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Governing Board Meeting Agenda  
7PM Wednesday, June 4th, 2014  
Micheltorena Auditorium

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ITEMS MAY BE ADDRESSED OUT OF THE ORDER LISTED. TIMES ARE FOR REFERENCE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (3 min)** 7:00PM
- II. **Approval of May 7, 2014 Gov Board Minutes with corrections (2 min)** ([http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/sinc\\_gb\\_-05072014\\_draft\\_minutes.pdf](http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/sinc_gb_-05072014_draft_minutes.pdf)) 7:03PM
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (approx 10 min)** 7:05PM
- IV. **CHECK-IN (5 min)** 7:15PM
- V. **CORRESPONDENCE (5 min)** (*Secretary, Scribe - correspondence in public record in more accessible way?*) 7:20PM
- VI. **APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**
  - Discussion & Possible Action: **Appointing Stakeholder(s) Sergeant-At-Arms** 7:25PM  
SLNC Standing Rule 17. Stakeholder Sergeants-at-Arms - The Governing Board will ask for one or more stakeholder volunteers to regularly serve as Sergeant at Arms during Governing Board meetings. The Sergeants at Arms will maintain order, assist stakeholders in filling out and submitting Public Comment cards, and will perform other duties as prescribed by the Board. (Adopted November 19, 2003)
  - Discussion & Possible Action: **Appointing/Re-Appointing Budget Advocate Representative(s)** 7:30PM
  - Discussion & Possible Action: **Appointing/Re-Appointing Alliance of River Communities Representative** 7:35PM
  - Discussion & Possible Action: **Appointing/Re-Appointing Hyperion Bridge Representative** 7:40PM
  - A. **Tom LaBonge, CD4, Representative (Scott Levin-Gesundheit)** 7:45PM
  - B. **Mitch O'Farrell, CD13, Representative (Mary D. Rodriguez)** 7:47PM
  - C. **Assemblyman Mike Gatto, Representative (Eric Menjivar: Silver Lake Reservoir/Recycled Water Bill)** 7:49PM
  - D. **Assemblyman Jimmy Gomez, Representative (Stephanie Wong)** 7:56PM
  - E. **Congressman Adam Schiff, Representative (Pam Marcello)** 7:58PM
  - F. **Silver Lake Reservoirs, Discussion & Possible Action: Scheduling Reservoirs Presentation for Community**
    - o **DWP - Susan Rowghani, Director of Water Engineering & Technical Service** 8:00PM
    - o **Silver Lake Reservoirs Conservancy - Craig Collins, President** 8:10PM
  - G. **Make Music LA - Saturday June 21, 2014 [www.makemusicla.org](http://www.makemusicla.org) (Dorsay Dujon)** 8:15PM

- VII. REPORTS OF OFFICERS (Executive Committee) 8:20PM
- A. Co-Chairs (SEE ATTACHMENT VII-A)
  - B. Vice-Chair (SEE ATTACHMENT VII-B)
  - C. Treasurer (SEE ATTACHMENT VII-C)
  - D. Secretary (SEE ATTACHMENT VII-D)

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS 8:30PM

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON COMMITTEES, including but not limited to, potential activation of the Community Liaison Committee and review and potential activation of other ad hoc committees.

Please note: The four Committees UNDERLINED below are those listed in the SLNC Bylaws as our Standing Committees.

A. Arts & Culture (Clarke/Ventura)

B. Budget & Finance (Smith-Goodin/Dowler-Guerrero)

C. Community Liaison Committee (VACANT) : acts as a liaison between the Board and the Community, providing information to the Community, fielding questions, suggestions and complaints,, and referring these to the appropriate party(ies).

D. Education Committee (Sitz/Dowler-Guerrero)

E. Friends of Animals (Nahum/Berne)

F. Governmental Affairs (Neuman/Johnson)

G. Green (Cunningham)

H. History Collective (Masterson)

I. IT Committee (Andrade/Malone)

J. Outreach & Elections (Ogsbury/Tran)

K. Public Safety (Trujillo)

L. Reservoir Complex (Wingler/Arnold)

M. Transportation and Public Works (Millar/Betlem-Ringuette)

N. Urban Design & Preservation (Plante)

O. Youth & Families (VACANT)

P. Executive (Clarke/Herman-Wurmfeld)

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Chernov January 17, 2014 Grievance Committee Formation - Discussion and possible action on the re-population 8:45PM (re-formation) of a Grievance Committee including how grievance committee nominees will be selected and the selection of Committee members. Three Stakeholders were appointed to this committee by the prior board at the March 5 2014 Governing Board meeting. One member of the committee was subsequently removed from the committee by the Board vote at the April Governing Board meeting. Two members have recently resigned from the committee. The Board will move to accept nominations of additional stakeholders to be placed on a three person Grievance Committee to hear a grievance previously submitted on January 17, 2014 by Mr. Robert Chernov. The Board is seeking impartial stakeholders willing to serve on the three person grievance committee and requesting they be present at the June 4 meeting. Please (SEE ATTACHMENT IX-A) for additional information.

B. (MAY7I) Motion: Nomination of Genelle Le Vin as recipient of the SLNC History Collective Award (History Collective) 8:55PM (SEE ATTACHMENT IX-B)

C. (MAY7J) Motion: Move that Future SLNC Election Chairs Complete City of Los Angeles Ethics Training (Millar) 9:00PM (SEE ATTACHMENT IX-C)

D. (MAY7K) Motion: Call for City Council Study of NCs' Vulnerability to Takeover by Special Interests (Neuman) 9:05PM (SEE ATTACHMENT IX-D)

E. (MAY7L) Motion: Request for the City Council (et al) to investigate Parking at the NC Voting Location (Neuman) 9:10PM  
[\(SEE ATTACHMENT IX-E\)](#)

F. (MAY7M) Motion: Posting that the SLNC post attendance records on its website (Plante)  
9:15PM [\(SEE ATTACHMENT IX-F\)](#)

G. MAY21A. Discussion & Possible Action on SLNC Standing Rule 35, including but not limited to changing Committee Officer Elections from the month of “November” in order to coincide with Governing Board Elections [\(SEE ATTACHMENT IX-G\)](#)  
9:20PM

H. MAY21E. Discussion & Possible Action: Grievances & Grievance Process, including but not limited to a reading of 9:25PM  
SLNC Bylaw related to grievances, review of past grievance process and order of events related to grievance committee creation, and consideration of outreach regarding stakeholder service experience dealing with past SLNC grievances  
[\(SEE ATTACHMENT IX-H\)](#)

X. CONSENT AGENDA 9:30PM

Consent Agenda is a time saving measure. The board uses consent agendas to vote on items scheduled for a specific action as a group, without discussion. Any board member - or any community member - may ‘pull’ an item from this ‘consent’ agenda before we vote on the group.

PLEASE READ THESE MOTION ITEMS CAREFULLY SEE IF YOU CAN VOTE ON THEIR RECOMMENDED ACTION WITHOUT DISCUSSION. PLEASE ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS BY READING THE MOTIONS. IF YOU DON’T AGREE WITH THE ACTION RECOMMENDED FOR A MOTION, OR WISH TO DISCUSS, MAKE CHANGES, ETC. PLEASE ‘PULL’ FROM CONSENT AGENDA. THANK YOU.

