REGULAR SCNC BOARD MEETING 10/20/2021

1. Called to Order at: 7:03PM

Roll Call (1 min)

Kim Clements — Present Randall Fried — Present Ira Gold — Absent Jeff Hartwick — Present JJ Hoffman — Absent Julie Houlihan — Present Lisa Karadjian — Present Lara Koraian — Present Lara Koraian — Present (arrived at 7:07pm) Scott Mandell — Present Brandon Morino — Present Richard Niederberg — Present Karen Sarrow — Present Adam Summer — Present Abigail Velasco — Present (left approx. 11:15pm)

Quorum: YES

2. Approval of August Meeting Minutes

Objections: None Minutes PASS

- 3. President's Comments (5 mins)
 - a. Vacant Board Seat Independent Contractor/Employee Seat
- 4. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction (15 mins)

Comments include:

Hyperlinks on the site, state of the Homelessness Committee, Sportsman's Lodge Ad Hoc Committee, Studio City Business District, Redistricting, 41:18

5a. Motion to add special redistricting motion, requires 2/3 vote in accordance with the Brown Act [Section 54954.2 (b)(2)]

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council OPPOSES the proposed redistricting map, K2.5, version 4, by the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission. Stakeholders deserve to be represented by the Councilmember they voted for. We urge the commission to recognize the longstanding communal connections, which include, but are not limited to, shared schools, a shared police division, a shared fire battalion, and shared social service connections with our existing Council Office on behalf of our unhoused neighbors. We, therefore, request a map that includes Studio City, North Hollywood, Toluca Lake, Valley Glen, Valley Village, Cahuenga Pass, and Barham. This map suggested preserves our social and economic diversity.

Moved by: Randall Fried Seconded by: Scott Mandell

Vote to add motion to agenda (2/3 required) YES: 12 NO: 0 ABSENT: 1 Motion addition to agenda **PASSES**

Public and Board discussion

Motion amended to final wording

Move to amend: Randall Fried Second by: Lisa Karadjian

Vote:

Kim Clements — Yes Randall Fried — Yes Ira Gold — Absent Jeff Hartwick — Yes Julie Houlihan — Yes Lisa Karadjian — Yes Lara Koraian — Yes Scott Mandell — Yes Brandon Morino — Yes Richard Niederberg — Yes Karen Sarrow — Yes Adam Summer — Yes Abigail Velasco — Yes

Motion: PASSES

5b. Announcements by Government Representatives (15 mins)

Erin Seinfeld for Mayor Garcetti's Office Brenda Yanez from Sheila Kuehl's Office Gibson Nyanbura from DONE

- 6. Treasurer's Report (Kim Clements, 10 mins)
 - a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the monthly Expenditure Report for May 2021

Motion brought by: Kim Clements Seconded by: Randall Fried

Public and Board discussion

Kim Clements – Yes Randall Fried – Yes Ira Gold – Absent Jeff Hartwick – Yes Julie Houlihan – Yes Lisa Karadjian – Yes Lara Koraian – Abstain Scott Mandell – Yes Brandon Morino – Yes Richard Niederberg – Yes Karen Sarrow – Yes Adam Summer – Yes Abigail Velasco – Yes

Motion: **PASSES**

b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the monthly Expenditure Report for April 2021

Motion brought by: Kim Clements Seconded by: Randall Fried

Public and Board discussion

Vote:

Kim Clements — Yes Randall Fried — Yes Ira Gold — Absent Jeff Hartwick — Yes Julie Houlihan — Yes Lisa Karadjian — Yes Lara Koraian — Abstain Scott Mandell — Yes Brandon Morino — Yes Richard Niederberg — Yes Karen Sarrow — Yes Adam Summer — Yes Abigail Velasco — Yes

Motion: PASSES

c. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the Administrative Packet for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022, including the appointment of a second signer as a Financial Officer.

Motion brought by: Kim Clements Seconded by: Brandon Morino Public and Board discussion

Vote:

Kim Clements — Yes Randall Fried — Yes Ira Gold — Absent Jeff Hartwick — Yes Julie Houlihan — Yes Lisa Karadjian — Yes Lara Koraian — Abstain Scott Mandell — Yes Brandon Morino — Yes Richard Niederberg — Yes Karen Sarrow — Yes Adam Summer — Yes Abigail Velasco — Yes

Motion: **PASSES**

- 7. Budget Committee (5 mins)
 - a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves up to \$5,000 to be allocated to the Studio City Beautification Association (SCBA) for the Vineland Avenue Medium Improvement Project.

