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**BOARD MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 AT 7:00PM**

**Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone**

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min)
2. President's Comments (15 mins)
  - a. Board to vote on applicant Peter Cole to fill the Board Vacancy-Business Representative Seat, defined by our bylaws as: A Business Representative is a person who (i) legally provides goods or services for compensation in Studio City and who maintains a valid City of Los Angeles Tax Registration Certificate (otherwise known as a City of Los Angeles business license) or (ii) owns business real property in Studio City. Stakeholders who are 18 years of age or older at the time of filing for candidacy.
  - b. Land Use Committee vacancy - The position of Land Use Committee chair is currently available. If you are interested in becoming the Land Use Committee chair or serving on the committee please email [smandell@studiocitync.org](mailto:smandell@studiocitync.org) with a statement of interest. Scott Mandell is serving as acting chair until a chair is appointed.
  - c. Board Vacancy - Youth Member Seat, defined by our bylaws as: A Stakeholder who is at least 14 years and no more than 17 years of age on the day of the appointment. Please email [smandell@studiocitync.org](mailto:smandell@studiocitync.org) with a statement of interest.
  - d. Discussion and motion to appoint up to 4 board members to attend Civic U 1.0. Presented by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Office of Mayor Garcetti. Civic U 1.0 presented by Dr. Raphael J. Sonenshein, Ph.D. Executive Director, Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs, California State University, Los Angeles. Dates are October 6th, October 13th and October 27th. Appointed board members must attend all three

sessions. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ to attend Civic U 1.0. Presented by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Office of Mayor Garcetti. Brought by Scott Mandell Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

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- 3. Secretary Report Abigail Velasco (5 min) Approval of the [August 31st Special board meeting minutes](#), attendance report, training compliance.
- 4. Corresponding Secretary Report Jeff Hartwick (5 min): Filings of CIS and Resolutions.
- 5. Treasurer Report Kim Clements (8 min)
  - a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the [monthly Expenditure Report for August 2022](#)  
Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves reimbursement to Board Member, Richard Niederberg, in the amount of [\\$301.05](#) for the purchase of beverages and snacks for the September movie night event (postponed). Purchase was made at Costco which would not accept use of the Los Angeles City credit card. Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Vice President Report Brandon Morino (5 min)
- 7. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda items** within the Neighborhood Council's jurisdiction (1 minute 30 sec per speaker)
- 8. Announcements by Government Representatives (15 min)
- 9. Transportation Committee Barry Johnson (15 min)  
Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council Files 20-1536, 20-1536-S1 & 20-1536-S2 for a Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) due to safety, liability and aesthetic impacts of digital advertising screens in bus shelters. Studies have shown that changing digital ad screens are particularly dangerous as they are designed to distract drivers and result in harm to traffic safety. The SCNC further opposes provisions for cell phone tracking in bus shelters that can be shared with the contractor for ad targeting.

This motion is also to be submitted as separate Community Impact Statements (CIS) to [CF 20-1536, 20-1536-S1 & 20-1536-S2].

Links:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-1536>

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[Proposed Accompanying Letter for Transportation Committee Motion A for September 21, 2022 Board Meeting] LINK

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DGDtqdWgzOBrTxIj0XzDH4BQ2iVT\\_78ZItcgY70QtTQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DGDtqdWgzOBrTxIj0XzDH4BQ2iVT_78ZItcgY70QtTQ/edit?usp=sharing)

10. Government Affairs Committee Barry Johnson (10 min)

**Motion A:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council Files 20-1074-S2, 20-1074-S3, 20-1074 & 20-1074-S1 unless all pre-Covid required private parking spaces and all pre-Covid street parking spaces are returned to their original pre-Covid status. While the SCNC in no way opposes legitimate ADA compliant sidewalk dining, the lack of required private parking spaces and street parking spaces are causing severe parking impacts in adjacent residential neighborhoods. While we understand the need for dining in the street during the pandemic, the time has now come to resume pre-Covid parking requirements.

This motion is also to be submitted as separate Community Impact Statements (CIS) to [CF 20-1074-S2, 20-1074-S3, 20-1074 & 20-1074-S1].

