

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES (9/29/22 MEETING)

On September 29, 2022 the Public Safety Committee of the SCNC held a regular meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Committee members who were present: *Scott Mandell (Board Member & Vice President, Chair)*, *Jeff Hartwick (Board Member & Corresponding Secretary)*, *Patty Kirby (Stakeholder)*, *Jerry Lewis (Stakeholder)*. Quorum established.
2. *Alexa Steinberg (Board Member)* was absent.
3. August minutes approved without objection.
4. The chair delivered a brief opening statement, mentioned that the LAPD support letter was passed by the Board, along with the catalytic converter penalties, illegal dumping, and towing garage motions. The chair mentioned the success of the NTP gathering, and spoke about the California Shakeout scheduled for October 22, encouraging people to participate.
5. Public comments on non-agenda items. Stakeholder Goat Puppet spoke about the 1-minute speaking restriction and Rick Caruso.
6. SLO Shawn Smith gave an update on crime. LAPD is continuing to search for the homicide suspect by the river. Few leads at this time. The crime lab is very burdened right now. Officer Smith said overall crime is down 10% and violent crime down 28%. He thanked community members for their help. He stated there were 25 recruits and 65 retirees, so staffing is a concern. Stabbings are up city wide. Officer Smith thanked everyone for the LAPD support letter. Patty Kirby asked about a reported crime on Citizen. Stakeholder Goat Puppet spoke to homeless crime. Stakeholder Mike Kopulsky made some comments about grocer loss prevention and best way for them to reach out and the National Night Out. Officer Smith spoke about getting more business support. Goat Puppet criticized the BID.
7. There were no comments by public officials or staff.
8. CPAB member Sheri Herman said she read the SCNC's LAPD support letter at the CPAB meeting and it was well received. She mentioned children are often jaywalking at school drop offs in the morning. Sheri discussed future planning for next year's National Night Out and a law enforcement fair at LAVC on October 8. There is an upcoming fundraiser for the winter festival at the NoHo car show set for Dec. 17. Sheri also thought the grocer townhall is a good idea and suggested getting Kevin Dufner and the deputy chief there. NoHo is third busiest police division. Average response time is 7-8 minutes for emergencies. Burlington Coat investigation is wrapping up. Patty Kirby said

the captain appreciated the LAPD letter. Goat Puppet made a public comment. Jeff Hartwick supported the grocer townhall.

9. The chair brought up the NTP event. Patty Kirby gave a run-down of the event. 38 people showed up. The next step is to get SC team together for practice and to get lighting for the CERT kits. Jerry Lewis also said the event was good practice and the walk-through was helpful. Scott Mandell said it was great to get familiar with the kits and that practice was necessary to use the radios. It was fun and exciting. Goat Puppet made a public comment about Angeles forest.

10. Discussion and possible motion/Community Impact Statement on Council File 22-1088 regarding Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). The chair read the motion and commented about how they are not required at public parks. The chair supported the motion for a report by RAP on the existence/cost of AEDs at public parks. Goat Puppet provided public comment and how Jeff is trying to save the weak. Scott Mandell seconded the motion. Mike Kopulsky said gyms have them and common sense says parks should have them. Patty Kirby said it is a good idea. Ira Gold commented that he was an EMT and that AEDs can cause more harm if used incorrectly, and that training is needed, but supported the motion. Goat Puppet said the motion should be denied. The motion passed unanimously.

11. The chair discussed potential topics for future meetings, namely the grocer townhall. Goat Puppet mentioned candidate Faisal being a democratic socialist.

12. Patty Kirby seconded the chair's motion to adjourn.

13. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.