Public and Board discussion

Vote:

Kim Clements — Yes Randall Fried — Yes Ira Gold — Absent Jeff Hartwick — Yes Julie Houlihan — Yes Lisa Karadjian — Yes Lara Koraian — Abstain Scott Mandell — Yes Brandon Morino — Yes Richard Niederberg — Yes Karen Sarrow — Yes Adam Summer — Yes Abigail Velasco — Yes

Motion: PASSES

 Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves \$5,000 for the SCNC's annual Luminaria Event to be held at the Campo de Cahuenga. Luminaria Event

Public and Board discussion

Kim Clements — Yes Randall Fried — No Ira Gold — Absent Jeff Hartwick — Yes Julie Houlihan — Yes Lisa Karadjian — Yes Lara Koraian — Abstain Scott Mandell — Yes Brandon Morino — Yes Richard Niederberg — Yes Karen Sarrow — Yes Adam Summer — Yes Abigail Velasco — Yes

Motion: PASSES

c. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves \$1,500 for Walking Man, Inc, in consideration of invoice number F1730, which was the distribution of 10,000 flyers related to the previously approved NC election budget.

Public and Board discussion

Vote:

Kim Clements — Yes Randall Fried — Yes Ira Gold — Absent Jeff Hartwick — Yes Julie Houlihan — Yes Lisa Karadjian — Yes Lara Koraian — Abstain Scott Mandell — Yes Brandon Morino — Yes Richard Niederberg — Yes Karen Sarrow — Yes Adam Summer — Yes Abigail Velasco — Yes

Motion: PASSES

8. Government Affairs Committee Report (Barry Johnson 10 mins)

Motion to Consent Agenda all five (5) Government Affairs motions (a)(b) (c)(d) and (e) into one voting block.

Moved by : Randall Fried Seconded by: Jeff Hartwick

Kim Clements — Yes Randall Fried — Yes Ira Gold — Absent Jeff Hartwick — Yes Julie Houlihan — Yes Lisa Karadjian — Yes Lara Koraian — Yes Scott Mandell — Yes Brandon Morino — Yes Richard Niederberg — Yes Karen Sarrow — Yes Adam Summer — Yes Abigail Velasco — Yes

Motion for Consent Agenda: PASSES

- Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Assembly Bill 339 to require all cities and counties greater than 250,000 to take public comment both in-person and remotely via two-way telephone or the internet. This should be within the City's purview and not by State unfunded mandate. This motion is to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-0885]
- Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes any tolls on the 405 Freeway High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, (aka "Sepulveda Pass Express Lanes), as proposed between the 101 Freeway and the 10 Freeway. The word "Freeway" was created back in 1940 to describe tax supported free public highways.
- c. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 14-1635-S10 to investigate and enforce that over 35% of advertised short-term rental listings have been illegal since the home sharing ordinance went into effect. These illegal short-term rentals have removed over 7300 housing units from the City's long-term housing market and continue to contribute to the City's lack of housing for its residents. This motion is to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 14-1635-S10]
- d. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 21-1083 unless amended to include both the ineligibility to apply for new licenses or change of address licenses within the boundaries of Neighborhood Council districts, (like Studio City for example), that have already reached their quota of Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR) licenses and a quota list for each community must also be supplied by DCR to all potential applicants before applying. This motion is to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-1083]
- e. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC)

supports Council File 18-1246 to: 1) Limit the impact and growth of dedicated rentals with limits on licensing; this could include a citywide cap on permits based on the historic number of vacation rentals and vacant homes in LA, or the percentage of the city's housing stock dedicated to this activity. 2) Set higher standards and registration requirements for vacation rental and non-primary home permits; these could include higher registration fees and a stricter license revocation process. 3) Include ways to incentivize short term rental and vacation platforms to partner with the City on registration, data sharing, and "three strikes" enforcement against irresponsible hosts who repeatedly violate quality of life laws, including potential "platform agreements" that outline benefits for platforms for supporting the City's enforcement goals. It is critical to create clear rules and regulations to control the growth of this industry, protect critically needed housing for actual residents of Los Angeles and address valid community concerns about abuses. This motion is to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 18-1246]

Public and Board discussion on all items

Vote on all Agenda Item 8 motions:

Kim Clements — Yes Randall Fried — Yes Ira Gold — Absent Jeff Hartwick — Yes Julie Houlihan — Yes Lisa Karadjian — Yes Lara Koraian — Yes Scott Mandell — Yes Brandon Morino — Yes Richard Niederberg — Yes Karen Sarrow — Yes Adam Summer — Yes Abigail Velasco — Yes

Motions: PASSES

- 9. Homelessness Committee Report (Luis Oliart, 5 mins)
- 10. Land Use Committee (Lisa Karadjian, 7 mins)
 - a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS Case No: ZA-2021-6930-MPA and the request for a hearing waiver for Roberta's Pizza, A Master Plan Approval to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine only, in conjunction with a 1,493 square foot restaurant with 22 indoor seats and 14 seats on a 316 square foot patio dining area located in "The Shops at Sportsmen's Lodge" with hours of operation from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. daily.