Items to Approve - CONSENT VOTE ON ITEMS A-E IS FOR BOARD APPROVAL

- A. Email Retention & Access Policy (Sitz) [\(SEE ATTACHMENT X-A\)](#)
- B. (MARCH) Homeless Bill of Rights Motion (Education Committee) [\(SEE ATTACHMENT X-B\)](#)
- C. Renaming Education & Youth & Families Committee (Dion, Gomez, Sitz) [\(SEE ATTACHMENT X-C\)](#)
- D. SLNC IT Committee Mission Statement (IT Committee) [\(SEE ATTACHMENT X-D\)](#)
- E. SLNC WP Account Motion (IT Committee) [\(SEE ATTACHMENT X-E\)](#)
- Y. SLNC Website Account Access (Sitz) [\(SEE ATTACHMENT X-Y\)](#)

Items to Remand (Send Back) – THESE ARE NOT FOR APPROVAL. CONSENT VOTE ON ITEMS F-I WILL SEND THEM TO THE COMMITTEE REFERENCED BELOW FOR FUTHER VETTING

Items to Remand to IT Committee

- F. Motion to Purchase PA System With Microphones (Desario) [\(SEE ATTACHMENT X-F\)](#)
- G. Motion for Live Streaming (Desario) [\(SEE ATTACHMENT X-G\)](#)

Items to Remand to Executive Committee

- H. SLNC Property motion (Dowler-Guerrero) [\(SEE ATTACHMENT X-H\)](#)
- I. Proposed change to Standing Rules 6, 8, &/or 9. (Desario) [\(SEE ATTACHMENT X-I\)](#)

XI. NEW BUSINESS 9:40PM

- J. Hyperion Bridge Letter & Presentation (Mooney) [\(SEE ATTACHMENT XI-J\)](#)
- K. Motion Regarding Changing Standing Rule 35 (Sorkin/Padua) [\(SEE ATTACHMENT XI-K\)](#)
- L. SLNC retreat (Dowler-Guerrero) [\(SEE ATTACHMENT XI-L\)](#)
- M. Formation of Community Liaison Committee (Wingler) [\(SEE ATTACHMENT XI-M\)](#)

XI. Agenda Item Suggestions for Next Meeting, Agenda Items for SLNC Committees, plus Educational Forum, Town Hall, & Community Survey Suggestions 9:50PM

XII. Announcements 9:55PM

XIII. Adjourn 10:00PM

**VII REPORT OF OFFICERS - CO-CHAIRS REPORT**

*NOTE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS: We offer this agenda forward with love, gratitude, and in service of Silver Lake, our neighborhood and home. We ask for your patience and understanding, as we have tried to make this document as transparent and equitable as possible. While the time is short and the task list long, every item carried from May 7, May 21, & submitted this month has been included on this agenda. All agenda items will be dated moving forward, and committee reports included (if applicable), so that all may better understand exactly what is carried from past meetings and how deeply vetted motions are with community through committee process. We are encouraging all motions to come from committee whenever possible in the interest of time for deeper vetting and the greatest inclusivity.*

**Board members, please familiarize yourselves with the entire agenda - both long and short forms, including all motions and supplemental documentation - so that we don't spend time in the meeting going over material you will learn from reading in advance. Also, we encourage those who have lots to say to gently hold back, and those who barely talk to speak up, so that we may find that equitable ground where all participate more equally. We will endeavor to help facilitate this process with gentle reminders. Again, thank you!**

**STATUS REPORT - DISMISSAL OF OUTSTANDING GRIEVANCE BY HEATHER CARSON (Feb 6, 2014)**

**STATUS REPORT on PERCEIVED GRIEVANCE (LEE RINGUETTE, 5/2/14) & Board Response DEMAND TO CURE (Brown Act)**

Dear Mr. Ringuette,

We followed up with the Office of the City Attorney in order to determine how best to proceed with the grievance that you filed against the SLNC Board on 5/2/14, and how to properly agendaize it at our next regularly scheduled Board meeting June 4, 2014.

We have been notified that this type of concern is a written Demand to Cure an alleged Brown Act violation and requires a response by The Board to the individual expressing the concern. First and foremost, we dispute that an alleged Brown Act violation has occurred in reference to the posting of the Agenda for the May 3, 2014 meeting. Further, going forward, we propose as the following as solution to safeguard against potential Brown Act challenges.

1. The May 3, 2014 Arts & Culture Committee meeting Agenda was posted on April 30, 2014, by me at all 7 SLNC approved posting locations in Silver Lake. The agendas have always been posted in as many locations in Silver Lake as possible, and we are not certain why you were not able to see any at the approved Silver Lake Posting Locations at the time you looked. When I myself arrived at the Arts & Culture Committee meeting on Sat, May 3, 2014, the agenda was actually still posted in the Bulletin Board at Sunset Triangle Plaza, the Region 4 posting location, as we looked at it for reference. Committee members present in attendance at that meeting may also be able to confirm this if asked. No picture was taken at that time, but we will do so going forward. We recommend that all Board Members, Committee Chairs, Committee Members and any other stakeholders posting agendas for the SLNC in Silver Lake take a time/date stamped picture of their agenda posting for reference and verification.

2. This newly approved BONC policy below, coming from the City and automatically appended to our SLNC bylaws on May 6, 2014, 2 days before you filed your "grievance" and one day before the new board was seated, reduces our REQUIRED posting locations from SEVEN (one per region) to only ONE (anywhere in Silver Lake we approve), since we also post agendas on our website. We voted to choose one single REQUIRED posting location in Silver Lake for the SLNC as a Board, though we may still post as far and wide as we are able in our outreach efforts, region by region. **The location we selected as our first choice on 5/21/14 at Special SLNC Governing Board Meeting in order to bring us into compliance with this new policy, and therefore our single SLNC REQUIRED posting location is now the Bulletin Board in Sunset Triangle Plaza** – the board is accessible to both post and view materials 24 hours of the day, is protected from the elements, and in a very central location for most of the neighborhood. The location that came in second was the **Community Posting Board at the Dog Park/Silver Lake Rec Center**, so we will also try to use that location (and any others) as much as possible in posting agendas for the community.

We believe that both this change in NC posting policy along with taking pictures every time ANY Committee or Governing Board agendas are posted for reference will help prevent any situations in the future where - if for any reason - ANY of our agenda postings come down for any reason after they were posted we might potentially, and inadvertently, be perceived as in violation of the Brown Act and NC posting requirements, even if we performed due diligence.

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Again, thank you for doing due diligence to post meeting notice locations yourself, for writing in, and for your commitment to the SLNC and the neighborhood.

Please let us know how we may be of any further service to you.

**STATUS REPORT on PERCEIVED GRIEVANCE (RUSTY MILLAR, 5/8/14) & Board Response DEMAND TO CURE (Brown Act)**

Dear Mr. Millar,

We followed up with the Office of the City Attorney in order to determine how best to proceed with the grievance that you filed against the SLNC Board on 5/8/14, and how to properly agendaize it at our next regularly scheduled Board meeting June 4, 2014.

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**Agenda Item VII B**

**VII REPORT OF OFFICERS - VICE-CHAIR REPORT**

Beyond The Bell

Visions, Issues & Goals Meeting

**VII REPORT OF OFFICERS - TREASURER REPORT**

<http://silverlakenc.org/2014/05/30/june-2014-treasurer-report-for-approval-jun-7-2014-gov-brd-mtg/>

**VII REPORT OF OFFICERS - SECRETARY REPORT**

**Secretary's Report , May 25, 2014 - Teresa Sitz**

The Governing Board page has been updated with the new members, their email addresses, and some bios. Board members: please send your bio to [secretary@silverlakenc.org](mailto:secretary@silverlakenc.org) if you want it posted. Amy assisted by posting pictures.

Business cards have been ordered and I am waiting on the final proof.

The April GB minutes were posted, and I helped various committees with posting of agendas and minutes, and other information.

