



Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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General Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 11, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. **Note early time*

North Valley Neighborhood City Hall 7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA 91042

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mark Seigel, Charlie Bradley, Brenda Fortune, Cindy Cleghorn, Nina Royal; **Region Representatives:** Pat Kramer, Jorge Martinez, Gail Carlson, Arno Akobyan, David Barron, Jim Moore, Maureen O'Byrne, Susan Mona; **Group Representatives:** Krystee Clark, John Laue, Sergio Soto, Julie Cuddihy, Dana Stangel, Jon vonGunten, Marlene Hitt, vacant

Our meetings rely on input from the stakeholders of Sunland-Tujunga. All agenda items are subject to discussion and possible action, including Community Impact Statement submittal by the board. Please note the President may take items out of order. All Speaker Cards must be submitted to the secretary before the meeting begins. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Public Comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker unless waived or additionally restricted by the Presiding Officer of the Board. Agenda is posted for public review at stnc.org, City Council District 7 Field Office, Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce. Internet users can sign up to receive agendas via the city's Early Notification System at <http://www.lacity.org/government/subscriptions/NeighborhoodCouncils/index.htm>

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6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Mark Seigel, President & Introduction of STNC Board
2. Reports from LAPD, State, County, CD7, BONC, NC Budget Advocates reps Q&A (15)
3. President's Report – Discussion/Possible Action:
 - a. Special Presentations
 - b. Selection of two Board Members, 1 Female, 1 Male, to attend the Neighborhood Council Civic University Program on or about April 2, 8, & 15. Selected members must commit to attending all three classes and work on a project to address an issue in their community. <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Civic-U-FAQs.pdf>
 - c. California High Speed Rail
4. Discussion/Possible Action: to fill vacant Group Representative position
5. **Presentation: Sunland-Tujunga Crime Issues – Jim Moore, Region 3 Rep (5+5)**
6. Land Use Committee Report and Recommendation to appoint Cathi Comras to the Land Use Committee as an alternate.
7. **CONSENT ITEMS:** (the following items will pass as a group of items via unanimous consent; any pulled items from this list will be discussed individually)
 - a. Discussion/Possible Action: Approve MER (Monthly Expenditure Report)
 - b. Discussion/Possible Action: Approval of Minutes
 - c. Discussion/Possible Action: To approve .20 cents more for a total of \$200.20 for Spring Break Childrens Program at Sunland Park
 - d. Discussion/Possible Action: To approve up to \$250 for booth at Summerfest June 26-28, 2015 (Budget Category 2044)
8. **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS** –please fill out speaker card
9. Discussion/Possible Action: Neighborhood Council Elections Online Voting. BONC to approve contract 3-16-15
10. Discussion/Possible Action: To approve letter to City regarding Oro Vista Park – John Laue, Environmental Rep
11. Animal Issues Committee Recommendation: To approve letter to DWP regarding cat rescue – Pat Kramer
12. Discussion/Possible Action: To approve copier lease for STNC office
13. Discussion/Possible Action: To amend Article V, Section 7 of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Bylaws.
14. **GROUP REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:** Little Landers, Environmental, Freemasons, Animal Issues, Entertainment, Neighborhood Watch, Verdugo Hills High School
15. **REGION REP REPORTS:** Regions 1, 2, 3, 4
16. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Please fill out speaker card
17. **Announcements:**
 - Community Clean Up – 3/14 9am-12noon; Mt. Gleason area; Land Use Committee 3/16/15; Clean Up Beautification Committee; Animal Issues Committee 3/24; Outreach Committee – 4/1/15; STNC meeting 4/8/15 – STNC Board in office for one year

Adjourn.

[Posted: 3/6/15; Remove after 3/11/15]



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Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, February 11, 2015 -- DRAFT
North Valley Neighborhood City Hall
7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA 91042

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mark Seigel, president.

Board members present: Mark Seigel, , Nina Royal, Cindy Cleghorn, Jorge Martinez, Julie Cuddihy, Gail Carlson, Krystee Clark, Charlie Bradley, Jim Moore, John Laue, Dana Stangel, Pat Kramer, Jon vonGunten, David Barron, Marlene Hitt, Maureen O'Byrne, , Susan Mona. Absent: Sergio Soto, Brenda Fortune Arno Akobyan, one vacancy. Attendance: 82 audience, 15 board, total 97. Boy Scouts Troop 394, Sunland-Tujunga LDS, led us in the pledge of allegiance. Our local Girl Scouts were also present with cookies outside.

Reports from LAPD, State, County, CD7, BONC, NC Budget Advocates representatives including Q&A: LAPD Officer Contreras said crime is up and up citywide compared to last year, year to date. AB109 a change in the probation system and Prop 47 de-criminalized felonies down to misdemeanors attributes to this increase. LAPD has many challenges to maintain order and enforce the law. They have assigned five additional police cars to the Sunland-Tujunga area. Reminder to call in to LAPD and report suspicious activity. Don't wait til a week later. Don't leave items visible in your car and keep doors locked. Next Neighborhood Watch will include Det. Coyle who will talk about narcotics.

Wesly Hernandez, CD7 – Reported on the recent homeless count, 78 individuals helped. Volunteer Housing Navigator training available Feb. 17 and 20. CPAB meeting will be at Japanese American Cultural Center. Contact him at 818-352-3287. Kevin Suscavege from Assemblymember Patty Lopez gave the new office phone 818-504-3911 and location at 9300 Laurel Canyon Blvd., Arleta. Patty is working on legislation in area of senior care, foster care, water and wildlife. Women of Action for Woman of the Year Award nominations deadline is Feb. 19. Flyer also available describing how Assy Lopez' office can help constituents. Rep from LAUSD Board member Monica Ratliff gave school board updates.

Gail Carlson introduced the artists present who participated in DOT Box Voting. She presented certificates to volunteers who worked on the DOT Box Art vote counting,

Presentation: Martine Colette, Founder and CEO, Wildlife Waystation gave a history of the Wildlife Waystation that has existed for 40 years with how the 162 acre site of the Wildlife Waystation started. Projected date to open the Waystation to the public is hopeful for late 2015 or early 2016. Food for the animals comes from a wide range of sources. Little by little they are working to get approvals from the County completed which will also open up more animal education opportunities. The Waystation was built by the people's efforts in our area.

Budget Advocates Report: Krystee Clark reported that the Greek Theater proposal was at City Council and the apples to apples comparison that the NCBA's presented is moved forward. City Council rejected the Live Nation proposal which will send the proposal back to the commission to evaluate more closely. STNC and CM Fuentes supported the NCBA's position to support Nederlander. More Info: NCBALA.com

BONC Commissioner Lydia Grant: There are now 96 Neighborhood Councils with the new Zapata King, NC in South LA. A 97th NC is still in formation "United For Victory" also South LA". Grievance Policy update: Current policy is that the Grievances go to the NC. New policy will go Regional for a more objective body. E&N is supposed to be meeting once a month but they have not met since March 2014. Many of the recommendations by BONC have not moved forward. E&N will be meeting next week. A new NC Online Voting system is also being considered which will require pre-registration and allow more time to vote. The BONC will be voting on the contract. Proposal will mean Voting will still be available on voting day by computer. NC Congress event will be Sept. 26, 2015 and the BONC Awards will be a separate event. The budget for NC Congress and NC Budget Advocates is proposed to be in separate accounts. Reminder to sign up for Early Notification at <http://lacity.org/city-government/subscribe-meeting-agendas-and-more>. To submit comments to the BONC email: janet.lindo@lacity.org

All Motions requiring Vote Count sheets are on file.

Motion (vonGunten/Clark) to appoint Cindy Cleghorn STNC Secretary passed unanimous.

Board Member vacancy: Group Representative.

Minutes of 1/12/15 approved as presented.

Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for January 2015. Motion (Bradley/Hitt) passed unanimous.

STNC Microphone / Sound System – volunteer is needed for set up and take down at STNC and LUC meetings.

Community Announcements (also see STNC calendar at stnc.org for details) included upcoming hike on 3/28, plant sale and collectible sale at Bolton Hall, Square Dancing.