Public and Board discussion

Kim Clements — Yes Randall Fried — Yes Ira Gold — Absent Jeff Hartwick — Yes Julie Houlihan — Yes Lisa Karadjian — Yes Lara Koraian — Yes Scott Mandell — No Brandon Morino — Yes Richard Niederberg — Yes Karen Sarrow — Yes Adam Summer — Yes Abigail Velasco — Yes

Motion: PASSES

b. Motion: "Residences at Sportsmen's Lodge" A Multi-Family Residential Commercial, Mix Use Development - proposing to demolish existing hotel and parking facilities for the construction, use and maintenance of a 650,996 ft.² mixed use development within three buildings up to a maximum height of 94 feet, including 520 multi family residential units inclusive of 78 units restricted to very low income and 45,945 ft.² of commercial floor space and 1,385 parking spaces in a three level subterranean garage. Case Number: CPC-2021-7012-DB-MCUP-WDI-SPP-SPR-VHCA 12805 - 12835 W Ventura Blvd., 4218 - 4220 Coldwater Canyon Ave. Studio City CA 91604 Whereas, this site is Historically and Culturally significant The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests Councilmember Krekorian to request a full EIR report along with a Historic Resources Report and a Cultural Resources Report submitted prior to demolition of the site.

Public and Board discussion

Vote:

Kim Clements — Yes Randall Fried — Yes Ira Gold — Absent Jeff Hartwick — Yes Julie Houlihan — Yes Lisa Karadjian — Yes Lara Koraian — Yes Scott Mandell — Yes Brandon Morino — Yes Richard Niederberg — Yes Karen Sarrow — Yes Adam Summer — Yes Abigail Velasco — Yes

Motion: PASSES

- 11. Outreach Committee (Brandon Morino, 7 mins)
 - a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the adoption of The Web Corner's new SaaS system, which brings new features, selective admin access, operational flexibility, and cross-council module sharing to the SCNC website, at the expense of a \$2500 onetime set-up.

Public and Board discussion

Vote:

Kim Clements — Yes Randall Fried — Yes Ira Gold — Absent Jeff Hartwick — Yes Julie Houlihan — Yes Lisa Karadjian — Yes Lara Koraian — Abstain Scott Mandell — Yes Brandon Morino — Yes Richard Niederberg — Yes Karen Sarrow — Yes Adam Summer — Yes Abigail Velasco — Yes

Motion: PASSES

b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the utilization of Satellite Postings, which are intended to reach out and engage stakeholders where they congregate most. Every effort will be made to avoid postings both within venues having business with the Board in the past 3 months and their immediate surroundings.

Public and Board discussion

Vote:

Kim Clements — Yes Randall Fried — Yes Ira Gold — Absent Jeff Hartwick — Yes Julie Houlihan — Yes Lisa Karadjian — Yes Lara Koraian — Yes Scott Mandell — Yes Brandon Morino — Yes Richard Niederberg — Yes Karen Sarrow — Yes Adam Summer — Yes Abigail Velasco — Yes

Motion: PASSES

c. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the adoption of a multi-platform social media posting plan-of-action that will intensely focus on necessary information about public services, Studio City history, and SCNC events. Utilizing graphics and colors to engage the stakeholders in a politically-neutral manner and encourage the online sharing of the posts, this multi-platform plan is in line with the proposed Digital Communication Policy set forth by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

Public and Board discussion

Vote:

Kim Clements — Yes Randall Fried — Yes Ira Gold — Absent Jeff Hartwick — Yes Julie Houlihan — Yes Lisa Karadjian — Yes Lara Koraian — Yes Scott Mandell — Yes Brandon Morino — Yes Richard Niederberg — Yes Karen Sarrow — Yes Adam Summer — Yes Abigail Velasco — Yes

Motion: PASSES

12. Public Safety Committee (Scott Mandell, 7 mins)

Motion to Consent Agenda all five (5) Public Safety Committee motions (a)(b)(c)(d) and (e) into one voting block.