A new template for motions and agendas was created and sent to board members, co-chairs and members of the community. I am checking with the City to see which agenda items from our standing rules are required and which are only recommended and will reissue an agenda template based on their response.

Board member emails have been created and I've resolved forwarding issues experienced by a couple of members.

Our MailChimp account was deactivated due to billing issues but these have been resolved. Templates have been updated with new board information. Newsletters are compiled from our RSS feed and sent out every Friday.

Subscriptions have been disabled in our gmail calendar account so no more erroneous meeting notices should be sent to committee co-chairs.

New bylaws and the meeting notice posting addendum have been posted on the website.

The new board roster has been sent to DONE. Thank you, Karina, for reminding me to do this. This should be updated in the next two weeks.

**Correspondence:**

Lonnie Goldsmith wrote about Recycling Resources to add to the website

Patty Jausoro wrote about leaf blowers and was referred to Ms. Johnson

David Negrete from LAUSD School Board member Kayser's office contacted Education chairs

Hugh Kinney wrote to resign from the grievance committee.

Marshall van Wormer wrote that we had not updated our newsletter template

Jerome Curshon wrote about committee agendas appearing under agenda headings

**California Public Records Act (PRA) Request**

Matthew Mooney submitted a public records request which is in process.

Thank you,

Teresa Sitz

## **GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FORMATION**

Grievance Submitted by Robert Chernow, dated January 17, 2014:

“Failure of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council to place on the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Urban Design and Preservation Advisory Committee and the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Board January 2014 agendas for consideration of a motion to be passed by the Board, to recommend that the Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Commission grant Historic-Cultural Monument distinction to the Tirado House, located at 2925 West Waverly Drive. As per the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Bylaws;

" . . The SLNC and its Governing Board will encourage all Community Stakeholders to participate in its activities and will not discriminate in any of its policies, recommendations or actions against any individual or group on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, age, disability, gender, marital status, HOMEOWNER/RENTER STATUS, income, or political affiliation." The perceived outcome of said grievance is to assure that Homeowners/Renters are given the same consideration for agenda items as businesses are, and that the alleged discrimination ceases immediately.”

**Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Bylaws <http://silverlakenc.org/about/bylaws/>**

### **Article XI Grievance Process**

Any Stakeholder may file a grievance with the Board at any time. The grievance must be submitted in writing, and may concern any matter reasonably relating to the SLNC.

Such grievance will be referred by the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting, to a Grievance Committee, established by the Board, comprised of three (3) impartial Stakeholders who are not Board members. This Committee is responsible for investigating the grievance and issuing a written report to the Board, in a timely manner, with recommendations for resolving the grievance.

The Board will act on the grievance at the Board meeting following the issuing of the report. The Stakeholder filing the grievance has the right to review the report prior to this meeting, and to address the Board prior to any action. If the Stakeholder filing the grievance is not satisfied with the Board’s decision, that Stakeholder may appeal the decision following the same basic procedures required for a Recall or Referendum. Stakeholders may also appeal a grievance decision to the Department.

### **Article IV Stakeholder**

Neighborhood Council membership is open to all Stakeholders. “Stakeholders” shall be defined as those who live, work or own real property in the neighborhood and also to those who declare a stake in the neighborhood as a community interest stakeholder, defined as a person who affirms a substantial and ongoing participation within the Neighborhood Council’s boundaries and who may be in a community organization such as, but not limited to, educational, non-profit and/or religious organizations.The SLNC and its Governing Board will encourage all Community Stakeholders to participate in its activities and will not discriminate in any of its policies, recommendations or actions against any individual or group on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, age, disability, gender, marital status, homeowner/renter status, income, or political affiliation.

LACC Ordinance 182830 (Effective 1/26/2014) Section 1. Subdivision (2) of Section 22.811(a) is amended in its entirety to read as follows: [http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2012%5C12-1682\\_ord\\_182830.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2012%5C12-1682_ord_182830.pdf)

(2) that neighborhood council membership will be open to everyone who lives, works or owns real property in the neighborhood and also to those who declare a stake in the neighborhood as a community interest stakeholder, defined as a person who affirms a substantial and ongoing participation within the neighborhood council's boundaries and who may be in a community organization such as, but not limited to, educational, non-profit and/or religious organization.

## REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS

Date: March 23, 2014

Name/Committee: SLNC History Collective Committee

Text of Motion on the Agenda\*: Moves to nominate Genelle Le Vin as the sixth recipient of the SLNC History Collective Award. This honor is given to people and/or organizations that have made substantial contributions to our community either through historic preservation or significant community involvement.

Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Genelle Le Vin has lived in Silver Lake since 1978. She became involved in community activities in the mid 1980's when she co-organized a Neighborhood Watch group on the 800 block of Hyperion Avenue. This led her to volunteer at the Rampart Police Division's Community Relations Department.

She participated in developing (and signed the bylaws of) the Silver Lake Improvement Association (SLIA), which led to its non-profit status. She has organized or assisted with all of the SLIA's community clean-ups, graffiti paint-outs and tree plantings since 1989. On October 18, SLIA will celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Box Steps Day in the park on Vendome, across the street from the steps where the 1932 Oscar-winning short "The Music Box" was filmed. Genelle has helped plan and implement this well-attended family event from the beginning. In addition, Genelle and the SLIA started planning the Gateway to Silver Lake Project in 1997 including selecting 8 murals, developing landscaping and securing funding over several years. Genelle continues to secure funding and oversees maintenance.

In early 2012 plans for turning a one-block street of Griffith Park Blvd., between Maltman and Edgecliffe into a pedestrian plaza were implemented, and the Sunset Triangle Plaza was launched. SLIA was named the Community Partner with the City of Los Angeles for maintenance and events. Genelle oversees this process, as well as other landscape projects throughout Silver Lake.

Genelle also participated in the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council organizing process in the last year of the 3-1/2 year process before certification in February 2003. She was elected to the board in 2004 and served a two-year term. She also continues to serve in a leadership role of the SLIA as she has done for a number of years. Genelle Le Vin has given tirelessly of her time and energy to make Silver Lake a better place to live and this award is one way to acknowledge her contributions over the last 25 years and thank her for them.

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)? This is optional.

Pro: As with the previous awards given to Bea Gold, Jenna Didier, Bob Herzog, Stephanie Vendig and the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic, this award acknowledges and thanks those who have made significant contributions to the Silver Lake community and its history. Both the award and the presentation itself are prime opportunities to increase the awareness of the SLNC and its community outreach. The previous awards have been given excellent coverage including articles in the "Los Feliz Ledger."

Con: Deserving people or entities may not have been nominated yet or receive an award.



**What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.) N/A. Funds have already been allocated for the award and engraving.**

**What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.) The History Collective would like to present the award at the first available Governing Board meeting.**

**From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn? N/A.**

**How will this motion be implemented, and by whom? If passed, the History Collective will present the award to Genelle Le Vin at an upcoming Governing Board meeting. The media will be invited.**

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## REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS

**Date** April 27, 2014

**Name/Committee:** Rusty Millar

**Text of Motion on the Agenda\*:** Move that the SLNC Election Committee Chair for all future elections be required to take the City of LA Ethics test and pass it and that this become part of the standing rules.

**Describe the event/project in detail:** This action will instill ethics into the position that oversees the governing board elections committee actions for each election. During the recent election the election chair was removed for electioneering. Our stakeholders need to be assured that future SLNC elections are operated fairly and without prejudice.

**What is the total budget for the project?** N/A

**What is the timeline for the project?** To become effective with the May SLNC Governing Board meeting.

**From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn?** N/A

**How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?** The Secretary will attach this to the standing rules.

\*If motion is approved, please be sure to see the Treasurer to fill out a Demand Warrant so that payment may be issued promptly.

## REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS

**Date** April 27, 2014

**Name/Committee** Paul Michael Neuman

**Text of Motion on the Agenda\*:** Over the course of its history, the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) has been a frequent supporter of campaign reform efforts, and has long held a grave concern about the pervasive and often pernicious role of special interests and their dollars and resources in elections held across this country. That concern applies both nationally and locally, and since the dawn of the neighborhood council system, neighborhood councils have been recognized as being particularly vulnerable to “takeovers” fueled by outside special interests. In 2014, at least one outside special interest mounted a major effort to unseat many incumbent members of the SLNC board.

Whether there should be any regulations guarding neighborhood councils and the communities they represent from special interest takeovers, potentially by imposing limits on contributions (including both monetary and in-kind), is one key question; another regards how public reporting of such contributions may be managed so that the public at large, and in particular the stakeholders of the community, are able to find out if any resources have been devoted by a special interest to a given campaign.

In addition, the pursuit and exploitation by special interests of “community interest” status (for themselves or for allied or fabricated entities) – by which means a special interest may solicit and/or garner votes from people who neither live nor work in a community – needs to be recognized for the potentially decisive impact it can allow a special interest in determining an election’s outcome.

Consequently, the SLNC hereby requests that the Los Angeles City Council and its Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, along with the City’s Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, EmpowerLA, Ethics Commission and the City Attorney’s Office, initiate a study of how neighborhood councils are vulnerable to takeover attempts mounted or otherwise supported by outside special interests – and what might be done to protect and preserve the independence and autonomy of the city’s neighborhood councils, at least by making certain that relevant information is fully disclosed to the public. This study should include a detailed analysis of the 2014 SLNC election and any NC election in which special interests played a role, and should detail the full extent, roles and interplay of any special interests, community interest entities and candidates and campaigns. A report back to the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, containing the findings of the requested study and any recommendations, should be mandated to occur within six months of the date of this request.

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**Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary \_\_\_\_\_**

**What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)? This is optional.**

**Pro:** By adoption of this motion, the SLNC will be upholding its historic role of protecting the electorate from any undue influence of special interests, and will be calling for information to be disclosed to the public.

**Con:** Some in City Hall – and some on the SLNC board – may be discomforted by a thorough, fact-based scrutiny of how special interest groups may target, or have already targeted, neighborhood council boards for takeover.

**What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.)** N/A

**What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.)** If approved, a copy of the motion, along with a report of the approval and a detailing of those who voted and how they voted on this motion, shall be sent within 3 days of passage to the attention of the Los Angeles City Council and its Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, along with the City’s Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, EmpowerLA, Ethics Commission and the City Attorney’s Office.

**From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn?** N/A.

**How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?** The co-chairs of the SLNC governing board and governmental affairs committee shall ensure that the motion and a description of its passage shall be sent to the parties designated above.

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## REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS

**Date** April 27, 2014

**Name/Committee** Paul Michael Neuman

**Text of Motion on the Agenda\*:** The 2014 Silver Lake Neighborhood Council (SLNC) election, held at Micheltorena Street School, was marred by at least one outrageous debacle – the complete unavailability of the large parking lot. The lot was instead fully occupied by a flea market, and parking in the neighborhood was made further scarce due to the weekly farmer's market held close by. For most drivers, there was literally no parking to be found.

As a consequence, many people, including seniors, reported driving over from perhaps 20 minutes or more away, only to drive around for as much as an hour, looking for parking in vain, before giving up and turning back – this being the only polling place allowed for all of Silver Lake, despite being located in one corner of a large, geographically spread out community. Think of it – not only were many voters being made to drive a long distance if they wanted to be able to vote, but then they were essentially denied parking, and thus were prevented or severely inhibited from voting. It is fair to say that at least some of these persons have wondered if the lack of parking was unintended.

This was first and foremost a grave disservice to many would-be voters. An additional consequence of the lack of parking was that it made for a very uneven electoral playing field, benefiting those candidates whose geographic bases were in walking distance of the one polling place, and hurting others whose bases may have been further away – with voters from miles away now not only out of walking distance, but not able to get there by car, either, because they couldn't park. (And given the absence of public transportation for the hilly areas of Silver Lake, public transit was also not a realistic option for a giant swathe of Silver Lake.) Thus, a huge section of Silver Lake was effectively disenfranchised.

Back when the polling place selection process was underway, the SLNC's governing board was told the big lot would be available -- it is quite possible that those on the board who stated a preference for using Micheltorena would not have done so, if they had been alerted to the unavailability of the big parking lot, though even when it was wrongly said the large lot would be used on election day, more board members preferred another site, Citibank Community Room, to Micheltorena. Many SLNC board members were skeptical about promises re Micheltorena's lot, given the regular presence of that flea market, and wanted, in the weeks and months before election day, to ask searching questions about the parking lot, but EmpowerLA told board members not to address such matters because they were the domain of the SLNC's election committee. Nina Sorkin, the chair of that committee and a person who lobbied strenuously for Micheltorena to be the site for the voting, is who initially told the board that the large parking lot would be available: she would later revise that assertion, but only after Micheltorena was chosen as the site. (Board members did advise EmpowerLA that Ms. Sorkin had demonstrated a lack of partiality and that she needed to be removed from her post, but the department did nothing – at least until election day, when she was reportedly removed from the polling place for electioneering.)

Empower LA had emailed the previous month that the Election Division would be surveying the location for parking and traffic flow – only, it was a survey of Citibank! Was one even done regarding Micheltorena? Who knew what, when?

Flyers and the SLNC website, even on election day, stressed that parking was available at the big parking lot (the only one known to many stakeholders). There was seeming no signage explaining anything about the parking or absence of it. There were no signs pointing to a couple of very inadequate alternatives: for example, a smaller lot entered from a different street might have been used, but drivers who somehow found their way to it, or noticed it while circling the block umpteen times, would have seen a sign in front of it saying parking was available for free there – but to flea market attendees. A church lot halfway up the street was supposedly also available, but no signage made that clear or even pointed the site out, and absent such signage, even if people noticed the lot, they'd probably not want to risk being towed. Ms. Sorkin had promised at an earlier board meeting that LAPD cadets would help with parking, but even though there were cadets on site, none seemed to be assigned to point people to any alternative sites.

This situation was a travesty, and a rank injustice to many Silver Lake stakeholders who wanted to vote, and it needs to be investigated to find out the cause of this dilemma, which baffled, frustrated and infuriated many would-be voters who found themselves facing a huge and in some cases insurmountable barrier regarding their laudable willingness to vote. Because of this inexcusable circumstance, many Silver Lake stakeholders were treated horrendously, and were all but deprived their right to vote. Not only should the cause be searched for and found but a completely public apology needs to be made by EmpowerLA to the people of Silver Lake (one should have already been made, and shouldn't require prompting) – and those responsible need to be held accountable.

The SLNC therefore calls for the City Council and its Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, EmpowerLA, BONC and the City Attorney's Office to find out why voting was held at a place where parking had been promised but was not available, and this information in full detail needs to be provided to the people of Silver Lake along with an apology from EmpowerLA.

**Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary \_\_\_\_\_**

Here are some of the comments voiced by Silver Lake stakeholders regarding this matter – the maker of this motion is changing these comments only to replace names with initials, and to remove comments that regard other matters:

"I'm still disgusted by my experience trying to vote last weekend!