Motion (O'Byrne/Mona) to approve up to \$200 for craft supplies for Sunland Park Spring break activities. Passed without objection.

Motion (Cleghorn/Bradley) to approve up to \$250 for STNC table at Spring Carnival. This is one of the highest attended community events and good for more local outreach. Passed without objection, two abstentions.

Motion (Cleghorn/Martinez) to approve \$7,000 for 4th of July Fireworks deposit. The amount is the same as 2014 and the deposit is paid directly to Pyro Spectaculars, single source vendor. Passed without objection, two abstentions. Recommendations for kids activities and games at the Family Fireworks Festival including science related activities.

Motion (Carlson/Mona) to approve \$300.00 for T-Shirts and Gloves. Angel Angel from Champion Building Supplies (818-951-4056) located at Valmont and Foothill offered to donate the gloves. Passed without objection.

Land Use Committee: Recommendation to appoint Cathi Comras to the LUC postponed to March 11, 2015 meeting.

Motion (Barron/Clark) to appoint Charlie Bradley, VP Community Improvement to chair the Great Streets Committee. Purpose is to formalize this committee that has met loosely, without structure with the intention for Sunland-Tujunga's efforts to get a Great Streets designation. The City needs to convene and document collaboration with the committee holding agenda public meetings. Meetings will be first and third Mondays at 6 p.m. and will work to get the tasks accomplished with everyone's participation including surveys and ideas for improvements. Volunteers welcome. Having the Great Streets designation will open the door to improving the community. Suggestion that the committee make a presentation to the board and include Public Works president Kevin James. There is only one Great Street chosen per council district. One other one in CD7 already picked in Pacoima. Goal is for us to be shovel ready when the next group are up for selection. At a future meeting the committee members will be presented. At present Charlie Bradley will serve as Chair along with Krystee Clark and John Laue. Motion passed unanimous.

Motion (Laue/Hitt) to send letter to Councilman Fuentes regarding addition of exercise equipment at the new Oro Vista Park. More than 40 parks around the city have this equipment. More discussion needed with the Arts, Culture and Recreation and the park's VNOC committees including funding and type of equipment for this park or at another park. The letter asks Mr. Fuentes to identify funding sources for this type of equipment. Motion (Clark/Barron) to refer this to committee. Mark appointed John Laue, David Barron, Lloyd Hitt and Krystee Clark to form the ad hoc committee to research exercise equipment for Oro Vista Park. Motion to refer to ad-hoc committee passed without objection.

Group & Region Rep reports: Dana Stangel: RACO update with two possible volunteers, Fix Nation referrals for ferret cats. Preparing animals for disaster and rattlesnake training coming up. Next meeting will feature SMART team from Animal Services who are available for animal rescue. Marlene Hitt invited everyone to Bolton Hall to find where the community began. Open Tuesdays and Sundays 1-4 p.m. Research opportunities available. Jon vonGunten talked about Neighborhood Watch efforts and long term entrenched drug dealers in the community. Stronger effort to abate the problem are being communicated to LAPD and the Neighborhood Prosecutor. Jim Moore would like to present a crime statistics report he's prepared. Krystee Clark talked about new tax incentives for filming and bringing in FilmLA to present and ACR Committee work to encourage filming in the community and our equestrian areas with a new brochure. We have one of the largest prop houses in the country. USC School of Cinematic art will be showing two shorts at our ST Library. Thank you from Region Rep David Barron who said the Town Hall was a success covering HSR, Big T and Samoa proposals. Susan Mona has been working to get the old Back Door Bakery building demolished; Jorge Martinez has been talking with neighbors with positive responses from neighbors and businesses. Maureen O'Byrne talked about shopping carts, graffiti and bulky items clean ups. Mark recognized the board for their work behind the scenes for the community.

Public Comments from three stakeholders were given.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Reporting Month: **FEBRUARY** MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT

NC Name: **SUNLAND-TUJUNGA** Submitted: 3/6/2015 19:41:31

Budget Fiscal Year: **2014-2015**



FILL IN ALL THE UNSHADED (WHITE) FIELDS (Must be submitted to the Department within 10 days of Board Approval along with documentation and hard copy)

| EXPENDITURES BY LINE ITEM (for more than 12 expenditures, you may continue entering on page 3 of this worksheet - see below) | | | | | | | |
|---|---|------------------------|---------------------|--|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| A | Date / Item / Service Description | BUDGET CATEGORY | VENDOR | INVOICE NUMBER | OUT OF STATE VENDOR | 1099 Reportable | TOTAL |
| 1 | 2/12/15 - REFRESHMENTS - STNC Meeting | OUTREACH | SMART & FINAL | 2-12-15 | | | \$7.77 |
| 2 | 2/12/14 - REFRESHMENTS - STNC Meeting | OUTREACH | DOUBLE DEAL PIZZA | 2-12-15 | | | \$70.00 |
| 3 | 2/17/15 - OFFICE STAFF | OPERATIONS | APPLE ONE | 2-17-15 | | | \$1,235.52 |
| 4 | 2/17/15 - OFFICE STAFF | OPERATIONS | APPLE ONE | 2-17-15 | | | \$1,156.32 |
| 5 | 2/24/15 - REFRESHMENTS - Animal Issues Cmte | OUTREACH | FRESH & EASY | 2-24-15 | | | \$33.52 |
| 6 | 2/27/15 - REFRESHMENTS - Animal Issues Cmte | OUTREACH | Von's | 2-27-15 | | | \$35.30 |
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| 12 | | | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL: Expenditures by Line Item (May include totals on page 3, if entered) | | | | | | | \$2,538.43 |
| B | CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR MONTHS | | | | | | \$6,063.95 |
| C | OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS | | | | | | |
| | C 1. Outstanding Checks (checks that have been issued, but have not yet cleared the account) | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | C 2. Rent/Lease | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | C 3. Contractual Services | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | C 4. Large Purchases | | | | | | \$7,000.00 |
| | C 5. Neighborhood Purpose Grants (pending or in process) | | | | | | |
| | C 6. Temporary Staffing Services | | | | | | \$11,782.56 |
| | C 7. Storage | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | C 8. Other Outstanding Commitments | ==> | Description: | Doggie Waste bags, EZ Up ID, Park Child Craft Items, Carnival Booth, Gloves, | | | \$1,550.00 |
| SUBTOTAL: Outstanding Commitments | | | | | | | \$20,332.56 |
| D | Total Expenditures & Commitments | | | | | | \$28,934.94 |
| E | Total Adjustments by Department (such as use taxes assessed, credits from prior fiscal years, etc) | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| F | Approved Budget 2014-2015 | | | | | | \$37,000.00 |
| G | Balance of Budget | | | | | | \$8,065.06 |

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| Reporting Month: | FEBRUARY |
| NC Name: | SUNLAND-TUJUNGA |

| MONTHLY CASH RECONCILIATION | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Beginning Balance (A) | Funds Deposited (B) | Total Available (C) = (A+B) | Cash Spent this Month (D) | Remaining Balance (E) = C - D |
| \$2,739.78 | \$1,169.45 | \$3,909.23 | \$2,538.43 | \$1,370.80 |

| MONTHLY BUDGETARY ANALYSIS | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Category Identifier | Budget Category | Adopted Budget (A) | Total Spent this Month (B) | Total Spent in Prior Months (C) | Unspent Budget Balance (D) = A - B - C |
| 100 | Operations | \$17,600.00 | \$2,391.84 | \$2,473.94 | \$12,734.22 |
| 200 | Outreach | \$13,750.00 | \$146.59 | \$2,452.05 | \$11,151.36 |
| 300 | Community Improvement | \$4,400.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,137.96 | \$3,262.04 |
| 400 | NPG | \$1,250.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,250.00 |
| 500 | Elections | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 900 | Unallocated | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | TOTAL | \$37,000.00 | \$2,538.43 | \$6,063.95 | \$28,397.62 |

| NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL DECLARATION | | | |
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| We, the Treasurer and Signer of the above indicated Council, declare that the information presented on this form is accurate and complete, and will furnish additional documentation to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment upon request. | | | |
| Treasurer Signature | | Signer's Signature | |
| Print Name | NINA ROYAL | Print Name | MARK SEIGEL |
| Date | 3/11/15 | Date | 3/11/15 |
| NC Additional Comments | Note: Large Purchase of \$7,000 is pending for payment of Fireworks to Pyro Spectaculars | | |

