

**SCNC BOARD**

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Minutes  
May 27, 2026

Call to Order & Roll Call by President Jerry Lewis started at 7:00 PM.

- a. 9 board members present
- b. 1 board member absent: Epstein
- c. Quorum was met.

- 1. Public Comments were heard on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction.
- 2. Announcements were provided by Government Representatives:
- 3. Denise Schall provided updates from Adrin Nazarian's office: CD2.
- 4. Anthony Thorton provided updates from Nick Shultz office: Assembly Member District 44
- 5. Vincent Autiero (Neighborhood Empowerment) provided updates from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
- 6. The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) voted on three of the four vacant Board seats and added two new Board Members.

**Employee/Independent Contractor Position Vote**

|                         | <u>Justine Lieberman (3)</u> | <u>Victoria Brown (7)</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Merci Borden            |                              | X                         |
| Kesara Borirak          | X                            |                           |
| Kim Clements            | X                            |                           |
| Dean Cutler             |                              | X                         |
| Andrew Epstein (Absent) |                              |                           |

|                    |   |   |
|--------------------|---|---|
| Dimitri Gastiounis | X |   |
| Jeff Hartwick      |   | X |
| Jerry Lewis        |   | X |
| Richard Niederberg |   | X |
| Lauri Ritenberg    |   | X |
| Matt Thompson      |   | X |

Employee/Independent Contractor Position Vote

|                         | <u>Daniel Fuselier (2)</u> | <u>Jay Friedman (8)</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Merci Borden            | X                          |                         |
| Kesara Borirak          |                            | X                       |
| Kim Clements            |                            | X                       |
| Dean Cutler             |                            | X                       |
| Andrew Epstein (Absent) |                            |                         |
| Dimitri Gastiounis      |                            | X                       |
| Jeff Hartwick           |                            | X                       |
| Jerry Lewis             | X                          |                         |
| Richard Niederberg      |                            | X                       |
| Lauei Rittenberg        |                            | X                       |
| Matt Thompson           |                            | X                       |

**Welcome:**

- **Victoria Brown** - approved for the Employee/Independent Contractor position
- **Jay Friedman** - approved for the Service Organization Representative position

The following two SCNC Board positions remain vacant:

- Business Representative (1): 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.
- Residential Renter (1): A stakeholder who rents an apartment, condominium, multiplex or single-family dwelling. Stakeholders who are 18 years of age or older at the time of filing for candidacy.

7. The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) filled the two vacant Executive Board seats, both with unanimous votes..

**Welcome:**

- **Kim Clements** was approved as the SCNC Board Treasurer
- **Jay Friedman** was approved as the SCNC Board Secretary

**SELECTED OFFICER REPORTS**

**President’s Report**

**Jerry Lewis**

The board approval of the previous Board Meeting Minute

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**Motion PR - A:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) approves the purchase of up to two Zoom Workplace Business Licences for no more than \$ 270 @.

**Motion Passed**

| YES  | NO | Abstain | Absent  |
|--|----|---------|---------|
| Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson |    |         | Epstein |

**Treasurer’s Report**

**Motion TR - A:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves the officers/signers named within the [Administrative Packet](#). (Note: Officers/signers will be named/confirmed at the May 2026 regular board meeting).

**Motion Passed**

| YES  | NO | Abstain | Absent  |
|--|----|---------|---------|
| Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson |    |         | Epstein |

**Budget & Finance Committee**

Kim Clements

**Motion BFC - A:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves reimbursement to NC committee Chair, Barry Johnson, in the amount of [\\$ 779.37](#) for the purchase of beverages, snacks, movie, and incidentals for the Movie Night event of June 6, 2026. Purchases were made at (a) Costco, which does not accept use of the Los Angeles City purchasing card, (b) Walmart, (c) Home Depot, and (d) eBay.  
Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion Passed**

| YES  | NO | Abstain | Absent  |
|--|----|---------|---------|
| Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson |    |         | Epstein |

**Motion BFC - B:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council approves reimbursement to board member Andrew Epstein in the amount of \$50.00 for professional graphic services by Michelle Vicente required for file preparation (high-resolution and adjustments) for printing of the SCNC Blood Drive flyer, to be funded from the Outreach printing budget (previous motion). Seconded by:

| <b><u>Motion Passed</u></b>  |                      |         |         |
|--|----------------------|---------|---------|
| YES  | NO                   | Abstain | Absent  |
| Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Lewis, Rittenberg, Thompson | Borden<br>Niederberg |         | Epstein |

**Outreach Committee**

Andrew Epstein

The Hope Walk thank you letter was acknowledged and the Wildlife Disaster Preparedness Fair was announced for awareness.