"If parking was promised as a condition of having the election at Micheltorena School, they completely failed. I was shocked to arrive at the polling place and find a flea market going on on school grounds, and no parking except one tiny, full, completely insufficient lot. I would think the flea market is a regular occurrence and those who lobbied to have the vote there at the school would have known that it would conflict with the flea market.

"There were no activities going on at Citibank on the same day... I circled and circled and was about to park in a clearly-marked "No Parking" space, I was that desperate to vote. I saw many, many people driving around looking for parking. Without the promised parking lots, Micheltorena School was an abysmal choice for a polling place . . . unless the intention was to accommodate only those who lived within walking distance."

SP

"Parking was indeed a major pain in the ass. In the end \_\_\_" and I parked semi-illegally in the handicap zone out front (since a baby feels like a handicap) and voted tag-team: one staying at the car w the baby while the other dropped ballot.

AC

"Well, I tried. I went to Micheltorena School, and there was not only voting going on, but also a fair on the school grounds. This made finding parking impossible. After getting lost in the winding roads in the area, I searched Sunset Blvd.--no luck. After about 25 minutes of searching, I gave up and returned home. I'll try again next time. Sorry."

RC

"I wanted to let you know that I and my neighbor, \_\_\_\_drove to Micheltorena to vote.We were not able to find a place to park after she drove around literally for 1 hour. She finally gave up. After we got home, I drove there myself only to be faced with the same problem-no place to park whatsoever. People were double parking all over the place, creating a traffic problem. I finally gave up too. Not being able to find parking is a huge deal breaker for me."

GJ

" I was astounded to arrive at Micheltorena School and find out there was a flea market going on in what should have been the parking area. If I hadn't called \_\_\_ in frustration, after circling the area twice, and if he hadn't told me about the St. Francis of Assisi lot, I too was close to giving up. It was a mess, I have never seen an election location so poorly handled."

DS

"As for the election yesterday, my friend called to warn us about the parking situation and the crowd that turned out to vote. However, when we luckily found a parking spot on Golden Gate, a resident advised us parking there would get us a ticket.....she had gotten one the previous Saturday. The street sign only stated parking was limited to 15 minutes (or something like that) on school days. We could not understand why police would ticket cars on a Saturday, but as the resident pointed out, the car in front of us already had been ticketed... We wondered why no one knew in advance about the school carnival which used up the parking spaces we thought we could use,,, And its a shame some had to go home without voting, because their votes may have made a difference."

IT

"I wanted to voice my concern about the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council election. The problem was with parking. Because of the fair that was going on at the school there was no parking on the school grounds and even less parking then there would have been on the street on a Saturday. This put older voters the handicapped and people who had to drive to the polling

place at a disadvantage to those voters who could walk. We had difficulty finding a parking place and almost gave up and went home without voting -- A concerned voter."

LB

**What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)? This is optional.**

**Pro:** By adoption of this motion, the SLNC will be upholding its historic role of protecting the electorate from any undue influence of special interests, and will be calling for information to be disclosed to the public.

**Con:** Some in City Hall – and some on the SLNC board – may be discomforted by a thorough, fact-based scrutiny of how this disaster occurred, and why.

**What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.)** N/A

**What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.)** If approved, a copy of the motion, along with a report of the approval and a detailing of those who voted and how they voted on this motion, shall be sent within 3 days of passage to the attention of the Los Angeles City Council and its Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, along with the City's Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, EmpowerLA, and the City Attorney's Office.

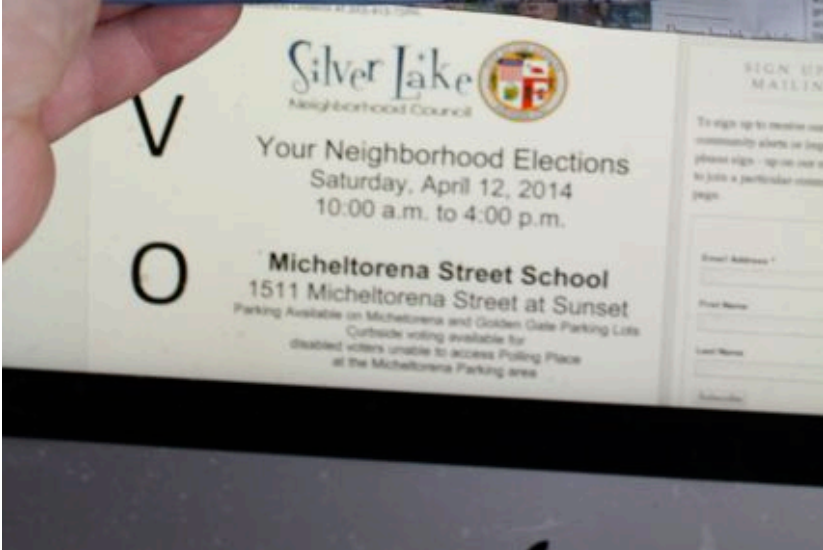
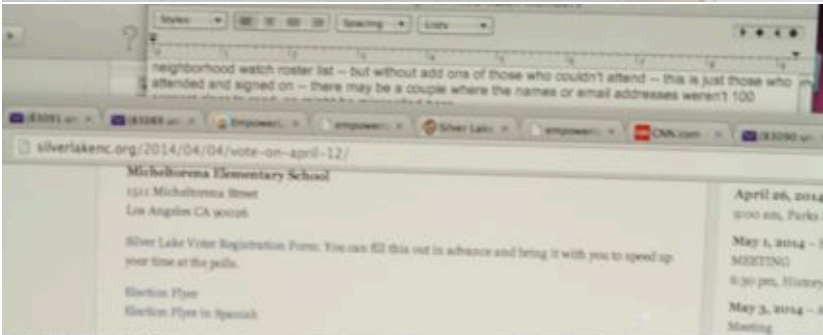
**From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn?** N/A.

**How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?** The co-chairs of the SLNC governing board and governmental affairs committee shall ensure that the motion and a description of its passage shall be sent to the parties designated above.

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## REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING

## APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS

**Date** April 27, 2014

**Name/Committee:** Scott Plante

**Text of Motion on the Agenda\*:** Move that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council post monthly attendance records of all board members easily accessible on the SLNC website.

**Describe the event/project in detail:**

The community needs to hold members accountable for their attendance, and the new webmaster will allow this accountability to be shown for easy access. The information should be posted on the home page.

**What is the total budget for the project?** N/A

**What is the timeline for the project?**

Immediately

**From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn?**

N/A

**How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?**

Webmaster and Secretary

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**REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING  
APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS**

Date 05/24/2014

Name/Committee: Nina Sorkin and Teresa Padua

Text of Motion on the Agenda: We, Nina Sorkin and Teresa Padua, move that the governing board amend Standing Rule 35, Committee Chairs Elected Annually in November, to read

All SLNC committees shall hold chairperson’s elections at their first meeting after the general governing board elections have been held and certified and the new governing board has been seated (*adopted date*).

Describe the event/project in detail. For the 2014 neighborhood council elections, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and the City Clerk organized the city into various regions and assigned neighborhood council election dates to each. Previously, the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council held governing board elections in October. For the 2014 elections, DONE’s Region 7 held its election on April 12, 2014.

The current Standing Rule allows for committee chair elections to take place one month after the governing board election, formerly in October, therefore the amendment of Standing Rule 35 would be in keeping with the spirit of having elections the month following the governing board election.

What is the total budget for the project? No cost involved

What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.) Governing board to take a vote on the motion on June 4, 2014 at its regularly scheduled governing board meeting.

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn? Not applicable

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom? The motion will be implemented by having the Standing Rules be amended, DONE will be advised and all current standing and regular committees will be advised of the change.

