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**BOARD MEETING CORRECTED AGENDA
WEDNESDAY MAY 17th, 2023 AT 7:00PM**

4024 Radford Avenue, [MPR-3](#)

Studio City, CA 91604 (818) 655-5400

Enter at Sater Parking Structure 4200 Radford Ave

Stakeholders with disabilities who have a valid DMV placard, use a wheelchair, walker or cane, and/or those who have difficulties walking distances should notify a Radford Studio Center Security Officer or call 818-655-5085 to request shuttle assistance

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min)
2. President's Comments, announcements. (5 mins extendable by chair)
 - a. Announcement only. A reminder to those attending, during public comment you may hear colorful language that some might find offensive. The SCNC has no ability to control or regulate the content of speech that is protected under the 1st Amendment. Board members are reminded not to cut off, interrupt, or otherwise engage with stakeholders during their allotted time.
 - b. Welcome message from Radford Studio Center team (15 min extendable by chair)
3. Secretary Report Abigail Velasco (5 min) Absent objection, approval of the [regular board meeting minutes](#) of April 19th 2023 and the [special board meeting minutes](#) of April 19th 2023. Attendance report, training compliance. Movie Night at Studio City Rec Center Saturday June 3rd 6pm MOANA. Click for the [flyer](#).
<https://www.studiocitync.org/assets/documents/15/event6442d3f15b1f3.jpg>
4. Corresponding Secretary Report Jeff Hartwick (5 min): Filings of CIS and Resolutions
5. Treasurer Report Kim Clements (15 min maximum extendable by chair)

a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for [April 2023](#) Seconded by: _____

b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves Scott Mandell as 2nd signer and 1st bank cardholder, as presented in the partial administrative packet [here](#), to replace Richard Niederberg for the remainder of the 2022/2023 fiscal year. (There is no revision to the budget.) Seconded by: _____

c. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves up to 2 Zoom licenses not to exceed \$500. The SCNC will be invoiced by The Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment for the licenses. Seconded by: _____

d. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves reimbursement to board member Scott Mandell in the amount of \$366.43 for the purchase of beverages and snacks for the Movie Night event of June 3rd, 2023. Purchase was made at Costco which would not accept use of the Los Angeles City credit card. [RECEIPT](#) Seconded by: _____

e. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves reimbursement to board member Scott Mandell in the amount of \$18.58 for the purchase of beverages and tablecloths Movie Night event of June 3rd, 2023. Purchase was made at Smart & Final. [RECEIPT](#) Seconded by: _____

f. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves reimbursement to board member Scott Mandell in the amount of \$19.99 for office beverages purchased at Ralph's Studio City on 5-1-23 [RECEIPT](#): Seconded by _____

g. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves reimbursement to board member Scott Mandell in the amount of \$5.00 for parking at Van Nuys City Hall Sylmar Garage Lot 52. On behalf of the SCNC presenting a Board approved motion at the Ventura-Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan Special Meeting of April 20, 2023. [RECEIPT](#) Seconded by: _____

6. Vice President Report Chip Meehan (5 min)

7. Outreach Committee update Teri Austin (8 min)

Motion: The Board of the SCNC approves up to \$800.00 for outreach material for SCNC outreach events including the Farmer's Market and other similar events. Expenses include Flyers, postcards, foam core display boards, and graphic design using Studio City vendor Pink Printing. Items will be used to serve the needs of all SCNC committees.

8. Announcements by Government Representatives.
 - a. NEA Lorenzo Briceno with an update from DONE. (20 min extendable by chair)
 - b. Other Govt representatives in attendance (20 min maximum extendable by chair)

9. Public Comment on Non-Agenda items within the Neighborhood Council's jurisdiction (1 minute 30 sec per speaker 15 minute maximum total extendable by chair)

10. Land Use (Scott Mandell, Land Use Committee members, 20 min maximum extendable by chair)

- a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports the proposed development, Great White restaurant. 12103 W. Ventura Place. Case number [DIR-2023-2701-SPP](#). A Project Permit Compliance to allow the change of use of an existing gym into a restaurant, a two story 1695 square foot addition, and a new .12 square foot wall sign. Applicant Sam Trude. Representative Matthew Mello FE Design and Consulting available to answer questions. [Restaurant website](#)
[Shared Drive with documents](#)
- b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) is submitting comments for Case Number : [VTT-83460](#), [ZA-2021-9477-ELD-CUB-SPP-DD-SPR](#) and [ENV-2021-9478-EAF](#) proposed Elder Care project located at 11611-11695 Ventura Boulevard & 4000-4028 Colfax Avenue. Applicant Ryan Leong SRM Studio City, LLC Representative: Jessica Pakdaman, Brad Rosenheim, Rosenheim & Associates available to answer questions. LINK to documents <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1oIzjLNsNY8-9jPVvJWiO6rJCmuG5ZdmZ>