- Link to the [Hope Walk Thank You Letter](#)
- Link to the [Wildlife Disaster Preparedness Fair](#)

**Government Affairs Committee**

Dimitri Gatsiounis

**Motion GAC - A:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *supports* Council File 15-0989-S66 to instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, in coordination with the City Administrative Officer and the City Attorney, to prepare language for establishing a new section within the City Charter through the ongoing Charter reform process that codifies a "Zero-Cost Principle for the LA28 Games," ensuring that the City shall not incur unreimbursed costs associated with hosting the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games and no Legacy Fund shall be established until the City is reimbursed.

Upon receipt of the report back, the SCNC requests holding off agendizing the report back to the designated City Council Committee(s) and the full City Council for votes for at least 4 weeks to allow this NC and other NC's to review and submit comments based on the report back.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to (Link) [Council File 15-0989-S66](#)

| <b><u>Motion Passed</u></b>  |    |            |         |
|--|----|------------|---------|
| YES  | NO | Abstain    | Absent  |
| Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson |    | Gatsiounis | Epstein |

**Motion GAC - B:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *supports* Council File 26-0205 to instruct the City Administrative Officer to add \$65,000,000 to the 2025-26 Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) Program to surge installation of solar-powered streetlights across the City (at least 500 per Council District) with the Street Lighting Maintenance Assessment Fund as the source of funds to support these MICLA projects.

Upon receipt of the report back, the SCNC requests holding off agendaing the report back to the designated City Council Committee(s) and the full City Council for votes for at least 4 weeks to allow this NC and other NC's to review and submit comments based on the report back.

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**Motion Failed**

| YES | NO   | Abstain | Absent  |
|-----|--|---------|---------|
|     | Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Hartwick, Gatsiounis, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson |         | Epstein |

**Motion GAC - C:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *supports* Council File 24-1229 to clarify that the Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) may perform abatements with the assistance of any other City department and their contractors, and to clarify language pertaining to the notice of intent, the commencement of work, and administrative appeals; & to provide for a procedure by which properties that continue to be a nuisance may be declared a public nuisance by the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners and be demolished.

Upon receipt of the report back, the SCNC requests holding off agendaing the report back to the designated City Council Committee(s) and the full City Council for votes for at least 4 weeks to allow this NC and other NC's to review and submit comments based on the report back.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to (Link) [Council File 24-1229](#)

**Motion Passed**

| YES  | NO | Abstain | Absent  |
|--|----|---------|---------|
| Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Gatsiounis, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson |    |         | Epstein |

**Transportation Committee**

Dimitri Gatsiounis

**Motion TC - A:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) requests Councilmember Nithya Raman and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to add the following blocks to existing Preferential Parking District (PPD) 51 in Studio City: ● Hoffman between Radford and Valleyheart South

- Guerin between Radford and Valleyheart South
- Valleyheart South between Radford and Laurel Canyon

**Motion Passed**

| YES  | NO | Abstain | Absent  |
|--|----|---------|---------|
| Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Gastiounis, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson |    |         | Epstein |

**Motion TC - B:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *supports* Council File 26-0338 to instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to prohibit the use of electric bicycles on all equestrian, hiking and recreational trails in the City of Los Angeles utilizing signage and all enforcement tools currently available. This Council file does not include the prohibition of electric bicycles on designated Class I, II, III, or IV Bikeways.

Upon receipt of the report back, the SCNC requests holding off agendizing the report back to the designated City Council Committee(s) and the full City Council for votes for at least 4 weeks to allow this NC and other NC's to review and submit comments based on the report back. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to (Link) [Council File 26-0338](#)

**Motion Passed**

| YES  | NO | Abstain | Absent  |
|--|----|---------|---------|
| Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Gastiounis, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson |    |         | Epstein |

**Land Use Committee**

Laurie Rittenberg

**Motion LU - A:** At this time, the Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC)*opposes* CPC-2025-5697-DB-PR-SPPC-MCUP-VHCA & VTT-84453 ("Riverwalk at Studio City") at 12501 - 12665 Ventura Boulevard unless the following are addressed by the developer:

1. Delete 84 feet waiver of development standards and build to no more than 63 feet.
2. Delete 1.5-foot waiver of development standards for the rear yard setback.
3. Delete volume averaging waiver of development standards related to Ventura-Cahuenga Corridor Specific Plan standard.

4. Prepare new traffic studies including Sportsmen's Apartments, Harvard-Westlake River Park, Sunswept Project, and Riverwalk at Studio City, to include evacuation plans for wildfires and earthquakes.
5. Dedicated right turn lane on westbound Ventura Boulevard to new signal at the first driveway.
6. Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (E.I.R.).
7. Incorporation of artifacts from Carney's.
8. Incorporation of community benefits including a community meeting room, enhanced plantings north of Valleyheart Drive and south of the Los Angeles River channel from Whitsett to the western property line of the Riverwalk property.

**Motion Postponed**

The motion underwent multiple amendments before the SCNC Board ultimately decided to postpone Land Use Committee Motion LU-A and direct the Committee to bring the matter back through a Special Land Use Committee meeting and a Special Regular Board meeting.