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**REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING**

**APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS**

**Date : 05/23/2014**

**Name/Committee: Matthew Mooney and Karen Speitel**

**Text of Motion on the Agenda: We, Matthew Mooney and Karen Speitel, move that the Board issue a full report on all grievances submitted to the board in the last six months and its adherence to the Grievance Process (Article XI).**

**Describe the event/project in detail:**

**For each grievance submitted in the last six months:**

- 1. A copy of the grievance as written**
- 2. all responses by the board**
- 3. if the grievance was dismissed the reason for the dismissal**
- 4. if the grievance was agendized, date it was agendized**
- 5. the process of convening the committee**
- 6. the subsequent report made by the committee with its recommendations to resolve the grievance**
- 7. actions taken by the board**

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**Article XI Grievance Process:**

**Any Stakeholder may file a grievance with the Board at any time. The grievance must be submitted in writing, and may concern any matter reasonably relating to the SLNC.**

**Such grievance will be referred by the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting, to a Grievance Committee, established by the Board, comprised of three (3) impartial Stakeholders who are not Board members. This Committee is responsible for investigating the grievance and issuing a written report to the Board, in a timely manner, with recommendations for resolving the grievance.**

**The Board will act on the grievance at the Board meeting following the issuing of the report. The Stakeholder filing the grievance has the right to review the report prior to this meeting, and to address the Board prior to any action.**

**If the Stakeholder filing the grievance is not satisfied with the Board's decision, that Stakeholder may appeal the decision following the same basic procedures required for a Recall or Referendum. Stakeholders may also appeal a grievance decision to the Department.**

**What is the total budget for the project: N/A**

**What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.): Board is to present this full report by the next regularly scheduled board meeting**

**From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn: N/A**

**How will this motion be implemented, and by whom: By researching and reviewing all pertinent documents. This will be done by the Board.**

**\*If motion is approved, please be sure to see the Treasurer to fill out a Demand Warrant so that payment may be issued promptly.**

## **REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING APPROVAL OF CHANGE**

**Date:** May 23, 2014

**Name:** Teresa Sitz

**Text of Motion on the Agenda:**

The SLNC moves to change the passwords on the @silverlakenc.org email addresses for previous SLNC board members, disabling the use of these accounts; and then in accordance with our email detention policy and/or the advice of the City Attorney, delete said accounts.

**Describe the project in detail.**

The City Attorney advised the SLNC that providing email accounts to members of the public constitutes a gift of public funds, which is against the law.

**What is the total budget for the project?**

There are no costs involved.

**What is the timeline for the project?**

Said accounts would be disabled tonight after this meeting. Accounts will then be deleted on the advice of the City Attorney.

**How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?**

The SLNC Secretary will disable and delete the accounts.

## REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING ENDORSEMENT OF PROGRAM

**Date:** January 24, 2014

**Committee:** The Education Committee with recommendations from the Hunger and Homelessness subcommittee.

**Text of Motion on the Agenda:**

The Education Committee of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council moves to ENDORSE the HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS.

Further, we respectfully REQUEST that the Homeless Bill of Rights be accepted as a GUIDELINE for the civil code in the City of Los Angeles, and that the Office of the City Attorney and other applicable city agencies work with LAHSA to adhere and conform to the Homeless Bill of Rights.

**Describe the project in detail:**

The Homeless Bill of Rights (HBR) campaign in California will create bills that protect the following rights and prohibit the enforcement of any local laws that violate these rights:

1. Right to move freely, rest, sleep, & pray and be protected in public spaces without discrimination.
2. Right to occupy a legally parked vehicle.
3. Right to serve food and eat in public.
4. Right to legal counsel if being prosecuted.
5. Right to 24-hour access to "hygiene facilities."
6. Require judges to consider necessity defense when hearing homeless related cases.

**What is the potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion?**

As the City and County of Los Angeles work to end homelessness in our community, our homeless neighbors need the Homeless Bill of Rights. Tracy James, Field Deputy of Councilman Tom LaBonge, reported at a recent joint SLNC/GEPENC Education Committee meeting that homelessness is the number one issue in Council District 4. She reiterated that Councilman LaBonge backs efforts that help, and do not hurt, homeless people. He is working with Councilman O'Farrell (CD 13), PATH, UCLA Mobile Medical, and other agencies to provide services to homeless persons in CD 4 and CD 13. Endorsing the Homeless Bill of Rights is a supportive step that highlights the humane and constructive efforts of our local Council Districts.

The SLNC and GEPENC Education Committees first became interested in the topic of homelessness as it affects students and their families in the Los Angeles Unified School District, and other local school systems public and private. Discrimination against homeless families has a direct impact on the success of students. The lack of a quiet and safe place to study, exclusion from libraries and recreation centers, the lack of hygiene facilities, and families pushed out of their neighborhoods, all take a toll on the success of students. (Please see the attached LAUSD Homeless Student Fact Sheet and the LA Times article, "In tough times, schools try to keep homeless students' education on track.") (1, 2)

According to the United Nations Human Rights Commission three states - Rhode Island, Connecticut and Illinois - have passed Homeless Bills of Rights. The UN found the following:

*Criminalization inflicts indignities and violations on homeless people generally, but its harms are particularly acute for homeless people who experience one or multiple intersecting forms of discrimination in U.S. society. The violations described in our larger shadow report, from voter disenfranchisement to family dissolution, are especially severe for people of color, immigrants, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, people with disabilities, and others who are especially subject to discrimination at the hands of private actors and law enforcement officials. These populations are among the most likely to be rendered homeless, and are often subject to the harshest treatment when that occurs. (3)*

Some people are concerned with costs that may be associated with the Homeless Bill of Rights, in particular, regarding the right to 24-hour access to "hygiene facilities." The LA TIMES recently reported,

*In a break with the city's earlier confrontational stance, Los Angeles' chief administrative officer Monday proposed a \$3.7-million skid row cleanup program that would increase 24-hour bathroom access for homeless people and expand storage for their belongings.*

And,

*The increased round-the-clock bathroom access would be funded by the city at existing skid row shelters and social service agencies. (4)*

City Hall seems to be making voluntary efforts to comply with federal and international pressures to safeguard the civil rights of homeless persons, and avoid the costly lawsuits it has faced in the past.

(1) LAUSD Homeless Education Program, Homeless Student Fact Sheet

[http://notebook.lausd.net/pls/ptl/docs/PAGE/CA\\_LAUSD/FLDR\\_ORGANIZATIONS/COMMITTEE\\_MAIN/COMMITTEE\\_SSHHS/COMMITTEE\\_SSHHS\\_AGENDA/TAB%206B--HOMELESS%20STUDENT%20FACT%20SHEET%20-%20SAN%20JULIAN.PDF](http://notebook.lausd.net/pls/ptl/docs/PAGE/CA_LAUSD/FLDR_ORGANIZATIONS/COMMITTEE_MAIN/COMMITTEE_SSHHS/COMMITTEE_SSHHS_AGENDA/TAB%206B--HOMELESS%20STUDENT%20FACT%20SHEET%20-%20SAN%20JULIAN.PDF)

(2) "In tough times, schools try to keep homeless students' education on track," by Rick Rojas, January 08, 2011, LA TIMES

<http://articles.latimes.com/2011/jan/08/local/la-me-0109-lausd-homeless-20101212>

(3) Cruel, Inhuman, and Degrading: Homelessness in the United States under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, March 27, 2014

[http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/USA/INT\\_CCPR\\_NGO\\_USA\\_15220\\_E.pdf](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CCPR/Shared%20Documents/USA/INT_CCPR_NGO_USA_15220_E.pdf)

(4) \$3.7-million cleanup plan proposed for skid row, LA TIMES, April 7, 2014

<http://articles.latimes.com/2014/apr/07/local/la-me-ln-skid-row-hygiene-20140407>

**What is the total budget for the project?** No funds are being requested.

**What is the timeline for the project?** Implementation will take place upon passage.

**How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?**

The Education Committee will notify the Homeless Bill of Rights Campaign of the ENDORSEMENT and send a copy of the motion to Council Offices 4 and 13, the Office of the City Attorney, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority with the message that, "The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council voted to endorse the Homeless Bill of Rights and we respectfully request that the Homeless Bill of Rights be accepted as a guideline for amending the civil code in the City of Los Angeles, and that the Office of the City Attorney and other applicable city agencies work with LAHSA to adhere and conform to the Homeless Bill of Rights."