Revision Date 1-26-15

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| Reporting Month: | FEBRUARY |
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CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Attn: Accounts Payable

SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NC
200 N. Spring Street, Room 2005
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

AppleOne Employment Services
P.O. Box 29048
Glendale CA 91209-9048
Tel: 818-240-8688
Email: specialbillingvms@ain1.com
TIN: 95-2580864

Invoice

Customer No: 00950101
Site No: 0068
Period Ending: Multiple
Invoice Date: 10/29/2014
Invoice No: S2696535
Amount Due: \$1,156.32
Payment Term: NET 30 DAYS

RETURNED 12/15
for NC to pay.

| Supervisor | Name | Weekend | Inv Date | Ref Inv No | Reg Hr | Reg Rate | OT Hr | OT Rate | DT Hr | DT Rate | Misc Hr | Misc Rate | Tax | Amount | State | Office |
|-----------------------------------|------|------------|------------|------------|--------|----------|-------|---------|-------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|-------------------|-------|--------|
| ROCK, ED | | 10/04/2014 | 10/08/2014 | 01-3399977 | 20.00 | \$15.84 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$316.80 | CA | 1002 |
| ROCK, ED | | 10/11/2014 | 10/15/2014 | 01-3407828 | 18.00 | \$15.84 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$285.12 | CA | 1002 |
| ROCK, ED | | 10/18/2014 | 10/22/2014 | 01-3416589 | 17.00 | \$15.84 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$269.28 | CA | 1002 |
| ROCK, ED | | 10/25/2014 | 10/29/2014 | 01-3421695 | 18.00 | \$15.84 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$285.12 | CA | 1002 |
| Grand Total Invoice Amount | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$1,156.32 | | |

Please remit payment to: AppleOne Employment Services
P.O. Box 29048
Glendale, CA 91209-9048

PAID 12/15/15



CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Attn: Accounts Payable
SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NC
200 N. Spring Street, Room 2005
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

AppleOne Employment Services
P.O. Box 29048
Glendale CA 91209-9048
Tel: 818-240-8688
Email: specialbillingvms@ain1.com

TIN: 95-2580864

SENT 10/14

Invoice

Customer No: 00950101
Site No: 0068
Period Ending: October 2014
Invoice Date: 10/31/2014
Invoice No: S2656275
Amount Due: \$1,235.52
Payment Term: NET 30 DAYS

| Supervisor | Name | Weekend | Inv Date | Ref Inv No | Reg Hr | Reg Rate | OT Hr | OT Rate | DT Hr | DT Rate | Misc Hr | Misc Rate | Tax | Amount | State | Office |
|-----------------------------------|------|------------|------------|------------|--------|----------|-------|---------|-------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|-------------------|-------|--------|
| ROCK, ED | | 09/06/2014 | 09/10/2014 | 01-3367104 | 17.00 | \$15.84 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$269.28 | CA | 1002 |
| ROCK, ED | | 09/13/2014 | 09/17/2014 | 01-3376644 | 22.00 | \$15.84 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$348.48 | CA | 1002 |
| ROCK, ED | | 09/20/2014 | 09/24/2014 | 01-3381645 | 18.00 | \$15.84 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$285.12 | CA | 1002 |
| ROCK, ED | | 09/27/2014 | 09/30/2014 | 01-3390904 | 21.00 | \$15.84 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$332.64 | CA | 1002 |
| Grand Total Invoice Amount | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$1,235.52 | | |

SENT 10/14

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Glendale, CA 91209-9048

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DATE 02/11/15 TIME 17:10:28

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Was \$2.99 / YOU SAVED -> \$.20
Valentine Sgr Ckie 2.49 F
Was \$2.99 / YOU SAVED -> \$.50
Valentine Sgr Ckie 2.49 F
Was \$2.99 / YOU SAVED -> \$.50

SUBTOTAL 7.77
SALES TAX .00
TOTAL 7.77

MasterCard TENDER 7.77
Acct # *****2562
APPRVL CODE 966312
Cas Ref# 97
CASH CHANGE .00

TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS THIS VISIT--> 3

Smart & Final Store # 414
6555 Foothill Blvd.
Tujunga, CA 91042

DATE 02/11/15 TIME 17:15:06
Account # *****2562
Tender Type Credit
Reference # 184662
APPRVL CODE 966312
Reason Code RMO0 Total 7.77
Trans # 180 Cash back .00

17:10:56 OP# 8094221 02/11/15
Term:2 Trans # 180 Store # 414

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VEGGIE TRAY 5.00 S

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OPN NAT PITA CHPS 2.99 S

TAX 1.35
**** BALANCE 35.30

VONS STORE #2124
7789 FOOTHILL BLVD
TUJUNGA CA 91042

Credit Purchase 02/24/15 16:04
CARD # *****2562
REF: 81001635581 AUTH: 00308859

PAYMENT AMOUNT 35.30

Mastercard 35.30

CHANGE 0.00
TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS SOLD = 7
02/24/15 16:04 2124 1 446 9868635

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Base Points 33

TOTAL 33

Points Towards Next Reward 46 of 100



Neighborhood Market

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STORE HOURS 6 AM - MIDNIGHT
818-352-8930

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| **F&E WATER 24PK | | | |
| 8 @ | 2.99 | 23.92 | F |
| CA CRV | | | |
| 8 @ | 1.20 | 9.60 | F |
| TOTAL | | 33.52 | |
| Master Card | | 33.52 | |
| [S] *****2562 | | | |
| Auth # 577989 | | | Ref # 013475 |
| CHANGE DUE | | 0.00 | |
| SUB TOTAL | | 33.52 | |
| TOTAL TAX | | 0.00 | |
| TOTAL | | 33.52 | |

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A NEW VISION for LOS ANGELES

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates are committed to work with the Mayor and City Councilmembers in order to make Los Angeles

A WORLD-CLASS CITY

Mayor Eric Garcetti has called for this year's budget to be organized around five over-arching outcomes:

- Make Los Angeles the best-run big city in America
- Promote good jobs for Angelenos all across Los Angeles
- Create a more livable and sustainable city
- Ensure our communities are the safest in the nation
- Partner with residents and civic groups to build a greater city

To advance these outcomes, Budget Advocates met with key players from thirty Departments and Bureaus as well as Council Members or their key staff of the fifteen Council Districts to learn their concerns, and distilled five key action items that will help advance the Mayor's objectives, including rebuilding the confidence of residents and businesses in their elected officials and ensuring the prosperity and sustainability of our city.

These are to:

- Redefine our City's budget processes, practices and philosophy in order to lay out a clear direction for making forward-looking decisions, including resolving the retirement plans and other structural deficits, and change the way the City prepares budgets to focus on planning for economic downturns, in addition to readjusting to the present economic circumstances
- Create 21st century information management systems dedicated to providing integrated and efficient support to stakeholders and facilitation interdepartmental communication
- Rebuild and improve Los Angeles' infrastructure to standards that exceed the best in the world to take care of our citizens and attract new businesses
- Streamline the City's hiring processes to proactively anticipate future needs, including potential replacement of the 25% of employees now eligible for retirement as well as attracting and developing a sustainable workforce
- Implement a citywide collections system to realize uncollected revenue, develop more income sources to offset structural deficits, and create the permanent position of Inspector General

Budget Processes, Practices, and Philosophy

The 2020 Commission Report pointed out that Los Angeles is treading water while the rest of the world moves forward, and that the City needs to adapt to the 21st century.

The City must make better use of the great resource it has created in the Neighborhood Council system which not only empowers the public at a local level to have democratic input into all

levels of the City government but also provides the City with a depth of experience and resources unrivaled in most big cities.