Moved by : Randall Fried Seconded by: Kim Clements

Vote:

Kim Clements — Yes Randall Fried — Yes Ira Gold — Absent Jeff Hartwick — Yes Julie Houlihan — Yes Lisa Karadjian — Yes Lara Koraian — Yes Scott Mandell — Yes Brandon Morino — Yes Richard Niederberg — Yes Karen Sarrow — Yes Adam Summer — Yes Abigail Velasco — Absent

Motion for Consent Agenda: PASSES

- a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File: 21-0975 Illegal Street Racing / Reckless Driving Exhibition / Spectator Gathering / Promotion / Facilitation. Illegal street racing is a danger to all pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, and even persons inside their homes. We support the City Attorney being requested to report on the feasibility of enacting an ordinance to make it unlawful to knowingly encourage, promote, instigate, assist, facilitate, aid, or abet the gathering of persons as spectators at a street race or reckless driving exhibition, modeled after the ordinance recently adopted by the City of San Jose. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-0975].
- b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-0869 which will bring welcome improvements to the LAPD online experience, as well as streamlining and improving the process for new and existing Neighborhood Watch programs. Crime and public safety are of great concern to the stakeholders of Studio City, and upgrades to the LAPD website will help to improve community public safety. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-0869]
- c. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File: 21-4118-S4 Title Designation of Prohibited Locations / Council District 2 / Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.1821-0929 The LA City Council passed, and the Mayor signed revisions to Los Angeles Municipal Code Sections 41.18(c)(1) and (d). As per the ordinance, council members are responsible for designating locations where encampments and other associated activities are to be prohibited within 500'. We support Councilmember Krekorian's designation of Moorpark Ave, between Elmer Ave and Bellflower St Underpass (as well as the 3 other locations outside of Studio City but within CD2) as prohibited locations. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement(CIS) to [21-4118-S4].
- d. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File: 21-4118-S5 Title Designation of Prohibited Locations / Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 / Council District 2 The LA City Council passed, and the Mayor signed revisions to Los Angeles Municipal Code Sections 41.18(c)(1) and (d). As per the ordinance, council members are responsible for the designation of locations in their district as prohibited locations, where encampments and other associated activities are to be prohibited within 500'. We support Councilmember Krekorian's designation of the various parks and schools listed in the council file as prohibited locations. Although not in Studio City proper, these facilities are available to, and are used by the stakeholders of Studio City. Having public parks and schools designated as prohibited use is necessary to ensure that these public spaces are

safe, clean, and available to all of the public. We encourage Councilmember Krekiroain to continue with his prohibited use designations in CD2, in accordance with LAMC Sections 41.18(c)(1) and (d). This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [21-4118-S5].

Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) e. supports Council File: 21-4118-S6 Title Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.18 / Designation of Prohibited Locations / Council District 2 The LA City Council passed, and the Mayor signed revisions to Los Angeles Municipal Code Sections 41.18(c)(1) and (d). As per the ordinance, council members are responsible for designating locations where encampments and other associated activities are to be prohibited within 500'. We support Councilmember Krekorian's designation of the various Tiny Home villages, Navigation Centers, Bridge Homes, and Designated Facility Shelters as prohibited locations. Although not in Studio City proper, these facilities are available and are utilized by the unhoused of Studio City. Having these facilities designated as prohibited use will help eliminate one of the negative effects these facilities can bring to the local community. Mainly, and influx of encampments, often just a few feet away. This will encourage the construction of similar facilities for the unhoused in CD2 and other districts, and help bring the unhoused indoors.

Public and Board discussion

Vote for all Agenda Item 12 motions:

Kim Clements — Yes Randall Fried — Yes Ira Gold — Absent Jeff Hartwick — Yes Julie Houlihan — Yes Lisa Karadjian — Yes Lara Koraian — Yes Scott Mandell — Yes Brandon Morino — Yes Richard Niederberg — Yes Karen Sarrow — Yes Adam Summer — Yes Abigail Velasco — Absent