The intent was to allow stakeholder input and to conduct an additional Committee review for proper development of the motion before returning it to the Board for consideration and potential approval in advance of the June 11th CPC meeting.

**Postponed Motion Vote**

| YES  | NO       | Abstain | Absent  |
|--|----------|---------|---------|
| Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler,<br>Gastiounis, Hartwick, Lewis,<br>Niederberg, Rittenberg | Thompson |         | Epstein |

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**Public Safety & Homelessness Committee**      Jeff Hartwick

**Motion PSH - A:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 25-0002-S99: Title, SB 1266 (Stern) / Valuation / Stolen Copper Wire / Comprehensive Cost / 2025-2026 Legislative Program. Copper wire theft has been a persistent problem throughout the City of Los Angeles. In 2024 alone, the Bureau of Street Lighting received around 45,000 service requests, with an estimated 40 percent due to copper wire theft. Currently, state law calculates the value of stolen copper wire as the minimal scrap value rather than the full cost of repair and replacement. As a result, criminals are able to avoid the \$950 threshold for felony charges if caught. Senate Bill 1266 would rectify this problem by redefining the stolen value as including the full cost of repair and replacement. It would also let prosecutors aggregate thefts to make them felonies against offenders. This new bill would provide law enforcement with more tools to help stop thefts that make our

communities more dangerous. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to (Link) [Council File 25-0002-S99](#)

**Motion Passed**

| YES  | NO | Abstain | Absent  |
|--|----|---------|---------|
| Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler,<br>Gastiounis, Hartwick, Lewis,<br>Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson |    |         | Epstein |

**Motion PSH - B:** The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) supports Council File 26-0548: Title, E-bikes, E-motos, and Electric Mopeds / Increase Safety and Welfare of Los Angeles Residents / Annual Data Publication. Electric bikes and similar vehicles are proliferating throughout the city. Some bikes travel up to 28 mph. Unfortunately, crashes involving e-bikes have increased. Local authorities report a significant rise in trauma cases, particularly among juvenile riders.

The state legislature has introduced a number of bills to increase the safety of these vehicles and protect riders and the public. This motion asks City agencies to report back within 90 days with (1) recommendations to regulate e-bikes and (2) recommendations regarding pending state bills. It also requests that the police and City Attorney collect data on e-bike collisions, injuries, and deaths to help adjust policies. This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to (Link) [Council File 26-0548](#).

**Motion Passed**

| YES  | NO | Abstain | Absent  |
|--|----|---------|---------|
| Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler,<br>Gastiounis, Hartwick, Lewis,<br>Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson |    |         | Epstein |

**Sustainability & Beautification Committee**      Scott Mandell

**Motion SBC - A:** Request for Action (RFA): Addressing Public Safety and Environmental Concerns at the Colfax Bridge LA River Underpass Studio City CA.

The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) request that Councilmember Nithya Raman request from appropriate City agencies the installation of fencing and “No Trespassing” signs along the south side of the Los Angeles River from the Colfax pedestrian bridge to the rear of the underpass.”

The area beneath the southeast side of the Colfax overpass adjacent to the pedestrian bridge along the Los Angeles River in Studio City has experienced persistent encampment activity over multiple years.

This location is adjacent to residential neighborhoods, businesses, and public recreational corridors along the Los Angeles River, which are actively used by pedestrians, cyclists, and community members.

Reported conditions in the area have included public safety and environmental concerns such as fires in a designated high fire severity zone, accumulation of trash and debris impacting the river ecosystem, potential biohazards, and unauthorized connections to public infrastructure.

Portions of the Los Angeles River are designed with restricted access and protective infrastructure, including fencing, to promote public safety and environmental protection;

Nearby segments of the river corridor have recently seen the installation of fencing and signage that appear to reduce encampment activity and protect sensitive habitat areas.

The Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Nithya Raman and Council District 4 support installing appropriate fencing and “No Trespassing” signage along the south side of the Los Angeles River from the Colfax pedestrian bridge to the rear of the underpass and that any such action be coordinated with relevant City and County agencies to ensure alignment with environmental protections, public access goals, and ongoing homelessness outreach and housing efforts

The SCNC requests a report back on timelines, jurisdictional responsibilities, and complementary measures (including outreach, sanitation, and enforcement strategies) to ensure a comprehensive and humane approach as well as the status of the request and if it has or has not been acted upon. [Colfax Bridge - Request for Action](#)

**Motion Passed**

| YES  | NO | Abstain | Absent  |
|--|----|---------|---------|
| Borden, Borirak, Clements, Cutler, Gastiounis, Hartwick, Lewis, Niederberg, Rittenberg, Thompson |    |         | Epstein |

Motion to Adjourn was approved at 9:57 pm.