In recent years the structural deficit, increasing retirement plan obligations, the impediment of a failing infrastructure and the lack of resources and personnel to implement long-term planning has led to uncertainty during the fiscal year in regards to ongoing labor negotiations, service delivery and longer term planning. In addition to the real costs associated with unsettled finances, this cloud of uncertainty has hampered productivity, impaired employee morale, and limited operational vision.

The Mayor, City Council, and all Departments must embrace a coherent and consistent philosophy that will reverse these problems and build Los Angeles into a city for the 21st century.

The Budget Advocates recommend:

- The City determine what is feasible under its current financial structure and what must be changed to set Los Angeles on a better course for the future
- All budgets, present and future, contain provisions to maintain every infrastructure element to ensure that the livability and safety of our City is maximized, and to justify future investments in infrastructure
- The City establish a realistic plan for ensuring the delivery of retirement benefits to past, current, and future employees and integrate this plan into all budgets
- All Departments commit to a Performance/Zero-Based Budgeting approach and using then-current data and incorporating multi-year obligations, budget only for results, starting each year at zero with each Department accepting accountability for their share of annual and long-term costs
- The City implement a realistic, balanced, five-year budget and 30-year plan, both to be updated yearly and approved together with the annual budget, with the multi-year amortized costs integrated with those of day-to-day operations so future shortfalls will be identified and addressed thoughtfully and transparently long before they can impact day-to-day operations
- The City reconfirm its commitment to the Neighborhood Council system and: 1) approve the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's proposed exempt positions and immediately fill all vacancies so as to adequately support the councils; 2) restore annual Council budgets to previous levels and allowing a percentage of funds to rollover for continuity; and 3) fund the online voting for next year's Neighborhood Council elections, which could also be a test-run for holding city elections online
- The City immediately establish a short-term independent citizens committee pursuant to the recommendations of the 2020 Commission to address the City's overwhelming and increasing pension and healthcare obligations and to evaluate solutions which will contain that expense, take care of the City's past, present, and future workers and also be sustainable in our present and future economic environment

Information Technology Upgrades and Interdepartmental Communication

The need for a dramatically improved Information Technology (IT) system was a near universal concern in our investigations into the City's budget. Several themes within the broader context of an improved IT system arose, including: 1) A lack of coordination of IT services across City Departments; 2) An aging IT workforce; 3) An unreliable internal network; and 4) A consistent lack of long-term investments in our IT infrastructure.

The Budget Advocates recommend:

- A single individual (or team) be empowered to coordinate the IT efforts within the City to avoid redundancies and decrease inefficiencies across Departments, including working closely with departmental IT staff to integrate City needs seamlessly with the ongoing use of proprietary systems and *fully* testing every added component to ensure that each is compatible with all existing systems before the new infrastructure is allowed to go active
- The introduction of new technologies be complemented with a comprehensive plan to train and expand IT employees to provide improved and expanded services
- The City hire the next generation of IT workers based on their having relevant experience, with skill sets compatible to the new systems, and pay competitive salaries
- The City establish a strong IT infrastructure backbone that is scalable, and modernize the City's data center operations through public and private cloud options
- The appropriate agent undertake a long-term cost-benefit analysis for all major IT projects before entering into any agreement that might ultimately cost the City more money than it would save

Significant investment in the City's IT infrastructure has the potential to save millions of dollars in the long run provided, however, the needs and concerns of all Departments and the outside agencies that would be affected by such large-scale projects are adequately addressed. Furthermore, the City should require each Department to review the long-term costs and value of these projects and budget accordingly.

Our IT infrastructure cannot continue to be supplemented with only modest changes. To be able to handle the IT needs of a world class city, our IT infrastructure needs to make a 'quantum leap' in IT service and delivery. This entails investing in the high-quality 21st century technologies that will enable the City to achieve its potential.

Infrastructure Modernization

Facing the consequences of the significant infrastructure problems that have developed over many decades of deferred maintenance, the City must assess what needs to be done and lay out a plan, first to fix what is broken and then to establish a program of new construction with ongoing maintenance and upgrades, to make our City attractive to investors, hospitable to its residents, and sustainable into the next century.

The Budget Advocates focused on the infrastructure that is paid for from the General Fund. This includes streets and sidewalks, curbs and corner access ramps, street lights, parks and the urban forest, the fleet of aging vehicles, buildings and facilities (including its internal workings such as plumbing, electrical, cable fiber, and HVAC systems), and IT management information and communication systems.

The City does not have a centralized database that tracks the condition of its infrastructure. Most Departments do not have an infrastructure plan.

The City does not have an accurate estimate of the cost to repair and maintain its infrastructure.

The City's current deferred maintenance budget is estimated to be in the range of \$10 billion and the City has been reluctant to conduct a comprehensive survey of its infrastructure because of the expense of a survey. Yet this vital expense would be just a small percentage of the overall cost. The *real* cost is not the expense of the survey, but in the erosion of the public's confidence in the City for the lack of comprehensive infrastructure maintenance.

The City can no longer ignore its failing infrastructure. The rate of failure will accelerate over time, resulting in disproportionately higher costs.

Without repairs, the deteriorating infrastructure will make it harder for the City to attract businesses and maintain its status as a tourist destination, and its economy will suffer.

The City must regain the trust of a skeptical populace which believes that their tax dollars have been diverted to pay for increased salaries, pensions, and benefits for City employees. This will require reform of the City's finances.

The Budget Advocates recommend:

- The City Administrative Officer determine the status of all of the City's infrastructure, Department by Department, and the related deferred maintenance costs
- The City develop a detailed operational and staffing plan to repair and maintain all of its infrastructure, Department by Department to ensure that our streets, sidewalks, and the rest of the City's infrastructure will be maintained in good condition for the next 100 years
- The City develop a comprehensive financing plan which, to earn the trust of the voters, should establish an independent oversight committee consisting of qualified individuals who have the appropriate background, training, and adequate resources to monitor the repair and maintenance of the City's infrastructure
- In the event the financing plan requires the approval of the voters, the City must place on the ballot a measure that comprehensively addresses the City's financial constraints by including requirements that the City balance its budget and fund its retirement plans along with the repair and maintenance of its infrastructure

The City should seek to pass bonds now when interest rates are low and the costs of improvements, including materials and labor, are less expensive than they will be in the future. This would create well-paying jobs for many of our stakeholders, encourage people and

businesses to remain, and attract new investment and business opportunities from outside the City.

We need to establish and enforce performance benchmarks and accountability to ensure that the City does not need to go back to the residents to add to these bonds due to inefficiencies. It is essential the City develops solid and sustainable ways to increase income generation consistent with population growth and stakeholder demands.

Personnel and Hiring

The Department of Personnel, like most other departments, suffers from being underfunded and understaffed in the aftermath of the 2008 recession. A concern of many departments is the need to retain institutional memory by hiring qualified staff now to be trained before experienced personnel retire. The Personnel Department faces a number of regulations that hinder the employment of suitable candidates, do not allow the flexibility to adapt to a rapidly changing world, and do not allow the City to hire personnel for which funding has already been approved.

The City needs ways to attract engaged and innovative staff for all Departments, retaining them with exciting challenges, appropriate training and employee recognition programs to increase morale.

Due to disproportionate cuts dating back to the 2008 economic crisis, the current budgetary request from the Personnel Department barely serves to allow the Department to meet current mandates and, as job classifications change, their obligations in the short term increase, leaving them less likely to effectively catch up, let alone incorporate training and anticipate future needs.