Motions: PASSES

- 13. Sustainability Committee (Adele Slaughter, 5 mins)
 - A. Motion: Studio City Neighborhood Council strongly opposes Council File19-0603. We recommend that the City of Los Angeles vote against this measure to expand Fire District 1. The motion proposes to exclude Type IV (heavy timber) and V (wood framed) construction from being utilized in Height Districts 2, 3, 4, and Regional Centers of Los Angeles. We urge the City Council to vote down this proposed expansion and

instead use this opportunity to repeal the entire outdated and archaic Fire District 1 classification. While the Studio City Neighborhood Council applauds the attention to fire safety measures, the limiting of building materials will harm the production of affordable housing and contradicts existing City sustainability policies, all while providing virtually no increase in fire/life safety for our City's residents. Also, this limitation of acceptable building materials does not align with the statewide California Building Code (CBC/Title 24), which is updated every three years, nor is it justified by the CBC which is seen as the benchmark for building safety and energy-use standards nationwide. The manufacture of concrete and steel is the source of about 16% of the world's CO2 emissions, whereas responsibly farmed timber is a carbon sink. Our City is already being ravaged by wildfires whose severity is directly magnified by the effects of CO2 on the atmosphere. The City should be looking at ways to mandate construction that involves less CO2 emissions (such as mass-timber). not mandating construction that is more CO2 intensive (such as concrete and steel). This ban on Type-IV (heavy timber) and Type-V (wood-frame) construction would eliminate one of the main mechanisms by which we are currently able to produce low- and mid-rise housing. If these construction types are banned, the only projects that will pencil in this new District will be much taller, much denser towers which can amortize the increased construction cost over more units and more-expensive units. The cost to build new homes in Los Angeles is already too high, which has reduced the amount of permanent supportive, affordable housing constructed in recent years and contributed to a severe increase in homelessness and housing costs. The Department of Building & amp; Safety's report to Council on the proposed ordinance estimates that this one change would increase the per-unit construction cost between 10.6% to 47.1%. Expanding Fire District 1 will reduce the financial feasibility of housing construction and result either in less affordable housing built in the City, or will require increasing the public subsidies for these projects. The last thing any member of our City Council should be proposing is even larger costs and ever larger deficits between the demand for housing in our City and its supply. As a neighborhood with many homes in the VHFHSZ and wildland-urban interface, we are deeply troubled that the effects of limiting medium height wood-framed construction elsewhere in the City will further exacerbate the severity of climate-change-magnified wildfires and make it even more difficult to meet our housing and sustainability goals.

Motion **TABLED** before discussion by: Randall Fried Reason: Sustainability Chair not present (excused)

14. Transportation Committee Meeting (Barry Johnson, 10 mins) [moved to just after Government Affairs for meeting continuity]

Motion to Consent Agenda all four (4) Transportation Committee motions (a)(b)(c) and (d) into one voting block.

Moved by : Randall Fried Seconded by: Brandon Morino

Kim Clements — No Randall Fried — Yes Ira Gold — Absent Jeff Hartwick — Yes Julie Houlihan — Yes Lisa Karadjian — Yes Lara Koraian — Yes Scott Mandell — Yes Brandon Morino — Yes Richard Niederberg — Yes Karen Sarrow — Yes Adam Summer — Yes Abigail Velasco — Yes

Motion for Consent Agenda: PASSES

- a. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-0002-S134, a City Council Resolution supporting Assembly Bill 43 (AB 43) to bring down speeds on streets where there are a high number of serious and fatal crashes. California's process for setting speed limits has proven to unintentionally increase speeds over time and often results in the City being mandated to raise speed limits on streets with an already high incidence of death and serious injury, which is inconsistent with the City's Vision Zero goals to eliminate traffic deaths. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-0002-S134]
- b. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Paul Krekorian to make a Motion to update the City's Street Vending Ordinance to include the daily requirement that Street Vendors, operating right on the sidewalk, leave that sidewalk clean, trash free and grease free/ sugar free at the end of each day of business to prevent grease falls and filthy looking sidewalks. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 13-1493].
- c. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Paul Krekorian and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (L.A.D.O.T.) to install a full traffic signal at Coldwater Canyon Avenue and Woodbridge Street due to the propensity of accidents at this intersection.
- d. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-0956 to ascertain the current process for towing oversized vehicles in violation of posted signs which are blocking travel lanes, thereby creating hazardous conditions. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community

Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-0956].

Public and Board discussion

Vote on all Agenda Item 14 motions:

NOTE: Ira Gold vote on Item 14 amended to "absent" from "yes" on 11/17/21, per email inquiry. Secretary checked notes from night and made the adjustment.

Kim Clements — No Randall Fried — Yes Ira Gold — Absent Jeff Hartwick — Yes Julie Houlihan — Yes Lisa Karadjian — Yes Lara Koraian — Yes Scott Mandell — Yes Brandon Morino — Yes Richard Niederberg — Yes Karen Sarrow — Yes Adam Summer — No Abigail Velasco — Yes

Motions: PASSES

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned without objection at: 11:45pm