

SCNC REGULAR BOARD MEETING 2/16/2022

Call to Order at: 7:02pm

Roll Call:

Kim Clements:	Present
Dean Cutler:	Present
Randall Fried:	Present (left meeting at 8:35pm)
Ira Gold:	Present
Jeff Hartwick:	Present
JJ Hoffman:	Present
Julie Houlihan:	Present
Lisa Karadjian:	Present
Lara Koraiian:	Absent
Scott Mandell:	Present
Brandon Morino:	Present
Richard Niederberg:	Present
Karen Sarrow:	Absent
Adam Summer:	Present
Alexa Steinberg:	Present
Abigail Velasco:	Present (Arrived at 8:15pm)

Quorum: **YES**

Approval of the January meeting minutes **approved w/o objection**

President's Comments include:

Will hear from our new Councilmember tonight

Working on homeless concerns, especially the problem encampments.

Gibson Nyambura swearing in of Alexa Steinberg

Packed agenda, will probably continue meeting next week.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda items within the Neighborhood Council's jurisdiction (1 minute per speaker)

Comments include:

Studio City NC Tyrants, only 3 minutes for all comments.

SCBA funds for Vineland Avenue

Willowcrest party house issues

Rob Wilcox calling in re: his candidacy for City Controller

Does Public Safety fall within Council responsibilities

Fruitland and Ventura updates, gang and drug activity

When voting, we should see all Board members

Coldwater and 101 homeless issue, fire, drugs

Translating these meetings into actions not working

Wrightwood arson attack

Studio City topography unlike Sherman Oaks

Multi-Agenda Item Comment (20 minutes) Members of the public who wish to speak on items shall be allowed to speak for up to one minute per item up to a total of three minutes per meeting.

Comments include:

Multi-Item agenda is illegal

Tiny homes in Studio City

Announcements by Government Representatives (45 mins)

Tiffany Zeytounian: New CD2 Field Deputy for Studio City, homeless count on 2/22

Erin Seinfeld from Mayor's Office: Applications for Youth Council

Emma Taylor from Nazarian's Office: Mortgage Relief Funds, Assemblyman's legislative package released 3 bills for Senior Care.

Nithya Raman, CD4 Councilmember. Historic election, 5 times the turnout. Has shaped office from lessons learned over the year. One of the largest teams at City Hall. Homeless team led by Hayes Davenport. Chief of Staff is Andrea Conant. Frustration and anger re: homelessness issue is what pushed her to run for office. Homelessness is a crisis decades in the making.

Encampment at Fruitland: Hayes Davenport answers question, leftover from Park and Ride. Significant participation in shelter placement process.

41.18: City works with LA Sanitation to keep streets and sidewalks clear, even before 41.18 became a highlighted topic. This part is not at Council discretion. Has not designated 41.18 areas in Studio City. To establish a 41.18 resolution takes too much time. Signs are ignored, or encampments simply move across street, sometimes making situation worse. Faster to utilize Homeless Street Team to resolve issue.

District Bed Requirements: Each CD is supposed to match a bed requirement for the homeless. CD4 has far exceeded this number of minimum beds, per Judge Carter's order.

Mental Health: Re; Conservatorship (Lanterman/Petrus/Short Act). Massive shortage of mental health workers. Lobbying heavily to make mental health teams made available to those who don't qualify for help.

Honoring restrictions of Ventura Corridor Specific Plan: Plan is extremely outdated. Everything is being folded into South Valley Community Plan.

Noise from Burbank airport: Used to working with Van Nuys Airport. Issue is Burbank airport not within City limits, and falls out of Council jurisdiction, but working with City Attorney to resolve this issue.

Public Records Requests not followed up: Contact our office.

At 8:34pm, Randall Fried hands Presiding Officer privileges to VP Scott Mandell and leaves meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Kim Clements)

Has been sick as of late, but catching up on workload.

\$10,000 rollover funds now present in our budget.