The Budget Advocates recommend:

- The City include in its upcoming budget up to \$5 million to engage outside contractors as necessary to process the entire backlog of testing and hiring of applicants within twelve months including bringing all job descriptions up-to-date
- All emergency appointments be extended by up to one year or until every Department's backlog is cleared
- The City fund general metric analysts plus clerical support for the Personnel Department to proactively plan for the next 5 years of staffing, including, but not limited to, the projected 25% to 40% retirement of current staff
- The City authorize the development and long-term funding of an automated payroll system with HR modules to consolidate and modernize City payroll for all Departments and the Council
- The City fund and the Department of Personnel implement: 1) Expanded in-house and new hire training; 2) Cross-training to ensure flexible staffing during economic fluctuations as well as provide additional short term support for Departments experiencing unexpected staffing demands; 3) An apprenticeship program in conjunction with colleges and vocational schools so people can learn skills on the job

and be promoted; 4) Increased summer and first-job youth employment programs with existing federal and state grants; and 5) A streamlined hiring process, proactively anticipating departmental requirements and avoiding delays to fill positions on a timely basis

Part of the City's current problems stem from insufficient staffing due to the 2008 economic downturn coupled with a projected rate of retirement which could reach 40% over the next five years. A major concern of many Departments is to retain institutional memory by bringing on qualified hires to be trained before the exit of those with the most experience.

The City should take aggressive steps to improve morale of its employees who provide the services which make the City function and are the face of the City to residents, business people, and visitors.

Historically, municipal employment has provided enhanced job, health, and retirement security, but the City now needs to work with the unions to ensure workers' rights and interests are protected while allowing the flexibility for the City to provide efficient and economical services to its stakeholders.

Ongoing evaluation of staffing and compensation is needed to accommodate the changing nature of employment in the 21st century, allowing for increased job mobility, both within and between the City and private enterprise, so employees may evolve and grow as the City does.

Revenue and the Function of the Inspector General

As Inspector General, Fernando Campos has begun to bring order to the collections process for the City. When he started, he was faced with forty Departments and thirty-three billing systems working in isolation. Now thirteen are integrated, billing collections have been expedited and consolidated and he is working to concurrently increase transparency across the board and phase in the remaining Departments.

He has identified \$75 million in collectibles from rebilling, grants and disaster assistance including \$30 million still owed from the Northridge earthquake alone. Of 550 recommendations made so far, many by the Budget Advocates, 45% have been implemented and 30% are in process.

The Budget Advocates recommend:

- The City make the position of Inspector General permanent
- The City fund the Inspector General's suggestions when the return will exceed the cost including: 1) Centralization of all City collections; 2) Direct assessment and systemic code enforcement of costs and fees be integrated and expanded; 3) An improved collection of parking fees, specifically from garages and rental car companies be developed and implemented; and 4) \$300 thousand be allocated for his Department to pursue the \$3 million owed by the top 25% of scofflaws
- The City encourage the DWP to replicate the Inspector General model if their collection efforts continue to be ineffective

- The appropriate departments evaluate what is driving lawsuits against the City and accelerate regulations to limit the City's exposure in regards to infrastructure and environmental hazards, vehicle liability, police misconduct and personnel cases
- The City expand Deputy Mayor Rick Cole's mandate to incentivize the development of new income sources and reward innovation by encouraging more citizen participation

The economy has and will always ebb and flow. The City needs to plan for the inevitable economic downturns. Every Department should immediately develop realistic plans to be updated regularly including how to control costs and income during such periods, and the City should adjust its reserves accordingly.

A World Class City

Los Angeles needs to use California's reputation for leading edge environmental legislation as well as our City's well-deserved reputation for innovation and productivity to attract new green, high-tech and creative enterprises in addition to problem-solving think tanks and boutique businesses across the job spectrum. With our current drought, the City should reach out for companies offering ways to mitigate the impact of global warming and improve the City's resilience across the board. Los Angeles could become the new epicenter for innovative application of green energy and sustainable solutions and a leader for government action across the country.

We need to link cause and effect for each Department and work back from the effect desired to the actions that will achieve what's needed based on workload, delivery of services, cost-benefit analysis and the effort involved.

All of this must be addressed at every level of City services and it must be done as a City working together, not as individual Departments, with the following questions in mind:

- How to assess where the City stands?
- What are the *real* costs if intangibles, quality of life, training, infrastructure upgrades, education and road impact are included?
- How can the City hold development and businesses accountable for their actions when they break regulations, dodge taxes and abuse incentive programs?
- What taxation systems could be implemented that are truly fair and progressive?
- How can increasing workers' wages to allow them to stay in their neighborhoods be used to increase City income?
- What other resources exist? And how do we measure success?

In conjunction with the foregoing, and especially with regards to efficiency and transparency for both cost-cutting and income generation, the City needs to establish a panel of Angelenos to provide a view from outside City Hall and to act on behalf of stakeholders to provide parameters, monitor compliance and track improvements year to year and help make Los Angeles the World Class City of the Mayor's vision.

Budget Advocates' White Paper on the Los Angeles City Budget

Respectfully submitted,

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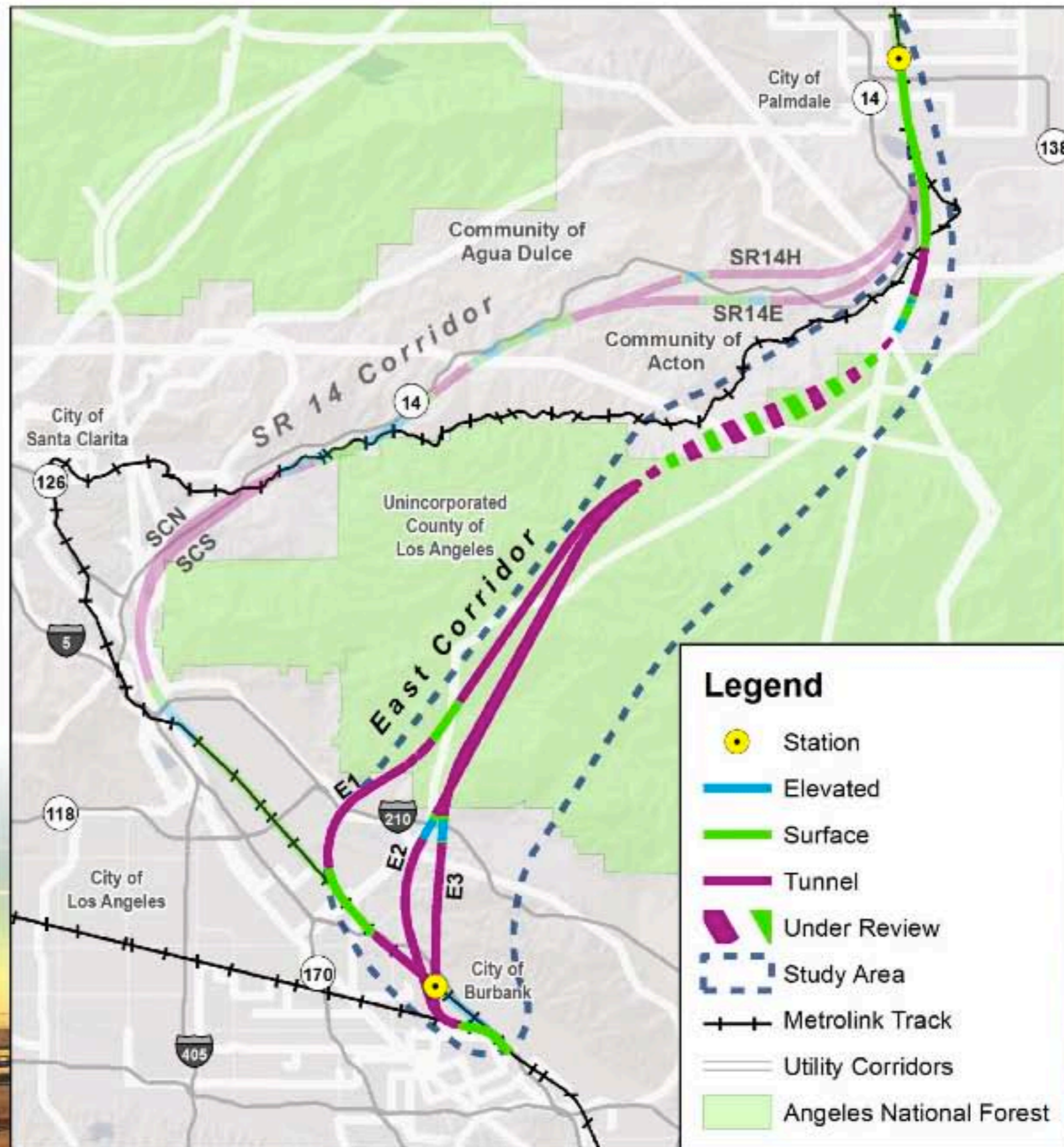
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East Corridor Review

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- Narrow Focus Area:
Existing Utility Corridor
- Identify Tunnel Locations
- Obtain More Feedback and
Information





What is the Civic University?

