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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

THURSDAY, May 25, 2017

Meeting 7:00 PM

4024 Radford Ave., Editorial Bldg. 2, Room 6
Studio City, CA 91604
(818) 655-5400



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1. Call to Order & Roll Call (2 min).
2. Update by the President (4 min).
3. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (2 min per stakeholder, total of 15 min).
4. Treasurer's Report by **Rob Schiller** (2 min per stakeholder and Board Member, (10 min total).

Discussion and possible motion(s) regarding the expenditure of budget balance.

1. **Swag: Pens, Bags, Flashers, Flashlights, etc.**
 2. **Neighborhood Council Congress - \$250.00**
 3. **Writing Contest with SC Library - \$1,000.00**
5. Bylaws Committee by Alex Isbicki (2 min per stakeholder and Board Member, total of 10 min).

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC), requests that a formal investigation, regarding the conduct of 2016 Neighborhood Council (NC) elections, post election activities, and filings, which are currently under review in accordance with City Council Files (CF) 15-1022 S and 04-1935 S1, be undertaken by the Mayor's Office, the City Council, the City Attorney's Office, the Los Angeles District Attorney, and the Los Angeles County District Attorney, Office of Public Integrity

The SCNC is an official elected body of the City of Los Angeles, one of ninety-six such bodies created following a revision of the City Charter in 1999. The integrity of its election, which is overseen by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and the Los Angeles City Clerk, is as important as that of any other public election.

Elections for all NC's were held at various times in 2016 throughout the City, including the SCNC, which had its election on April 7th, where we participated in the "online voting pilot". On June 29, 2016, CF 15-1022 S saw a motion introduced referencing "...the aftermath of the 'Studio City' experience..." directing DONE to cease online voting forthwith and prepare a "report back" reviewing the process. On February 25, 2017, the SCNC submitted a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to CF 15-1022 S addressing the "Report Back" from DONE, and further asked the City Council to "...investigate the documentation requirements and timelines for, as well as fraud prevention in, the filing of election challenges," and further stated that "The grievance panel policies specifically related to NC elections also deserve scrutiny."

On February 28, 2017, DONE also reported back to CF 04-1935 S1, addressing the election "challenge process" and how "Regional Peer Grievance Panels" were used for the first time, attempting to adjudicate an election challenge in Studio City. DONE's report says of this first-time regional grievance panel that, "...it became clear that the process outlined in the existing ordinance for providing notice of the hearing as well as the testimony process during the hearing was insufficient to ensure all parties had the ability to speak before the panel," The convening of subsequent regional grievance panels for election challenges was abandoned soon thereafter and DONE is now recommending that the ordinance governing these proceedings be rewritten.

Deciding if election challenges have merit, including convening grievance panels, is based on reviewing electronically filed affidavits that include uploaded "DONE Witness Statement Forms". These forms, which become public records upon their submission, state: "I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct". Perjury is a felony under California Penal Code 118, and some of the sworn witness statements alleging improper conduct in the Studio City election, that resulted in not one, but two, regional grievance panel hearings, appear to be of questionable legitimacy.

DONE's website states its staff, acting in concert with three (3) Independent Election Administrators (IEAs), plus City Attorney personnel, review the forms, as well as the veracity of election challenges and witness statements, before deciding if they have merit. During the May 9th 2016 grievance panel hearing, with both DONE and City Attorney representatives present, it was publicly pointed out that the sworn witness statements used as key evidence were questionable. Neither DONE, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, the City Attorney, nor any other official body has, to date, investigated these sworn statements.

SCNC stakeholders have subsequently testified, at various public hearings, that perjury, as well as other infractions, were pervasive in the 2016 Studio City election. The sanctity and validity of public elections are significantly undermined if it is generally known that felony infractions, as described by stakeholders, will go otherwise uninvestigated, even when there is compelling evidence and calls from the public to do so.

Therefore, the Board of the SCNC further respectfully requests that the Mayor, the City Council, the Office of the City Attorney, the Los Angeles District Attorney and the Los Angeles County District Attorney, Public Integrity Division specifically investigate whether perjury, subornation to commit perjury, obstruction of justice and any other crimes occurred, during the course of our election process, and its aftermath, and if so, that they be pursued to demonstrate that behavior in NC elections will be scrutinized, will be investigated, and if warranted, will be punished.

To be filed as a CIS, with formal letters sent to all offices and departments mentioned.

6. Comments from members on subject matter within the Board's jurisdiction (2 min per member, 10 min total).
7. Closing comments by the President (3 min)
8. Adjournment (1 min).

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THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT - As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices and other auxiliary aids and/or services, may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least three (3) business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Studio City Neighborhood Council (818) 374- 9898 or by e- mail to ncsupport@lacity.org.

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RECONSIDERATION PROCESS - Reconsideration of a vote by the Board may be called as a motion by the Board members that voted on the prevailing side of the decision.

GRIEVANCE PROCESS - A stakeholder or group of stakeholders may present a grievance concerning the legality of actions by the Board during public comment. Substantive grievances will be examined by a panel set by the Board and the decisions may be appealed to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

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