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STUDIO CITY
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

**Sustainability Committee
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, August 25, 2022
6:00 PM**

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

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Committee Members: Adele Slaughter (Stakeholder, Chair), Lili Barsha, (Stakeholder, Alexander Black, (Stakeholder), Chris Trent (Stakeholder), Susan Schalbe (Stakeholder), Jesse Sandford (Stakeholder), Chip Meehan (Stakeholder), Melanie Winter, (Stakeholder), Diana Nicole (Stakeholder) Tony Knight (Stakeholder) Randall Fried (Board Member & President, ex-officio)

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min)
2. Public comment within the committees jurisdiction on items not on agenda (2 min per speaker)
3. Discussion and possible MOTION (15 min)

The City of Los Angeles Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) is an official bridge for communication about trees and the urban forest. CFAC connects dedicated residents, Los Angeles's elected officials, and many departments whose work affects our urban forest, such as Public Works, Water and Power, and Streets LA.

The Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes the nomination of Lia Sorrenian to the CFAC board for the following reasons:

- a) Tree People has already nominated Jack Smith, a naturalist, educator growing native plants for fire mitigate to be on the board of CFAC
- b) Two representatives on CFAC from the same City tree planting partner organization limits the participation from other environmental tree groups such as North East Trees, A Cleaner Greener East LA., Amigos De Los Rios, Angelenos for Trees, etc.
- c) We request that Council District 2 recruit a representative for CFAC who holds a degree or certification in arboriculture, environmental science or related field
- d) It would be optimal if all new board members have volunteered time and or attended CFAC meetings as a prerequisite to becoming a CD2 CFAC nominee.

[Lia Sorrenian curriculum vitae (next page)]

4. Adjournment (1 min)

Lia Soorenian

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I'm a mid-level Urban Planner with strong skills in project management and policy research dedicated to strengthening the communities of Los Angeles

EXPERIENCE

TreePeople, CA — Policy & Research Associate

SEPTEMBER 2021 - PRESENT

- Produce research reports related to green infrastructure, healthy soils, and climate change to inform potential resiliency projects
- Advocate for environmental policy on a city, state, and federal level
- Manage, monitor, and mentor the team's interns and fellows

NYC Parks Department, NY — Project Planner

MARCH 2018 - JUNE 2021

- Managed the Carroll Park Vision Plan to produce a community-approved design plan including phasing/cost estimates renovation
- Managed the \$100M FEMA-funded Red Hook Coastal Resiliency project to approve climate adaptation design plans based on FEMA policy
- Produced a public-facing report, the East Harlem Vision Plan, to identify future climate risks and economic inequalities

Columbia Earth Institute, NY — Research Assistant

SEPTEMBER 2016 - MAY 2017

- Mapped NYC subway stations vulnerable to sea level rise and flooding for the MTA using ArcGIS and Excel
- Gathered large datasets with the engineering team for flood computation analysis from MatLab

EDUCATION

Columbia University GSAPP, NY — MS, Urban Planning

SEPTEMBER 2015 - MAY 2017

Award-winning thesis: "Land Use and Sea Level Rise Vulnerability"
Awarded four Scholarships & two Teaching Assistantships

Bard College, NY — BA, Environmental & Urban Studies

SEPTEMBER 2010 - MAY 2014

Thesis: "Kond District: Navigating Democracy in Urban Planning"
Awarded First Generation Scholarship; Trustee Leader Scholar (TLS)

SKILLS

- Adobe Illustrator, InDesign
- Microsoft Office Suite
- ArcGIS Suite
- Slide Deck Presentations
- Grant Management
- Data Analysis
- Facilitating Meetings
- Environmental Review

AWARDS

Charles Abram Award, 2017
Awarded to a graduate thesis that best exemplifies a commitment to social justice

APA-NYC Studio Award, 2017
American Planning Association (APA) award for best studio: "Potential for a High-Speed Ferry Service in Nyack, NY"

Davis Project for Peace, 2010
Awarded a \$10,000 grant for a sustainability project in southern Armenia.

LANGUAGES

Armenian, Persian, French

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