

Dear Councilmember Raman,

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council asks that you reconsider your decision not to allow CD4 staff to attend our in-person board meetings during this or any other private labor dispute. As you are aware, NCs are mandated to meet in person and we expect our elected and appointed representatives to do the same. A neutral position on this private labor dispute would be to continue to attend our in-person meetings, entering and exiting through the neutral gate, for the sole purpose of conducting City business. In our view, you and your staff's refusal to set foot on the Radford Studio Center places our CD4 representatives squarely on one side of the labor dispute. This is in direct contradiction to the facts surrounding this private labor dispute and is actually taking a position based on a request you received from one side of the dispute. A dispute which has nothing to do with conducting the business of the City. You stated publicly that you were asked by the City Attorney to recuse yourself from the City Council resolution in support of this private labor dispute due to your husband being a WGA member. We feel that the actions of your office with regards to the SCNC are not in line with the spirit of your recusal at the City Council, and by boycotting the SCNC and your stakeholders, you create unnecessary difficulties upon the community taking away our ability to seek redress in a public forum. Radford Studio Center has been the home of the SCNC for 20 years. We are a [certified Neighborhood Council](#) conducting official City business. Your actions serve to obstruct the ability of the SCNC to do what we were created to do. There is no crossing of any picket line. We are listed as one of the entities not party to the labor dispute. That is the purpose and nature of a neutral gate, to allow ingress and egress of all entities that are not party to the dispute. This includes the SCNC, the SC Chamber of Commerce, as well as other labor unions that are actively working on the lot. As such there are no picket lines at the neutral gates. As you are aware, CD4 staff attended 2 in-person meetings during the labor dispute without incident. You stated that CD4 was asked by WGA leadership to no longer attend our meetings if they are held on the lot. We request that you inform the WGA that you serve all constituents and cannot boycott your certified Neighborhood Council at the request of a private guild engaged in a private labor dispute. By your actions, you have injected the SCNC and your constituents into a private labor dispute and as such are causing us difficulty and creating unnecessary tension in our community. To the contrary, we see no harm to the parties of this labor dispute if you attend our meetings to conduct the business of the City and the constituents you serve. We ask you to reconsider your decision and allow your deputy to attend our ongoing meetings in-person and meet the new SCNC board and interact with Studio City stakeholders.

Sincerely,

Scott Mandell, President
Studio City Neighborhood Council