8. Public Safety Committee (Scott Mandell)

a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Raman to direct the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to investigate the traffic conditions at the Shops at Sportsman's documented in the two videos linked below. Unsafe conditions at the Coldwater Canyon Avenue entrance are occurring at a time when only some of the stores have actually opened. The SCNC has received numerous complaints from stakeholders regarding the increase in traffic as a result of this opening, and the videos document what is now a regular occurrence. This will only get worse if the adjacent property gets an Exception to the Ventura-Cahuenga Specific Plan to build 500+ apartments utilizing the same entrance on Coldwater Canyon Ave.

Board discussion

Vote on 8a:

Kim Clements:	yes
Dean Cutler:	yes
Randall Fried:	absent
Ira Gold:	yes
Jeff Hartwick:	yes
Julie Houlihan:	yes
Lisa Karadjian:	yes
Lara Koraiian:	absent
Scott Mandell:	yes
Brandon Morino:	yes
Richard Niederberg:	yes
Karen Sarrow:	absent
Adam Summer:	yes
Alexa Steinberg:	yes
Abigail Velasco:	yes

TOTAL: 12 yes 0 no 3 absent

MOTION: PASSES

b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-0002-S196 Title Cash Bail / Reinstatement / Temporary Zero Emergency Bail Schedule / COVID-19. California voters rejected Proposition 25 which proposed ending the cash bail system in the State. We are in support of this resolution which seeks City Council and Mayoral approval whereby the City of Los Angeles includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislation that would reinstate cash bail. Cash bail need not be an all-or-nothing proposition. Rather, a fair system that considers the accused, their criminal record, their flight risk, and their danger to the community, Covid-19 challenges, without a rigid dollar amount framework. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to council file [21-0002-S196].

Board discussion

Vote on 8b:

Kim Clements:	yes
Dean Cutler:	yes
Randall Fried:	absent
Ira Gold:	yes
Jeff Hartwick:	yes
Julie Houlihan:	yes
Lisa Karadjian:	yes
Lara Koraiian:	absent
Scott Mandell:	yes
Brandon Morino:	yes
Richard Niederberg:	yes
Karen Sarrow:	absent
Adam Summer:	yes
Alexa Steinberg:	yes
Abigail Velasco:	yes

TOTAL: 12 yes 0 no 3 absent

MOTION: PASSES

c. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 21-1465 Title Los Angeles Police Department / Property Crimes / RV Overpopulation. Areas populated with oversized vehicles, including recreational vehicles, contribute to certain traffic and public safety challenges including overcrowded streets, obstructed views, and decreased parking. This overpopulation of RVs also presents a public safety risk to RV dwellers as well. In order to ensure the conditions of these corridors are not contributing to the recent upward trend in crime and protect community residents, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) should study the prevalence of crimes within corridors populated with recreational vehicles. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to council file [21-1465].

Board discussion

Vote on 8c:

Kim Clements:	yes
Dean Cutler:	yes
Randall Fried:	absent
Ira Gold:	yes
Jeff Hartwick:	yes
Julie Houlihan:	yes
Lisa Karadjian:	yes
Lara Koraiian:	absent
Scott Mandell:	yes
Brandon Morino:	yes
Richard Niederberg:	yes
Karen Sarrow:	absent
Adam Summer:	no
Alexa Steinberg:	yes
Abigail Velasco:	no

TOTAL: 10 yes 2 no 3 absent

MOTION: PASSES

d. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 22-0002-S5 Title AB 1603 (Salas) / Property Value / Grand Theft Threshold Decrease / Proposition 47 In 2004, CA voters passed the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, Prop 47. We agree with Assembly member Rudy Salas, D-Bakersfield, author of Assembly Bill 1603 which would lower the felony/misdemeanor threshold of Proposition 47 from \$950 to \$400. If passed, AB1603 would bring that question to CA voters in the form of a ballot measure. Council File 22-0002-S5 shows support of AB1603 by the City. We urge the City Council to pass, and our mayor to sign, CF 22-0002-S5. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to council file [22-0002-S5].