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## In tough times, schools try to keep homeless students' education on track

*School on Wheels is one of the nonprofits trying to meet the needs of thousands of L.A.-area students whose families are homeless. But funds are shrinking.*

January 08, 2011 | By Rick Rojas, Los Angeles Times

The line of students who walk the few blocks from Western Avenue Elementary keeps getting longer. Only a year ago, it was just a handful who ventured once a week to the South Los Angeles Learning Center, an afterschool program for homeless children in a tiny strip mall.

Now, it's more than a dozen, five days a week.

On this afternoon, the kids are rowdy and restless. They chomp on chips and grapes, sip punch and chatter. The noise ricochets through the cramped classroom, but Charles Evans, the man who runs the place for School on Wheels, hones in on Jeanquis. The first-grader in a stained white shirt is reading aloud.

Above the din, Evans is caught off guard. Jeanquis reminds him of how quickly the center has grown. Just six months ago, Evans made all the students read aloud. It was the only way he could be sure they were actually reading.

Now, the words of "Green Eggs and Ham" uttered in Jeanquis' raspy little voice barely register in the roomful of students who need a place to go after school until their shelter opens for the night.

As jobs are lost, houses are foreclosed and tenants are evicted, more families are being pushed into shelters, motels, even cars.

In the Los Angeles Unified School District, the nation's second-largest, nearly 13,500 students were identified as homeless in the 2009-10 school year, records show, a 53% increase from five years ago. The increase reflects more accurate information gathering as well as increasing poverty, the district says.

The programs attempting to help the children in these situations, like School on Wheels, face a sad dilemma: The same difficult economic times that create the need for such services also cause them to struggle financially.

School on Wheels, the nonprofit that runs the South L.A. Learning Center and serves more than 6,000 homeless youths each year, is bracing for its budget of about \$800,000 to shrink as homelessness among families expands at an unprecedented rate, said Catherine Meek, its executive director.

School on Wheels solicits and trains hundreds of volunteers who provide one-on-one tutoring for homeless students in the Los Angeles area. They work in parks, libraries and other public places as well as in the storefront in South L.A. and one on Skid Row.

Homeless children tend to be four to six months behind their classmates, Meek said. They move around constantly, depending on shelter openings and whether family members can take them in. L.A. Unified tries to keep them in the same schools, even offering transportation to help get them there.

School on Wheels and the district's programs work to keep school "a point of stability," said Melissa Schoonmaker, L.A. Unified's coordinator of pupil services and attendance.

High school became the one steady place for Angela Sanchez when a swirl of bad fortune uprooted her family. When she was 16, her family was evicted from the home she grew up in. Her mother had been sick and her father, an architect, lost his job.

Like many newly homeless families, they hopped from motel to motel. The money ran out and they wound up in a cold-weather shelter. "It was terrible," she said, recalling a huge, harshly lighted hall of stiff cots where men, women and children bunked together.

The family finally found a spot in a more hospitable family shelter in Pasadena. Yet her father continued to take her to school in Glendale, where she kept up her grades. ("My father saw to that," she said.)

Sanchez had ambitions of going to UCLA and becoming a teacher, but those dreams began to falter.

"Your motivation starts to wane," Sanchez said. "College does start to look like a bunch of smiling faces on a pamphlet."

But Sanchez made it to UCLA, where she's in her second year and has enough credits to be a junior.

Meek called Sanchez the outlier among School on Wheels students. For most, tutors measure success in much more rudimentary terms: "A kid does his homework for a month or his grades improve."

Achieving that requires trust, she said. Meek recalled one of the first children she mentored: a young girl who was soon abandoned by her mother. She wouldn't come out from under a table in the shelter. Meek climbed under and sat with her.

A bond had to form, Meek said, before studies were even a concern.

"Education is not on the top of your list," she said of homeless students. "It's about survival."

Moreover, the older students tend to hide their homelessness, making it harder for programs to find and help them. "They don't want to be identified," said Blue McDonald, regional director of School on Wheels for West L.A. "It's shameful for them."

The younger children at the South L.A. center aren't embarrassed. They are simply aware, even in their young age, that their lives are different from those of their classmates.

They awake at 5 a.m., which is why they are dragging once the afternoon rolls around. Stephen, 6, falls asleep after snack time, his fruit punch-stained mouth hanging open as his head rests on a table.

Their dreams are more grounded and practical than those of others their age. Chiaw Yongpang, a volunteer at the South L.A. Learning Center, said she asked them what they hoped Santa would bring or what they want for a birthday.

A car for their family, they reply.

Or, the ultimate gift: permanent housing.

As the afternoon sky outside the burglar bars fades to shades of purple and orange, Evans tells the students at the South L.A. center to pack up. He nudges a bleary-eyed Stephen to wake up. The rest line up outside — jackets finally zipped, their School on Wheels backpacks in place — and they're off, accompanied by two adults from the center.

They pass the abandoned storefronts and the 98-cent store where they eye the toy lightsabers on sale, scurry across five lanes of Western Avenue traffic and give wide berth to the guard dog at an empty lot sticking his nose through a chain-link fence. They finally arrive at the dormitory of the Testimonial Cathedral shelter they now consider home.

Just in time for dinner.

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**REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING  
APPROVAL OF PROGRAM**

**Date:** May 23, 2014

**Name:** Teresa Sitz, Helen Dion, Joshua Gomez

**Text of Motion on the Agenda:**

The SLNC moves to change the name and purpose of the Education Committee to include Youth and Families, to begin holding meetings as such, and to hold co-chair elections.

**Describe the project in detail:**

There is a willingness among new board members to expand the purpose of the Education Committee to include Youth and Families. Since the mission and goals of the Education Committee includes serving students of all ages and their families the Education Committee is already serving youth and families and this is a logical expansion.

The change would mean amending agenda forms and committee lists to remove the currently inactive Youth and Families Committee as a separate committee.

**What is the total budget for the project?**

There are no costs associated with this change.

**What is the timeline for the project?**

The change would become effective after the first meeting of the combined committee.

**How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?**

The changes will be implemented by the new committee. Changes to agenda forms would be made by members of the Executive Committee.

**REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING  
APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS**

**Date:** 5/24/2014

**Name/Committee:** Information Technology Committee

**Text of Motion on the Agenda:** The Information Technology Committee moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council approve the mission statement of the newly formed Information Technology Committee as follows:

**The Purpose of the SLNC IT Committee is to use information technology to promote community access and participation while improving transparency and accountability.**

**Describe the event/project in detail.** The governing board approved the creation of this committee at its April 2, 2014 governing board meeting. On May 22, 2014, the Information Technology committee met, developed and unanimously approved a mission statement. In keeping with Standing Rule 13, Committee Mission Statements to Be Approved by Board, the Information Technology Committee is petitioning for the mission statement to be approved.

