

## **Council District 4 Updates for Studio City Neighborhood Council Board Meeting**

8/16/23

### **Movie Night**

CD4 is thrilled to be supporting the resumed movie nights at Beeman Park! Our office has been working with Abi to fund catering for the event (the return of tacos, appropriate for National Hispanic Heritage Month) and connect the organizing committee with city and county departments who will have booths. The date for the event is September 23rd, looking forward to seeing you there!

### **Harvard-Westlake Development Project**

The City Planning Commission meeting for the Weddington Golf Course development is scheduled for August 24th at 8:30am. This will be an *in-person* meeting held at Van Nuys City Hall. [The agenda for the meeting can be viewed here](#). In addition to attending in person, you can view the meeting on Zoom and provide public comment remotely. Instructions for doing so can be found in the linked agenda.

Our office has issued recommended conditions of approval to the CPC to address a number of key issues raised by the community. Our recommended conditions aim to maximize public access to the new facilities by not only community organizations but also individual members of the public; increase the preservation of green and open space, improve the streetscape with safer pedestrian and ADA-compliant access and keeping construction, noise, and traffic impacts to a minimum. Our office also recommends a number of key sustainability improvements to ensure the facility's structures are carbon-free and that the school install a natural grass field instead of artificial turf, or artificial turf that is free of PFAS.

Our letter to the City Planning Commission can be read in its [entirety here](#). We look forward to the City Planning Commission's decision and the drafting of a Letter of Determination by the Planning Department that will set the final parameters for the project.

### **Leaf Blower Ban and Enforcement**

We received the board's recent CIS with a statement of support of CF 23-0142 and requesting ordinance changes to further discourage the use of gas-powered leaf blowers, which are already prohibited from use within 500 feet of a residence in the city of LA. Our office plans to introduce a motion shortly requesting more information from the Bureau of Street Services on the number of tickets for violations of the ban that are given out yearly, and requesting more information on the challenges that the department faces when it comes to enforcement.

Additionally, our office plans to meet with the City Attorney's office in the next couple weeks to investigate how current enforcement of the ordinance is intended to work under the municipal code and ways that it can be clarified and strengthened to present a strong deterrent to illegal leaf-blower use.

### **CF 23-0002 S37: Support of SB50**

At a previous SCNC board meeting we were asked to clarify our office's vote in support of a [resolution in support of SB50](#), which would restrict the ability of peace officers to make what are known as "pretextual stops" of motorists for a number of low-level infractions such as window tints and registration violations. This bill would not stop peace officers from pulling over any motorist who they believe has committed a separate crime, including other traffic infractions that can lead to a stop, and it would not stop an officer from issuing a ticket, which can be mailed to the offender. The kinds of stops that this bill would ban are often a vehicle for racial profiling, have negligible value to public safety and do not include moving violations like speeding or reckless driving. Given that, our office thinks that it is in the public interest to phase them out of law enforcement practices.