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**BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

Wednesday, September 16, 2015
Light Buffet 6:30pm
Meeting 7:00pm
at
CBS Studio Center, MPR-3
4024 Radford, Studio City CA, 91604
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1. Call to Order & Roll Call (2 min).
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of June 17, 2015 Board Minutes (2 min).
4. Presentation and confirmation of new Board members **Jeff Carter** to fill the Business representative seat and Youth Representative **Sam Eisner** (5 min).
5. Comments by the President (10 min).
6. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (2 min).
7. Responses to comments from the Board (2 min).
8. Update from CD2 by **Courtney Hamilton** (10 min).
9. **Kevin James**, President of Public Works Commission (40 min).
10. **Diego Edber**, Special Neighborhood Prosecutor from the City Attorney's Office (20 min).

11. Treasurer's Report by **Bill Harmond** (5 min).

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council has reviewed the Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2015, and hereby accepts and approves it.

12. Sustainability Committee Report **Lisa Cahan-Davis** (10 min).
13. Outreach Committee Report by **Lana Shackelford** (10 min).
14. Land Use Committee Report by **Lisa Sarkin or Lisa Karadjian** (5 min).

Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes the private street application for 3779-3801 Berry Drive [PS No. 1430] (10 min).

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports Shiki Sushi, located at 12745 1/2 Ventura Blvd. [ZA-2015-2434 CUB CU] with the attached conditions Exhibit A. (10 min).

15. Government Affairs Committee Report by **Rita Villa** (5 min).

Motion A: The board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council understands the need for infrastructure repairs, capturing storm water and improving the quality of our groundwater and water quality overall but it does not support the increases in water rates as presently proposed by the DWP for the following reasons:

- 1. The DWP runs a surplus every year which is transferred to the general fund. These surpluses result from the fact that spending for needed infrastructure repairs has been deferred for far too long.**
- 2. The DWP imposes taxes on our water usage as part of the monthly bill. The rate increase will increase these taxes and that is a tax increase that the voters have not approved.**
- 3. LA has continued water savings – Los Angeles residents cut their water use by 21% in July 2015. These historic conservation measures actually have resulted in decreased revenues to the DPW.**
- 4. The residential rates will be increased and some bills will go up by as much as \$88.19 per month. Residential users cut back on water usage and are then asked to pay more for what they do use.**
- 5. Residential users are not the greatest water users. Agriculture is a much greater user of water yet there does not appear to be a proposal to increase rates on those users. We are aware that agricultural users have had to cut back their usage.**
- 6. One of the greatest ways to increase our local supply of water is through improvements in storm water capture. With every inch of rainfall millions of gallons of water are wasted as they are channeled**

directly to the ocean. The percentage of the revenue increase from the proposed rate hikes which is being allocated to storm water capture is only 5 %. This is not an adequate allocation.

- 7. In addition to the rate increase the DPW is also proposing a “reliability pass-through factor to pay for water and power infrastructure improvements.” How many ways are the stakeholders going to be asked to fund these improvements?**
- 8. Any proposed rate increase should go to a segregated fund earmarked specifically and exclusively for investing in infrastructure, continued reliable water and power delivery and meeting regulatory mandates. 100% of the revenue raised by the rate increase should go to these initiatives. There should be no transfers to the general fund resulting from the rate increase. There should be no utility tax imposed on the revenue generated by the rate increase or 8% power transfer tax on the revenue generated by the rate increase from the sale of electricity. (10 min).**

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the passage of Assembly Bill No 1355 the Building Homes and Jobs Act and requests that the City Council pass a motion in support of it. (10 min).

16. VANC Report from Richard Niederberg (10 min).
17. Transportation Committee Report by **Barry Johnson** (5 min).
18. Budget Committee Report by Remy Kessler (5min).
19. Bylaws Committee Report by **Jeff Carter** (5 min).
20. Cultural Affairs Committee Report by **Richard Niederberg** (10 min).
21. Budget Advocate Report by **Brandon Pender** (10 min).
22. Comments from Board Members on subject matters within the Boards jurisdiction (10 min).
23. Adjournment (1 min).

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