The Civic University (CU) is a partnership between the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs at Cal State L.A. and the Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. The Civic University arose from a shared belief among us that there are immense gap in public knowledge and understanding of how Los Angeles city government works, and that as a result, people in many communities feel that they cannot effectively influence their own government.

This Neighborhood Council CU program is a joint project of the Pat Brown Institute at Cal State L.A., the Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and of course the City's nearly 100 Neighborhood Councils.

Funding for this program comes from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, aka Empower LA, and AT&T.

How does it work?

The CU provides an educational program targeted to a particular audience that leads to a non-credit certificate in local government issued by the University's PaGE program (College of Professional and Global Education).

Rather than individual students signing up for the course, the CU is designed around requests that a program be developed for a specific group of constituents. An example would be a block of community organizations, or staff members for local elected officials. In this case, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners asked for a program tailored to the needs of representatives of Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils.

The CU had an initial trial run last year, with a two-session program presented to community activists. Several Neighborhood Council activists participated in that program.

The Neighborhood Council CU that is planned for this spring will be the first one that offers a non-credit certificate in local government from Cal State L.A. You will be a member of the first group to pass through the formal CU program.

What is the focus of the program?

The CU operates on the premise that when it comes to local government, a well-informed community will be a more active one. We want to make it possible for people to have a greater impact on government by increasing their understanding of how the system is designed and how it actually works. We are not only interested in explaining the formal processes of local government (“how an ordinance becomes a law”) but why things happen as they do. What are the important access points within local government?

You will find this program to be different from a traditional training curriculum. We will not be teaching about how to lead a citizen board; or how to comply with the Brown Act; or how to organize the budget of a Neighborhood Council. Rather, we will be examining how Neighborhood Councils can best achieve their mission and attain productive influence at city hall.

The CU education program first presents information about how local government works in Los Angeles. Even those who are closely involved with City Hall are often surprised to discover that there is a lot they do not know about its governance and operations. The second part of the education program explores how this power system can be influenced in order to bring about beneficial results for the community.

Some specific topics that will be covered include:

- An overview of the power centers at Los Angeles City Hall (roles of Mayor, City Council, other elected officials, commissions, CAO/CLA)
- Who has power in the community and can influence City Hall (roles of key organized groups)
- Where Neighborhood Councils fit into the governing structure of the city (what the Charter says and how it actually works)
- How and why the budget process works the way it does
- How data are developed and used at City Hall, and how

- Neighborhood Councils can use data
- The city's election system, both for city elections and for elections within Neighborhood Councils
 - How to encourage positive, productive reform in local government; what ideas have been proposed and what are your ideas?

A detailed curriculum with selected readings will be made available to participants.

Who are the teachers?

Instructors will be under the supervision of Dr. Raphael Sonenshein, Executive Director of the Pat Brown Institute at Cal State L.A., and author of three books on Los Angeles politics and government. Dr. Sonenshein participated in the creation of the neighborhood council system through charter reform in 1999, and served as executive director of the Neighborhood Council Review Commission. Teaching staff will be drawn from among the PBI, other Cal State L.A. faculty, and the Mayor's Office and will be trained by the PBI.

What are the logistics?

The program will be conducted over the course of three evenings: Thursday, April 2; Wednesday, April 8; and Wednesday, April 15. The sessions will be from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, with a break in the middle. Between 6:00 pm and 6:30 pm, light refreshments will be served, and networking is encouraged.

The classes will take place at the Ronald Deaton Police Administration Building auditorium, on First and Main Streets in downtown Los Angeles (across from Los Angeles City Hall). Parking will be provided.

Who can attend?

The Neighborhood Council CU is reserved for board members of the Neighborhood Councils. The current funding only allows Neighborhood Councils to select 2 board members, 1 woman and 1 man, to attend. Because this is a certificate program, attendees must commit to attending all 3 classes and working on a project to address an issue in their community, such as land use, public safety, etc. The

goal is to create a network of knowledgeable board members per region to support one another's efforts on common issues.

How does a Neighborhood Council select the attendees?

Neighborhood Councils can agendaize the selection of the members to attend the CU or vote to give the authority to the President/Chair to select the members if the President/Chair doesn't already have the authority to do so in the bylaws or standing rules.

Agenda Item Examples:

Discussion and possible action to select two board members, 1 woman and 1 man, to attend the Neighborhood Council Civic University certificate program on or about April 2nd, April 8th and April 15th. Selected board members must commit to attending all three classes and work on a project to address an issue in their community.

Discussion and possible action to give the President/Chair the authority to select two board members, 1 woman and 1 man, to attend the Neighborhood Council Civic University certificate program on or about April 2nd, April 8th and April 15th. Selected board members must commit to attending all three classes and work on a project to address an issue in their community.

EmpowerLA will provide a link to the attendees to register.

If you have any further questions, please contact EmpowerLA at (213) 978-1551 or by sending an email to EmpowerLA@lacity.org.



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2016 Neighborhood Council Elections - Online Voting Facts

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is thrilled to announce the selection of Everyone Counts as the proposed online voting vendor for the 2016 Neighborhood Council elections. This fact sheet provides information on the online voting process up to now and how it could be incorporated into the 2016 Neighborhood Council elections.

History

When the Office of the City Clerk took over the Neighborhood Council elections in 2010, Silver Lake Neighborhood Council proposed incorporating online voting as a way to increase stakeholder participation in the Neighborhood Council elections because there was only one polling location for each Neighborhood Council. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition had a presentation regarding online voting. Because the timing of the elections could not accommodate the Request for Proposals (RFP) timeline for a possible online vendor, the idea was shelved for the 2012 Neighborhood Council elections.

Because of budget issues, the 2012 Neighborhood Council elections were administered by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department) with only six months preparation in the summer and fall. Again, the RFP timeline could not be accommodated.

For the spring 2014 Neighborhood Council elections, which were administered by the Department in partnership with the Office of the City Clerk, the elections were moved back to the spring, which resulted in a shortened preparation time to work out the new partnership. Without the necessary RFP and build out time, the Department encouraged Neighborhood Councils that were interested in having online voting to directly hire the vendors. Although several Neighborhood Councils were interested, the contracting process was too time and resource consuming for them to accomplish.

In order to have the option to have online voting for the 2016 Neighborhood Council elections, the Department began the Request for Proposals process in the fall of 2014, resulting in the selection of the vendor Everyone Counts for online and telephone voting in January 2015.

Why online voting?

Currently, stakeholders who want to participate in Neighborhood Council elections are forced to vote in person on one day in a single location for a period of between 2-6 hours unless the Neighborhood Council offers vote-by-mail, which few do. Online voting provides Neighborhood Council stakeholders with the opportunity to vote from their computer, smart phone or telephone land line for a period of several weeks prior to the final polling election date. We can also offer the online voting experience in various languages. The online voting opportunity provides Neighborhood Council stakeholders with the ability to vote at their convenience, which would likely increase their participation in elections. It provides people with disabilities to vote from home with their specialized equipment. It's also a more sustainable option in terms of cutting down the cost of paper ballots and removing the need for people to drive to a location to vote. There is, too, the possibility of adding an online survey for stakeholders to take after they vote to provide the Neighborhood Council and the City information on community priorities.

Why Everyone Counts?

As a leader in the online voting platform, Everyone Counts showed that they could execute the Neighborhood Council elections with the security, expertise, professionalism and cost that the Department wanted in an online voting vendor. A California company, Everyone Counts has conducted many government elections as well as the voting for the Oscars and Emmy's, which apparently require more security checks than many government elections. We were also pleased to hear that one of their staffers was a former Neighborhood Council board member, who understood the complexity of the Neighborhood Council elections. See for yourself at www.everyonecounts.com.

