care Facilities in R1, RS, RE and RA zones. Commercial boarding houses are not appropriate in single family residence zones.

ENFORCEMENT: The Dept. of Building & Safety be provided with a specific mechanism for enforcement of current Building Codes and be obligated to inspect the premises: review any applicable licenses and/or leases, and generally investigate the living conditions of all Community Care Facilities, including but not limited to sober living and group parolee homes, which are suspected of illegally operating in low density residential zones.

DENSITY: Define "Bedroom" so as to limit the number of areas within a single family dwelling that may be used for sleeping

PUBLIC HEARINGS BE REQUIRED: When considering PERFORMANCE STANDARDS: the City must be required to hold public hearings in order to include neighborhood comment before deciding the issue.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS: Include a Prohibition against second hand smoke

PUBLIC BENEFIT TEST: Unlicensed Community Care Facilities can NOT be eligible for the "public benefits" test.

PROXIMINTY: Require these facilities to be within 1000 feet of public transportation. People in these homes are often destitute and being near public transportation would facilitate access to public services and employment as well as reduce parking problems. Require a separation of at least 500 feet between establishments. State law requires a 300 foot separation but does not preclude cities from establishing greater separation requirements. Prohibit sober living houses within 1000 feet of existing liquor stores and convenience stores which sell alcoholic beverages.

CORRECTIONAL OR PENAL INSTITUTIONS: Prisons, jails, halfway houses and group parolee homes be prohibited to operate under a conditional use permit in RI, RD1.5, R2 and RD zoned areas.

NO GRAND-FATHERING OF EXISTING FACILITIES: All existing - (a) unlicensed or (b) illegally licensed community care facilities have to comply with the new ordinance to be allowed. This clarification is required to ensure that all facilities are brought into compliance with the existing zoning code provisions that protect the character of established residential neighborhoods.

Please include this Studio City Neighborhood Council – "COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT" in the public record for: PROPOSED ORD - CASE NO CPC-2009-800-CA.

CC: CD2 Paul Krekorian,
CD-5 Paul Koretz,
Allen Bell
Tom Rothmann

Re Council File No. 09-2645

Dear Mr. Trutanich, staff attorneys and advisors:

The Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that the City Attorney take all steps necessary to complete and issue its report on cell tower regulation, as directed by the Council Public Works Committee in CF 09-2645 (expiration November 2011).

The City of San Francisco has enacted new regulations of Public Right Of Way ("PROW") cell facilities (including utility poles) They recently revoked a permit for a **utility pole** cell installation. As you already know, the City of Glendale (a member of the Joint Pole Agreement, along with Los Angeles) last year also enacted new regulations of private property and PROW cell facilities (including utility poles). Following the lead of San Francisco and Glendale -- and as requested by over 80 community organizations city-wide (see motions/letters on file in CF 09-2645) -- the City of Los Angeles should enact new, up-to-date cell tower regulations, specifically including utility pole cell facilities located in the PROW. ***The City Attorney's report is a critical first step in that process.***

Sincerely,

John Walker, President
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1. Call to Order & Roll Call (2 min).
2. Comments by the President (10 min).
3. Public Comments on special-agenda items only (2 min. each speaker).
4. Responses to comments from the Board (10 min).
5. Transportation Committee Report and Motions by **Ben Di Benedetto** (10 min.)

MOTION: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council, subject to a provision providing similar flexibility to residential parking districts and provided such ordinance will not supersede or interfere and only enhance approved specific plan parking requirements, supports CPC-2007-2216-CA, Modified Parking Requirements District.

6. Adjournment (1 min).