Board discussion

Vote on 8d:

Kim Clements:	yes
Dean Cutler:	yes
Randall Fried:	absent
Ira Gold:	yes
Jeff Hartwick:	yes
Julie Houlihan:	yes
Lisa Karadjian:	yes
Lara Koraiian:	absent
Scott Mandell:	yes
Brandon Morino:	no
Richard Niederberg:	yes
Karen Sarrow:	absent
Adam Summer:	yes
Alexa Steinberg:	yes
Abigail Velasco:	yes

TOTAL: 12 yes 0 no 3 absent

MOTION: PASSES

e. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 20-0190 Title Armed While On Duty / Park Rangers / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) / Section 63.41 / Amendment The Department Of Recreation and Parks Park Ranger Division is a law enforcement agency with full police powers to detain, arrest, book criminal violators, and conduct investigations into criminal activity. RAP park rangers are considered full law enforcement officers under California Penal Code (CPC) section 830.1 and have full police powers throughout the State of California. For the protection of the public and for the safety of all law enforcement officers in the City, it is necessary to amend LAMC section 63.41, to allow park rangers to be armed while on duty, as authorized by CPC §830.31 (b) which states, " a person designated by a local agency as a park ranger, who is regularly employed and paid in that capacity, and whose primary duty is the protection of parks, may be armed by their employing agency." Board discussion

Board discussion

Kim Clements:	yes
Dean Cutler:	yes
Randall Fried:	absent
Ira Gold:	yes
Jeff Hartwick:	yes
Julie Houlihan:	yes
Lisa Karadjian:	yes
Lara Koraiian:	absent
Scott Mandell:	yes
Brandon Morino:	no
Richard Niederberg:	yes
Karen Sarrow:	absent
Adam Summer:	yes
Alexa Steinberg:	yes
Abigail Velasco:	yes

TOTAL: 11 yes 1 no 3 absent

MOTION: PASSES

f. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 22-0029 Title 2118 Sylvan Street / Valley Plaza / December 13, 2021 Fire / Vacant Property / Fire Life Safety Equipment Requirement / Enhanced Security Measures. The December 13, 2021 fire of a long-vacant property at 2118 Sylvan Street in North Hollywood prompted the City Council to take action with regard to the safety and security of the many vacant properties all over Los Angeles. Vacant properties are a known hazard and a source of blight, crime, trespassers, squatters, and often catch fire causing damage to adjacent property and expending city resources. We support this first step asking the City Attorney to consult with the Fire Dept., Legislative Analyst, and Building and Safety to draft the necessary ordinance and regulations requiring owners of vacant properties to keep them secure and safe. Our only objection is that it is asked that these requirements do not become law until after 180 days of being vacant. Safety and security should begin the moment a property becomes vacant. 180 days is too long. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to council file [22-0029].

Board discussion

Vote on 8f:

Kim Clements:	yes
Dean Cutler:	yes
Randall Fried:	absent
Ira Gold:	yes
Jeff Hartwick:	yes
Julie Houlihan:	yes
Lisa Karadjian:	yes
Lara Koraiian:	absent
Scott Mandell:	yes
Brandon Morino:	yes
Richard Niederberg:	yes
Karen Sarrow:	absent
Adam Summer:	yes
Alexa Steinberg:	yes
Abigail Velasco:	yes

TOTAL: 12 yes 0 no 3 absent

MOTION: PASSES

g. Motion: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 22-0130 Title Gun Violence / Economic Toll / Gun Owner Liability Insurance /City of San Jose. The City Of Los Angeles and the State Of CA. already regulates magazine capacity, ammunition sales, storage and transport of firearms, reporting of stolen or lost firearms, the type of firearms that are California Compliant, as well as maintaining a database of prohibited possessors. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to council file [22-0130].

Board discussion

Vote on 8g:

Kim Clements:	yes
Dean Cutler:	yes
Randall Fried:	absent
Ira Gold:	yes
Jeff Hartwick:	yes
Julie Houlihan:	yes
Lisa Karadjian:	yes
Lara Koraiian:	absent
Scott Mandell:	yes
Brandon Morino:	yes
Richard Niederberg:	yes
Karen Sarrow:	absent
Adam Summer:	no
Alexa Steinberg:	yes
Abigail Velasco:	yes

TOTAL: 11 yes 1 no 3 absent

MOTION: PASSES

9. Bylaws Committee (Jeff Hartwick)

a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves amending Article III (Committees and their Duties), Section 1 (Standing Committees), Paragraph J(6):6. Committee members, other than Chairs and Board members, may be removed in the same manner in which they were appointed. However, Chairs and Board members may be removed from a committee by the President only after the President or a Board member submits a removal motion to the Board and a majority of the Board votes for removal.