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11. Public Safety Jeff Hartwick (20 min)

- a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 22-0002-S101, Title: AB 1740 (Muratsuchi) / AB 2407 (O'Donnell) and SB 1087 (Gonzalez) / Used Catalytic Converter Sales. There has been a rash

of automobile catalytic converter thefts throughout the City of Los Angeles. Criminals steal them for their precious metal content. Many residents of Studio City have been victims of these thefts, and replacement parts are expensive. Currently, there are three bills in the state legislature that address this problem. AB 1740 would require a core recycler accepting catalytic converters to maintain a written record that contains the year, make, and model number and requires the owner to enter into a transaction. AB 2407 would require a recycler to report information on the purchase and sale of catalytic converters to law enforcement and to obtain the thumbprint of sellers. SB 1087 would require a traceable method of payment for these special parts, and permit the purchase of converters only from specified sellers. Collectively, these bills will help stop this epidemic of thievery and prevent criminals from profiting from selling stolen converters. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File [22-0002-S101].

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- b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 22-0797, Title: Illegal Dumping / Multi-Jurisdictional Locations / Los Angeles County / California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) / Memorandum of Understanding. The City of Los Angeles Sanitation Department (LASAN) not only collects residential waste but also abandoned and illegally dumped trash. Waste items left outside of City jurisdiction presents problems of coordination with county and state areas, which can result in lack of timely collection. This has been evident at local homeless encampments and near freeway on/off ramps. It therefore makes sense for the City to have LASAN report on (1) efforts to coordinate trash collection with CalTrans; and (2) the feasibility of entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Los Angeles County and CalTrans to facilitate illegal dumping removal. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File [22-0797]. LINK:

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- c. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 22-0930, Title: Compton Avenue / Nevin Avenue / Metro Right-of-Way / Official Police Garage (OPG) / Vehicle Towing and Storage Services / Excess Storage Lot / Lease Agreement. Official Police Garages (OPGs) provide vehicle towing and storage services for 19 Service Areas located throughout the City of Los Angeles. OPGs provide space for the City, including the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the Department of Transportation (LADOT), to impound vehicles to await release, transport, salvage, or disposal. Recently, these facilities have faced challenges relating to the storage of impounded vehicles, with several areas experiencing great service volume relative to capacity. If there is insufficient storage space, abandoned vehicles, such as broken-down RVs, will be

left on our streets and pose a safety hazard. To help alleviate this problem with capacity, the SCNC supports the acquisition of additional excess vehicles storage areas across the City. This includes the Metro Right-of-Way property located at Compton Avenue and Nevin Avenue, which has already been cleared by the Board of Police Commissioners. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File [22-0930].

LINK:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-0930>

d. **Motion:** Draft LAPD Support Letter by SCNC President:

RE: Studio City Neighborhood Council Support for Los Angeles Police Department  
Dear Mayor Garcetti and Los Angeles City Councilmembers: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) writes to declare its strong support for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and to request certain actions from you. The brave officers and diligent staff of the LAPD provide our community with something that is at times taken for granted—our safety and security. We thank you and our Councilmembers for restoring previous LAPD funding. We also support the \$87 million operational increase in funding to the LAPD for the 2022-2023 fiscal-year city budget of \$11.8 billion. We request that you identify a way forward to achieve full staffing of the LAPD, which is significantly understaffed at this time, especially by national standards. Lack of adequate staffing results in fewer crimes investigated and the inability of the police to respond to criminal activity in a timely manner, which endangers us all. We request that you support the work of the LAPD to enhance your public communications acknowledging the important job the LAPD does and to build relationships with local communities. We declare our appreciation for LAPD Senior Lead Officer Shawn Smith. He is a valuable and dedicated crime fighter whose extensive knowledge and awareness of our community's crime issues have contributed immensely to the safety and well-being of Studio City. We need more officers like Shawn Smith in Los Angeles. We request that the City Attorney support equal and full enforcement of all laws and ordinances, and that the City Council oppose any politicized special ordinances and/or policies that hinder or prevent the ability of the LAPD to enforce the law. Police enforcement duties

should be predictable and consistent. There should not be a blanket policy of non-prosecution of misdemeanors and quality-of-life infractions. Non-prosecution will only encourage further law-breaking. We request these actions from the City Council because Studio City residents and stakeholders strongly believe that additional police support and resources are essential to help the LAPD and to keep our neighborhoods safe.

Respectfully,

Scott Mandell  
President,  
Studio City Neighborhood Council

12. Good of the Order. Brief comments of Board Members on items not on the agenda (7 min)

13. Adjournment

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