We OPPOSE the following conditions:

- Height of the Assisted Living Building
- Not having the step-back required from Ventura Boulevard
- Removal of protected trees #20 and #61
- The bike lane continuing north and south from the Colfax Bridge to Ventura Boulevard
- Removal of trees #26, #27, #28 and #30

We SUPPORT the following conditions:

- Conditional Use Beverage
- Vesting Tentative Tract Map
- The taking of the Ventura Boulevard dedication, but NOT acting on the dedication to widen the Ventura Boulevard street, ONLY to widen the sidewalk to the 15 foot width that the rest of Ventura Boulevard sidewalks are in Studio City
- Retain metered parking on Colfax Avenue and Ventura Boulevard

- The requested fence heights
- Elimination of riverfront front door, ramp and river access
- Pocket park
- Covered open space
- Independent living building height
- FAR 2.06:1
- Encroachment of the building line on Colfax Avenue
- In lieu trees are to be planted within Studio City

Community Benefits requested by the SCNC to be agreed upon by SRM Studio City LLC for the maintenance of the existing river ramp, stairs, landscaping and area under the south side of the Colfax Bridge. Retain the current trees and foliage along the County property area.

- c. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) strongly objects to the current scheduling of the Los Angeles City Planning Department Case Number: [CPC-2020-1511-VCU-SPR](#) for the Harvard-Westlake River Park Project. The existing timetable severely limits the opportunity for meaningful review and engagement by the SCNC and concerned stakeholders. The final EIR is set to be released on May 24th, granting the SCNC and interested parties only 8 business days before the hearing officer reviews the case. Following this, the CPC hearing is slated for June 22. This expedited timeline is inadequate for proper evaluation and input. As the largest land use project in Studio City's recent history, the Harvard-Westlake River Park Project has sparked significant stakeholder involvement and numerous neighborhood council meetings. The condensed schedule from the date the EIR is released to the two hearings prevents meaningful participation from the SCNC and our stakeholders. Considering the project's complexity, the voluminous DEIR, and the considerable public comment submitted to the SCNC and to City Planning, it is unclear why such an unmanageable timeline has been established. Due to the inability to thoroughly review and engage with the project, the SCNC is compelled to oppose it. We urge Councilmember Raman to employ all available resources, including presenting an expedited motion at the LA City Council, to require LA City Planning to reassess their scheduling decisions. We ask for a revised hearing calendar that allows for comprehensive public participation. Lastly, we urge the applicant Harvard Westlake to agree to waive any legislative time requirements where applicable, to allow the community time to meaningfully participate. [Original hearing notice](#). (4 business days to review EIR) [Revised hearing notice](#). (8 business days to review EIR) [DEIR](#)
Motion brought by Scott Mandell. Seconded by _____

11. Sustainability Committee (Adele Slaughter 25 min extendable by chair)

- a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmembers Nithya Raman (CD4) and Paul Kerkorian (CD2) work with Energy and Environment Committee Chair Katy Yaroslavsky and other knowledgeable parties to develop a multi-pronged approach to

address the lack of enforcement related to the banning of gas-powered leaf blowers (Ordinances [171400](#), [171890](#), and [172086](#)). The City of LA urgently needs to develop a system that 1) tracks greenhouse gas emissions from leaf blowers, especially since these emissions remain uncounted in other governmental tracking systems, 2) focuses on enforcement against homeowners, 3) develops incentives for the purchase of electric leaf blowers (e.g., DWP Cash for Grass program), and 4) focuses on public relations and educational campaigns, which could include Neighborhood Councils as key partners.

b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports [Council File 22-1469](#): LA City Biodiversity Index / California Native Landscaping. California is one of six biodiversity "hot zones" and yet, currently, there is a dearth of native habitat, open space and drought tolerant vegetation in the San Fernando Valley as a result of overdevelopment. Native landscaping does not require as much water, saves energy, supports wildlife, and increases biodiversity. Promoting the planting of Natives may be the easiest change we can make with respect to sustainability.

This is to be submitted as a CIS on Council File 22-1469.