How does online voting work?

Once a voter is registered, they will be provided security information to sign-in and cast their vote online. They will only receive the ballot for which they are qualified to vote. Online voters can review their vote prior to submitting.

How does telephone voting work?

Once a voter is registered, they will be provided security information to call in to cast their vote. They will be provided various candidate options on the ballot for which they qualified and will vote via pressing the keys on their phone.

Telephone voters can review their vote prior to submitting.

Will online voting replace the current polling locations?

No, online voting is an additional way for stakeholders to vote in addition to the Neighborhood Council polling location.

Will online voting replace vote-by-mail?

Yes, online voting will replace any vote-by-mail options that Neighborhood Councils may have.

Does my Neighborhood Council have to have online voting?

The short answer is maybe. In order to provide the most flexibility, Everyone Counts offered three proposals:

1. 85 elections with telephone voting, building out a full service voter registration back-end - \$869,250
2. 50 elections with telephone voting, building out a limited voter registration back-end - \$552,000
3. 85 elections with no telephone voting, building out a limited voter registration back-end - \$553,000

The voter registration back-end is what the Department and the Officer of the City Clerk need to enroll and verify voters. Because Neighborhood Council voters are not currently registered and can be any person who lives, works, owns real property or has a substantial and ongoing community interest, the online voter registration back-end can be very complicated and will take some time to build out and execute.

Realistically, Options 2 and 3 are the only viable ones given the cost and the probable time needed to build out a full service voter registration back-end. Because the contract is for three years, however, the Department asked Everyone Counts to put in all three options in case the Department is able to secure additional funding to build out the full service voter registration back-end either before or after the 2016 elections.

If we go with Option 2, we will likely be selecting all Neighborhood Councils where the voters self-affirm their qualifications to vote and adding a handful of Neighborhood Councils where the voters must provide documentation to qualify to vote. If we go with Options 1 or 3, all the Neighborhood Councils will have the online voting component added to their elections.

How will I know that the voters are qualified to vote online?

This issue is tied to how your Neighborhood Councils qualifies voters to participate in an election. Those Neighborhood Councils who have their voters self-affirm will simply do it online, and those Neighborhood Councils who have their voters provide documentation would still have to do that online or in person to the authorized people/department before they would be allowed to vote.

What are the next steps?

The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners are reviewing the online vendor contract at their February 25th and March 16th meetings. If the contract is approved, it still must go to the Mayor's Office and the CAO for final sign-off. In order to have the time to build out the online component option, the Department needs the contracting to be finished in March.

To discuss online voting and other 2016 Neighborhood Council election issues, please join the Department at our Election Townhalls around the city in February and March. Go to our events calendar on www.EmpowerLA.org for more information or contact us at NCsupport@lacity.org or by calling (213) 978-1551.

Item 10

Mr. Jaime Contreras, Architect
City of LA, Bureau of Engineering, Dept. of Public Works

cc Councilman Fuentes

Dear Mr. Contreras,

Thank you for meeting with us at the Oro Vista Park site on Wednesday, February 24. The space is progressing beautifully and our community excitement is building. We appreciate the tour and the time taken to answer questions and explain some of the changes that have been made to the original design. Consequently, we have discussed some issues that will need further attention.

1. The Equestrian members of our group are concerned about the gravel composition of the parking lot and its impact on the horses. A suggestion was made by committee member Lloyd Hitt to cover the unfriendly gravel with dirt around an 8-10 foot outer perimeter of the parking lot so that horses can use this surface safely to get from their trailers to the open trails. Other options need to be explored.
2. The original Oro Vista Park plans included hitching posts for the horses that were to be donated by a private donor who can no longer comply. This Equestrian geared park needs hitching posts. You mentioned an alternative solution being considered that included metal bars for the horses to tie up to. One of our members felt this option could be dangerous and cause horses to break their necks. Wood would enable the posts to have some give when a horse pulls against them. Wood posts are inexpensive and durable. Perhaps we can find another local resident or ranch willing to donate them.
3. It is important for there to be direct access to the extraordinary trail system connected to Oro Vista Park so our equestrians, hikers, bikers, and visitors from other communities can connect to the beautiful and extensive trails system in the area that surrounds the park. The best access sites would be two trails on either side of the park from the South side of the Tujunga Wash and at the West end of Grove Street. We were disappointed to see that you are no longer planning to construct the outer trail along the Northern and Western perimeters of the park because of the estimated \$40,000 cost. We are requesting that you see what the contractor can do to reduce to reduce this cost so this trail can be constructed.
4. Many residents are interested in having exercise equipment installed on site to attract a larger demographic to the park and increase our community health and fitness. We are aware that Recreation and Parks has installed this kind of equipment in more than 42 parks around Los Angeles, and are pleased to hear you and your department can see a variety of locations onsite that would accommodate such equipment. We will follow up with your suggestion to talk to our Council office to identify additional funding for this initial equipment purchase and installation.

5. We are concerned about the lack of fencing that will surround the park when completed. Right now, temporary fencing has been installed that will be taken down after construction. We believe this fence could be a major factor in keeping undesirable elements out of the park when it is closed. More options need to be explored including a possible volunteer system to open and close the gates at curfew as discussed in the original plans.

6. You informed us that the large shade structure sheltering the picnic tables from the sun in the original plans will not be built due to a difficulty with permits and pricing. We want to make sure the necessity of shade is not ignored. Large Pepper trees to match the ones already on the property would make a good alternative to the proposed structure. We are hoping that all of the trees and native plants shown in the original plans will be planted before the park is completed.

Thank you for your suggestions and your time. We are excited about the opportunity to see our community provided with the much-anticipated amenities and recreational opportunities the opening of Oro Vista Park will bring. Perhaps monies left over from some of the project elements that have been deleted can be used to help provide our remaining requests.

We look forward to working with you and Councilman Felipe Fuentes on ways to problem solve our way into the park that was promised to our Sunland-Tujunga community.

Sincerely,

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Oro Vista Park Committee (Ad Hoc)

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LUC - Regarding the draft letter on Oro Vista Park

1 message

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Mon, Mar 2, 2015 at 2:29 PM

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Cc: Elaine Brown <lannyb1@aol.com>

Dear Members of the STNC/LUC and interested parties,

As the person who brought this park land to the attention of the city and as an appointed member of the Oro Vista Park VNOC, I am commenting on the letter addressed to Jaime Contreras, composed by John Laue, regarding the recent meeting at the Oro Vista park. I am in accord with most of what he writes. I am, however, concerned that he relates to bikes being in the park and I believe that bikes are still prohibited from Los Angeles city parks. There was supposed to be trails built in the riverbed by the Angeles National Golf Club and "one" of those was meant to be for bikes. These trails as planned never came to fruition which is another question altogether.

I am also writing today mostly because I think that exercise equipment in this passive park is a truly big mistake.

Exercise equipment which has moving parts in any park is dangerous. However, any exercise equipment moveable or not in this park is asking for the park to be occupied by those homeless persons who live in the riverbed connected to the park and who congregate directly across Oro Vista at the church where they eat and shower. Unfortunately, reality is that some of these people are deranged.

I wish to point out that the installation of exercise equipment may prove to be very dangerous as these persons will jay walk crossing back and forth across Oro Vista since there is no longer a permanent fence planned. Oro Vista is a very busy street and is graded as a Collector Road. This is a serious danger. It is unclear how the permanent fence was removed from the original plan.

Even if there were a permanent fence there would be considerable foot traffic by homeless across this street at Grove. Even this is dangerous and unnecessary. The exercise equipment will act like a magnet.

I also am concerned that this equipment moveable or not could be very dangerous to a horse who might pull loose and run unescorted into this equipment resulting in serious injury. Is it possible this moving equipment might also be dangerous to an unsupervised child?