Board discussion

MOTION by Lisa Karadjian to TABLE 9a until Randall Fried is present to be included in discussion. Seconded by: Alexa Steinberg

Public and Board discussion

Vote on MOTION to Table 9a:

Kim Clements:	no
Dean Cutler:	no
Randall Fried:	absent
Ira Gold:	yes
Jeff Hartwick:	no
Julie Houlihan:	no
Lisa Karadjian:	yes
Lara Koraiian:	absent
Scott Mandell:	no
Brandon Morino:	yes
Richard Niederberg:	no
Karen Sarrow:	absent
Adam Summer:	no
Alexa Steinberg:	yes
Abigail Velasco:	no

TOTAL: 4 yes 8 no 3 absent

MOTION to table 9a: FAILS

Continued discussion on 9a by Board

Vote on 9a:

Kim Clements:	yes
Dean Cutler:	yes
Randall Fried:	absent
Ira Gold:	abstain
Jeff Hartwick:	yes
Julie Houlihan:	yes
Lisa Karadjian:	no
Lara Koraiian:	absent
Scott Mandell:	yes
Brandon Morino:	yes
Richard Niederberg:	yes
Karen Sarrow:	absent
Adam Summer:	yes
Alexa Steinberg:	no
Abigail Velasco:	abstain

TOTAL: 8 yes 2 no 3 absent 2 abstain

MOTION: PASSES

b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves amending Article II (Officers), Section 1 (Duties and Powers), Paragraph A, by adding subdivision 4: 4. The President shall sign all Board correspondence, including but not limited to, Community Impact Statements, Proclamations, Resolutions, and Requests for Action, within five (5) days of submission by the Corresponding Secretary. After five days, the Vice President or Secretary shall be authorized to sign submitted documents upon request by the Corresponding Secretary.

Board discussion

Vote on 9b:

Kim Clements:	yes
Dean Cutler:	yes
Randall Fried:	absent
Ira Gold:	yes
Jeff Hartwick:	yes
Julie Houlihan:	yes
Lisa Karadjian:	yes
Lara Koraiian:	absent
Scott Mandell:	yes
Brandon Morino:	yes
Richard Niederberg:	yes
Karen Sarrow:	absent
Adam Summer:	yes
Alexa Steinberg:	yes
Abigail Velasco:	yes

TOTAL: 12 yes 0 no 3 absent

MOTION: PASSES

c. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves amending the Bylaws by adding Section 12 to Article V (Governing Board) as follows:
Section 12: Board Members Duty to Disclose Conflict of Interest

A Board member shall disclose to the other Board members any potential conflict of interest due to any financial or business interest that relates to a matter under consideration by the Board or a Committee. In addition, a Board member shall disclose membership in a group or organization (other than the Stakeholder Organization he or she represents) that has an interest in a matter before the Board or Committee, or an interest in an individual or family capacity in a matter before the Board or a Committee. Any required disclosure shall be made immediately upon the Board member's awareness that the Board is considering or will consider a matter giving rise to a conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict of interest, and prior to the Board taking any action on the issue. If a Board member disclosing a potential conflict of interest does not recuse himself or herself, any other Board member may call for a vote of voting Board members on whether the disclosing Board member may vote on the issue.

Board discussion

Vote on 9c:

Kim Clements:	yes
Dean Cutler:	yes
Randall Fried:	absent
Ira Gold:	yes
Jeff Hartwick:	yes
Julie Houlihan:	yes
Lisa Karadjian:	yes
Lara Koraiian:	absent
Scott Mandell:	yes
Brandon Morino:	yes
Richard Niederberg:	yes
Karen Sarrow:	absent
Adam Summer:	yes
Alexa Steinberg:	yes
Abigail Velasco:	yes

TOTAL: 12 yes 0 no 3 absent

MOTION: PASSES

10. Transportation Committee Report (Barry Johnson, 10 mins)

a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) request Councilmember Nithya Raman to direct the the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (L.A.D.O.T.) to investigate the new signal timing at Ventura Boulevard and Radford Avenue causing traffic to back up into the Ventura/Laurel Canyon intersection, which then becomes gridlocked and a danger to pedestrians and bicyclists trying to cross on a green light.