Link to Council File: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1469>

12. Government Affairs (Barry Johnson 20 min maximum extendable by chair)

- a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes [Council File 14-1371-S13](#) to amend the Los Angeles Living Wage Ordinance (LWO) and the Los Angeles Hotel Worker Minimum Wage Ordinance (LA HWMO) to increase the minimum wage in one dollar increments starting at \$25 per hour in 2023 and ending with \$30 per hour in 2028. Unfortunately, inflation is a vicious cycle driven by rising prices and rising wages in a which came first scenario... the chicken or the egg. Business profit and employee profit gains are mostly canceled out in the end.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 14-1371-S13].

Link:

[14-1371-S13 \(CFMS\) \(lacity.org\)](#)

- b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes [Council File 23-0307](#) & [Council File 23-0334](#) for any City funds being spent on a "feel good" statue of P-22 mountain lion. The City certainly has infinitely more pressing issues to spend its time and money

on at this time. This is a job for the private sector, just like the "Hollywood Walk of Fame".

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 23-0307] & [CF 23-0334].

Links:

[23-0307 \(CFMS\) \(lacity.org\)](#)

[23-0334 \(CFMS\) \(lacity.org\)](#)

- c. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Council President Paul Krekorian and Councilmember Nithya Raman introduce a Motion to rename the Los Angeles City nickname of "City of Angels" to "City of Weeds" due to the proliferation of weeds growing out of every last nook and cranny everywhere you look. Public land in the City is just as bad, or even worse, than private land. This should be done in time for the 2026 World Cup and the 2028 Olympics.

13. Transportation Committee (Barry Johnson 15 min maximum extendable by chair)

- a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes [Council File 21-1230-S2](#) because it aims to by-pass public input by making the Liveable Communities Initiative by-right or administrative, overriding community plans, specific plans and overlays with building allowed in high fire hazard areas, historic districts and open space. [\(See attached letter.\)](#)

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [CF 21-1230-S2].

Link:

[21-1230-S2 \(CFMS\) \(lacity.org\)](#)

Letter-

<https://www.studiocitync.org/assets/documents/15/meeting645be7d93585e.pdf>

- b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Nithya Raman and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (L.A.D.O.T.) to mitigate the ignored "Stop Sign" at the northeast corner of Kling Street and Goodland Avenue.

14. Public Safety Committee (Jeff Hartwick 30 min extendable by chair)

- a. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports [Council File 23-0002-S44](#): Title, AB 74 (Muratsuchi) / Illegal

Street Takeovers / Sideshows / Racing / Enforcement Tools / Fatalities Prevention. Illegal street takeovers and car racing have been a persistent nuisance and dangerous problem throughout Los Angeles. Promoted through social media, street takeover spectators gather at city intersections, roadways, and bridges and proceed to block traffic and engage in dangerous stunts. Incidents of looting, vandalism, and public use of alcohol and illicit drugs are commonplace. Postings of these activities on social media appear to encourage more of this aberrant behavior. [AB 74](#) would make street takeovers a standalone crime, expand the ability of law enforcement to impound participants' vehicles, and impose restrictions on offenders' driving privileges. We urge our councilmembers to support this important bill so that takeovers, property damage, noise, and fatalities on our streets are reduced. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0002-S44.

LINKS:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0002-S44>

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB74

b. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports [Council File 23-0002-S36](#): Title, SB 44 (Umberg) / Fentanyl Manufacturing and Distribution / Potential of Criminal Liability / Written Notice Requirement. Fentanyl is a potent synthetic opioid and a Schedule II controlled substance that has wreaked deadly havoc across the country. It is responsible for the majority of drug-related deaths during 2021 and the leading cause of death for persons 18 to 45, surpassing Covid-19 and suicide. An astonishing 74,000 died of fentanyl overdoses between July 2021 and June 2022. More needs to be done to stop this epidemic of death. [SB 44](#) would require a written notice be provided to those convicted or who have plead guilty to the manufacture or distribution of fentanyl on the potential criminal liability resulting from any deaths related to the offense. Also known as Alexandra's Law, it is modeled after the California's existing DUI advisory. This law would help law enforcement and prosecutors establish implied malice in cases of drug-induced death resulting from fentanyl sold or furnished by a previously convicted-drug dealer or trafficker. More dealers and traffickers would be put behind bars. We urge our councilmembers to support this bill.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0002-S36.