This park is finally being developed and we have been 15 years waiting. However, the homelessness has increased in the riverbed in this area by much during this time, because the Golf Course cleared them out from under the Foothill Bridge and the SMMC cleared them out of the preserve. Therefore, the homeless have moved east into this general area. I believe I heard that the last count was 78 persons living in the riverbed, and based on hearsay most of these are confirmed chronic adult homeless and not families or persons seeking help. This is not what was intended or expected for this park.

Additionally, this park was originally planned to have one picnic table, no lighting, no water, no bathrooms and was to be fully fenced with gates that were to be opened in the mornings and closed at night by park rangers. As a passive park its only requirement is a Staging Area for horses at this juncture of the official horse trail from the west and the unofficial trail on the east which connects to the famous Graveyard trail further to the east all of which will be part of the Rim of the Valley network of trails. This requirement for a Staging Area is part of the Scenic Corridor Specific Plan.

It was originally agreed by the park's VNOC that only a small play and picnic area and a large parking lot for horse trailers would be included in this park and the expansion for landscaping paths and multiple picnic tables were not part of the plans. Nothing else has been approved by the sitting VNOC. And this is for reasons reiterated above.

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3/2/2015

Gmail - LUC - Regarding the draft letter on Oro Vista Park

Somehow without the VNOC those original plans have expanded to trails and landscaping, five picnic tables spread out over a large area, and now Mr. Laue, a non-member of the appointed VNOC, has advocated for exercise equipment. Times have changed and so have circumstances surrounding this area, yet I do not quibble over these changes other than the decision to remove the permanent fencing and the proposal to add exercise equipment.

Money used for this inappropriate equipment could well be used for Decomposed Granite for the horse areas at the park, for permanent fencing, or for other improvements in S-T such as a neon information board located along Foothill say at Sunland Park where Sunland Blvd meets Foothill Blvd.

I wish to remind the STNC and the LUC that whatever is decided regarding this park particularly as to permanent exercise equipment will be with us for the indefinite future. Wisdom and smart thinking is required now.

Sincerely,
Elaine Brown
Sunland, CA

Item 11

March 1, 2015

Dear Mayor Eric Garcetti:

Our Animal Issues committee of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council met on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 with the SMART Team from the Department of Animal Services, headed by Acting Lieutenant Armando Navarrete. The purpose was for our committee to learn when it would be appropriate to call on the SMART team's help in situations involving animal emergencies and rescues. At the top of our mind was the incident last November in our own community where a DWP employee on a bucket truck removed a cat that had been trapped on a power pole for three days, only to throw it over the side of the truck 30' to the ground.

The DWP employee had been asked to bring the cat down safely to a small group of people waiting below with a blanket and a cat carrier. Despite his claim that the animal was scratching his gloves, the video footage – which made its way to YouTube and national TV - showed the helpless cat dangling without struggling in midair when he threw it to the ground.

Since that time, I have personally made several calls to Winifred Yancy, Director of DWP's Intergovernmental Affairs & Community Relations. While a staffer told me that they or someone else would get back to me that day, no one has returned my calls. Each time I mentioned that I serve on the Animal Issues committee of STNC and would like a call to discuss this situation.

SMART team Acting Lieutenant Navarrete said that his team would welcome the opportunity assist DWP workers when an emergency call comes in. Recently, they asked DWP emergency dispatch to contact them when an animal is involved so they can meet them at the site. Although they received one call about an emergency involving a cat, SMART would be available to meet with crews to assist on the ground with any type of animal handling. He also told us that his immediate supervisor DAS Director of Field Operations Mark Salazar and General Manager Brenda Barnette have reached out to DWP's General Manager about this incident but received no response. This situation is unacceptable and irresponsible.

We are asking you, Mayor of Los Angeles Eric Garcetti, to please intervene on behalf of STNC's Animal Issues committee and the animals of the City of L.A. to request that DWP immediately set up trainings with the DAS SMART team to create a system for compassionate animal rescues. We do not want to have any more of our animals to die or be seriously injured because someone mishandled a rescue. Please keep us posted on how things move forward with this direction. Thank you very much for your time!

Respectfully,

Pat Kramer

STNC Region 1/Animal Issues committee member

cc: DWP GM Marcie Edwards, DAS GM Brenda Barnette, DAS Director of Field Operations Mark Salazar, City of L.A. PAWS Committee, CD7 Councilman Felipe Fuentes, STNC President Mark Seigel, SMART Team Acting Lieutenant Armando Navarrete & Winifred Yancy, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs & Community Relations and the DWP Board of Commissioners.

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Item #13

Motion to amend Article V, Section 7 of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Bylaws Approved 1-26-14

Reading #1

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Section 7: Absences –

Any Board member having three (3) unexcused consecutive absences from General STNC meetings is considered to have tendered their resignation. At the President's discretion, that resignation may be accepted or rejected. If accepted, the President shall direct the Secretary to send a certified letter to the person, stating that he/she is no longer a member of the Board of the STNC.

The Board may remove any Board member when that person is absent unexcused six (6) or more meetings during a term of office. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board is required for removal. In such cases, the President shall direct the Secretary to send a certified letter to the person, stating that he/she is no longer a member of the Board of the STNC.

Proposed Changes

Section 7: Absences –

Any Board member having three (3) consecutive absences or four (4) absences in 12 consecutive months from General STNC meetings is considered to have tendered their resignation. At the President's discretion, that resignation may be accepted or rejected. If accepted, the President shall direct the Secretary to send a certified letter to the person, stating that he/she is no longer a member of the Board of the STNC.

to any Federal, State, Los Angeles County, or Los Angeles City political office, he or she must immediately resign from the Board.

- C. **Vote of Confidence** - If a Board member feels it necessary to do so, he or she may request a vote of confidence from the Board. This shall be conducted as a regular vote by the members of the Board, reflecting the Board's judgment of the conduct of the person requesting the vote. The vote shall be advisory only, with no particular result required.

Section 6: Vacancies - Vacancies on the Board may be filled by appointments made by the remaining Board members. Appointees must meet the same qualifications as elected Board members as set forth in Article V, Section 1. In selecting appointees to the Board, the Board shall pursue diversity in stakeholder representation, and assure that no one stakeholder group becomes a majority of the Board.

The Board is authorized to continue actively searching for an appointee until sixty (60) days prior to the next election. In any case a quorum of the Board membership must be maintained for meetings to take place.

Appointed Board members, except the Parliamentarian, are subject to the same rules for resignation, removal, and recall as the elected Board members.

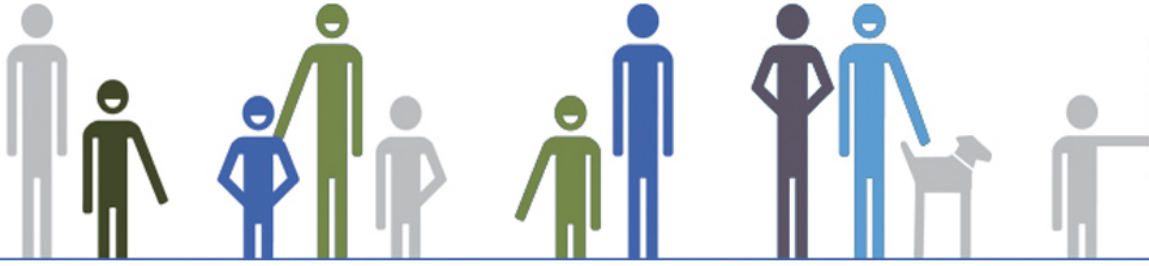
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Section 8: Censure – Intentionally left blank.

Section 9: Removal - A Board member may be removed by the community stakeholders by means of the recall procedure. Community stakeholders may recall a Representative or Executive Officer by submitting a petition for a recall election accompanied by the signatures of the following numbers of validated community stakeholders:

- For Executive Officers and Stakeholder Group Representatives, at least two-thirds (2/3) as many validated signatures are required as the number of votes cast in total for that seat in the last election.
- For Geographical Representative Representatives, at least two-thirds (2/3) as many validated signatures are required as the number of votes cast in total for



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