Board discussion

Vote on 10a:

Kim Clements:	yes
Dean Cutler:	yes
Randall Fried:	absent
Ira Gold:	yes
Jeff Hartwick:	yes
Julie Houlihan:	yes
Lisa Karadjian:	yes
Lara Koraiian:	absent
Scott Mandell:	yes
Brandon Morino:	yes
Richard Niederberg:	yes
Karen Sarrow:	absent
Adam Summer:	no
Alexa Steinberg:	yes
Abigail Velasco:	yes

TOTAL: 11 yes 1 no 3 absent

MOTION: PASSES

b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) request Councilmember Nithya Raman to direct the the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (L.A.D.O.T.) to investigate possible mitigation including, but not limited to, speed humps for drivers ignoring the eastbound "STOP" sign on Kling Street at Goodland Avenue.

Board discussion

Vote on 10b:

Kim Clements:	no
Dean Cutler:	yes
Randall Fried:	absent
Ira Gold:	yes
Jeff Hartwick:	yes
Julie Houlihan:	yes
Lisa Karadjian:	yes
Lara Koraiian:	absent
Scott Mandell:	yes
Brandon Morino:	yes
Richard Niederberg:	yes
Karen Sarrow:	absent
Adam Summer:	yes
Alexa Steinberg:	yes
Abigail Velasco:	yes

TOTAL: 11 yes 1 no 3 absent

MOTION: PASSES

11. Homelessness Committee Report (Luis Oliart)

a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports Council File 21-0002-S195, State Funding / Los Angeles County / People Experiencing Homelessness / Mental Illness / Sub-Acute Beds / Psychiatric Care / Lanterman-Petris-Short Act / Staff Shortage. One in five unhoused has a diagnosis of serious mental illness in Los Angeles County. There are only 1,700 sub-acute beds available for psychiatric care, only 1/3 of those necessary for Los Angeles County. California has around a \$31 billion budget surplus, and more funding should go to mental health. We support the Council's resolution supporting legislation or administrative action for the state to allocate funding to allow Los Angeles County to meet the number of beds recommended by mental health experts: 50 per 100,000 residents. This Motion is to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement to Council File 21-0002-S195.

Board discussion

Vote on 11a:

Kim Clements:	yes
Dean Cutler:	yes
Randall Fried:	absent
Ira Gold:	yes
Jeff Hartwick:	yes
Julie Houlihan:	yes
Lisa Karadjian:	yes
Lara Koraiian:	absent
Scott Mandell:	yes
Brandon Morino:	yes
Richard Niederberg:	no
Karen Sarrow:	absent
Adam Summer:	yes
Alexa Steinberg:	yes
Abigail Velasco:	no

TOTAL: 10 yes 2 no 3 absent

MOTION: PASSES

Richard Niederberg makes **MOTION to suspend meeting until following Wednesday at 7:30pm, at the request of President Randall Fried.**

Seconded by Kim Clements.

Public and Board discussion

Vote on Motion to suspend meeting until the following Wednesday at 7:30pm:

Kim Clements:	yes
Dean Cutler:	yes
Randall Fried:	absent
Ira Gold:	yes
Jeff Hartwick:	yes
Julie Houlihan:	yes
Lisa Karadjian:	no
Lara Koraiian:	absent
Scott Mandell:	yes
Brandon Morino:	yes
Richard Niederberg:	yes
Karen Sarrow:	absent
Adam Summer:	yes
Alexa Steinberg:	yes
Abigail Velasco:	no

TOTAL: 10 yes 2 no 3 absent

MOTION: PASSES

Scott Mandell **ADJOURNS** meeting at 10:40pm