LINKS:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0002-S36>

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB44

https://sd34.senate.ca.gov/sites/sd34.senate.ca.gov/files/pdf/sb_44_fact_sheet.pdf

c. **Motion:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes [Council File 23-0002-S37](#): Title, SB 50 (Bradford) / Peace Officer / Traffic Stop/ Low Level Violation /Prohibition. Existing law authorizes a peace officer to make an arrest pursuant to a warrant or without a warrant if, among other circumstances, the officer has probable cause to believe that the person has committed a public offense in the officer’s presence. [SB 50](#) would prohibit a peace officer from stopping or detaining the operator of a motor vehicle or bicycle for a low-level infraction, unless a separate, independent basis for a stop exists. Thus, violations involving vehicle registrations, license plate positioning, vehicle lights, window tints, or bicycle equipment could not be pursued by peace officers unless a separate independent basis was also found. An officer would only be able to send a citation or warning letter to an offender. This misguided approach, in the name of social justice, would encourage people to openly flout the law and further chaos on our streets. What use are laws if they aren’t being enforced by authorities? At a time when California prosecutors are failing to prosecute many low-level crimes, more enforcement of our traffic and safety laws is needed, not less, in order to make our roads safer.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File 23-0002-S37.

LINKS:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0002-S37>

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB50

15. Good of the Order. Brief comments from Board Members on items not on the agenda (7 min)
16. Adjournment

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The SCNC meetings are held on an active studio lot. Due to security issues, (just like Los Angeles City Hall), all Stakeholders are required to show a valid Driver's License if you are driving a vehicle onto the lot or a valid Driver's License or government issued Identification Card if you are walking onto the lot. An adult must accompany minors (17 years old and younger). For any security questions or concerns, please contact Radford Studio Center Security Office at 818-655-5085.

All Stakeholders are required to park in (or walk into) the studios' Sater parking structure at 4200 Radford Avenue. There are a limited number of accessible parking spaces in front of the meeting room and while there is no direct path of travel to the meeting room via a sidewalk, the studio and SCNC want to assure that Stakeholders with disabilities are able to access the meeting without difficulty. Stakeholders with disabilities who have a valid DMV placard, use a wheelchair, walker or cane, and/or those who have difficulties walking distances should contact Radford Studio Center Security Office at 818-655-5085 to request shuttle assistance at least 24 hours prior to the meeting in order for the studio to arrange services for the meeting.

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1. Radford Studio Center outside the Radford and Colfax gates.
2. <http://www.studiocitync.org>
3. You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's Early Notification System at <http://www.lacity.org/subscriptions>

Radford Studio Center
Audience Shows and Events Policies

To attend an audience, show, event, or public meeting at Radford Studio Center, the following items are required:

- Valid Government issued Driver's license if you are driving a vehicle onto the lot.
- Valid Government issued Identification card if you are walking onto the lot. A Military ID and Passport ID will suffice.
- An adult must accompany minors (17 years old and younger). Student ID cards are preferred for those who have them.

The following items are prohibited on your person while attending an audience show, event, or public meeting on Radford Studio Center property:

- Knives
- Mace/pepper Spray
- Sharp Objects
- Firearms
- Alcoholic beverages
- Drugs (including marijuana for medicinal purposes)

All guests are subject to security screening and search. Guests will be required to pass through a metal detector or screened using a hand-held metal detector.

- Once the audience member has emptied their pockets and turned over any prohibited items, the audience member will be instructed to proceed through the metal detector or screened using a hand-held metal detector.
- Should the audience member activate the metal detector, the person will be asked to step to the side and will be scanned (entire body length front and backside) by the Security Officer with the hand-held metal detector.
- The audience member will not be allowed into the Studio until the Security Officer is satisfied that the individual has nothing on his/her person that constitutes a danger to others.
- Should the guest refuse to be screened, they are subject to being denied access to Radford Studio Center property.
- **NO FIREARMS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THE STUDIO.** Security Officers who detect that a guest is in possession of a firearm should notify the Security Supervisor and P.O. IMMEDIATELY.
- Off-duty Law Enforcement in possession of a firearm will be instructed to either return the weapon to their vehicle or turn it over to Security where it will be kept, UNLOADED, in a SAFE, located in the security manager's office.
- Any props or toys that resemble weapons in any way are to be denied or confiscated. This includes props / accompanying costumes.

Each guest/audience member will be required to submit a form of identification which will be tagged with an item that is confiscated and held with security. Guests and audience members will be instructed to pick up their confiscated items at the first (1st) level of the Sater parking structure near the elevators at the completion of the event. No personal pets are allowed at any time on the Studio lot.

If, at any time, an audience member or guest, wanders away from their event or meeting space, into an unauthorized area, that person is subject to immediate dismissal from the lot.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Security. Security office phone number, (818) 655-5085.