**What is the total budget for the project?** None

**What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.)**  
Mission statement needs approval by the governing board at its regularly scheduled meeting.

**From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn?** Not Applicable

**How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?** The motion will be implemented by the governing board approving it.

\*If motion is approved, please be sure to see the Treasurer to fill out a Demand Warrant so that payment may be issued promptly.

**REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING  
APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS**

**Date** 5/24/2014

**Name/Committee :** Information Technology Committee

**Text of Motion on the Agenda:** The Information Technology Committee moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council provide access to the website word press account to governing board member Matthew Desario for the purpose of reviewing and analyzing the website system and issuing a report to the IT Committee.

**Describe the event/project in detail.** \_At its May 22, 2014 meeting, the Information Technology Committee discussed analyzing the current website. Governing board member Matthew Desario volunteered to complete such analysis. Mr. Desario requires access to the website wordpress account in order to complete an audit report for the Information Technology Committee.

**What is the total budget for the project?** Not Applicable

**What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.)**  
Immediate access to be provided for the analysis and report to be completed within 30 days.

**From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn?** Not Applicable

**How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?** This motion will be implemented by providing access to the website wordpress account to Matthew Desario. It will be implemented by current board members with access to such.

\*If motion is approved, please be sure to see the Treasurer to fill out a Demand Warrant so that payment may be issued promptly.

## **REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING APPROVAL OF CHANGE TO PROGRAM**

**Date:** May 29, 2014

**Name:** Teresa Sitz

### **Text of Motion on the Agenda:**

The SLNC moves to grant online access to the WordPress interface of the [SilverLakeNC.org](http://SilverLakeNC.org) website, for the next 90 days / or until an Online Access Policy is approved by the Governing Board, to the following:

- SLNC Executive Committee - admin access
- SLNC Board Members - author access

### **Describe the event/project in detail.**

The SLNC currently has no policy for granting access to the SLNC online assets. This temporary access will make it much easier for the SLNC members to take care of the day-to-day tasks of posting agendas and minutes while the IT Committee drafts an online access policy for Governing Board approval.

The City Attorney has advised us that “non-board members should not be given access to the website information other than what is available to the general public.”

**What is the total budget for the project?** No funds are required.

### **What is the timeline for the project?**

Implementation would happen immediately after Governing Board approval.

### **How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?**

The SLNC secretary would change the access settings.

## REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS

Date: 25MAY2014

Name/Committee: Matthew Desario

Text of Motion on the Agenda: Motion to purchase PA system with microphones

The maker(s) of this motion move(s) that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council purchase the equipment listed below to modernize or existing PA system which is not working at an acceptable level and makes stakeholder participation difficult at larger meeting spaces.

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion?

Pro:

- Stakeholders will be able to hear what people are saying during the meetings
- Integrates with an online streaming/recording platform

Cons: Expense

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources?

6000

(Please attach itemized budget.)

What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.)

15 days following purchase of equipment.

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn?

I would suggest the funds be allocated from the Community Outreach portion of the budget, but on this issue I defer to the Budget and Finance Committee.

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

If the motion is approved, the Treasurer will purchase all the equipment. The IT Committee can develop a procedure so that anyone present at the board meeting can set these up within 5 minutes.

## REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS

Date: 25MAY2014

Name/Committee: Matthew Desario (Also recommended by Budget and Finance Committee)

**Text of Motion on the Agenda: Motion to improve accessibility to SLNC meetings via video/audio recording and streaming**  
**The maker(s) of this motion move(s) that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council purchase the equipment and services listed below in order to facilitate audio and video “live streaming” of all SLNC Governing Board and Committee Meetings.**

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion?

Pro:

- Capability to record and broadcast all Governing Board and/or committee meetings, including board and stakeholders present.
- Recordings immediately accessible for stakeholders who are unable to attend
- Video archive allow viewers to rewind, pause and replay after broadcast has ended.
- Removes physical attendance as a barrier to participate in the SLNC.
- Improve outreach and accessibility to disabled or immobile stakeholders.
- Stakeholders gain ability to submit public comments from home/work computers, laptops, tablets or phones.
- A table of contents (TOC) could allow stakeholders to immediately jump to a particular section of a recorded meeting, and these specific snippets could be shared on the SLNC website providing more context to stakeholders.
- Provide internet access at meetings at Governing Board meetings

Accessibility and ease of access for working, disabled, or sick stakeholders will benefit those who are unable to attend meetings and want stay involved in their neighborhood’s council. Our council representatives will benefit from increased exposure to their stakeholders and increased feedback about issues important to them. Our neighborhood will benefit by maintaining ownership and control of this video archives and the increased social media presence created by their postings. As an added bonus, the equipment will immediately improve the ability of attendees at meeting to hear the council, as the microphones are much higher quality than what we are using now.

There are many other expansions of outreach that this motion would allow the council to consider in the future. Eg. *Could we as a council allow local organizations or schools in our community to “borrow” this equipment to document/share community events in real time? Would we include the stipulation that all events streamed would use the SLNC steaming channel, thereby increasing the SLNC presence on social media?*

Cons: The motion includes items that will mitigate accidental damage by using equipment that is designed to survive abuse. However, as with any of the existing equipment we use at council meetings (microphones, speakers, etc) the council will need to establish who will transport and be responsible for the equipment when not in use, so as to mitigate potential abuse or theft. The Board could assign this task or allow the Vice-Chair to do this.

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? The initial capital expenditure required from the SLNC is \$2354.36 for equipment. An additional \$500 will be required for initial setup/testing and subsequent training sessions for GB and Committee members, as well as stakeholders. Finally, there is a monthly cost of \$90 (+tax) for the Verizon LTE data services and this prepaid plan does not obligate the SLNC to enter into a contract and can be cancelled without penalty at any time. The itemized breakdown of equipment required as well as links to the Amazon product page is included below. So this will total \$2854 + \$90/mo.



**(Please attach itemized budget.)**

The SLNC is allocated funds each fiscal year by the city to achieve community outreach. I propose that the SLNC purchase the following equipment immediately:

(2) GoPro Hero 3+ Silver Edition Cameras + 4YR Replacement plan via Amazon Warrantech (\$751.96) - One wide shot on the board and one for stakeholders/speakers

[http://www.amazon.com/GoPro-CHDHN-302-HERO3-Silver-Edition/dp/B00F3F0EIU/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1395030206&sr=8-1&keywords=go+pro+hero+3%2B+silver](http://www.amazon.com/GoPro-CHDHN-302-HERO3-Silver-Edition/dp/B00F3F0EIU/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1395030206&sr=8-1&keywords=go+pro+hero+3%2B+silver)

(1) Joby Tripod (\$17.30)

[http://www.amazon.com/Joby-JB01235-CAM-GorillaPod-Original-Charcoal/dp/B0087FFTT2/ref=sr\\_1\\_5?ie=UTF8&qid=1395030373&sr=8-5&keywords=go+pro+tripod](http://www.amazon.com/Joby-JB01235-CAM-GorillaPod-Original-Charcoal/dp/B0087FFTT2/ref=sr_1_5?ie=UTF8&qid=1395030373&sr=8-5&keywords=go+pro+tripod)

(1) Complete Tripod Kit (\$47.88)

[http://www.amazon.com/Complete-GoPro-Hero-Hero2-Hero3/dp/B00BO80PRA/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1395030373&sr=8-1&keywords=go+pro+tripod](http://www.amazon.com/Complete-GoPro-Hero-Hero2-Hero3/dp/B00BO80PRA/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1395030373&sr=8-1&keywords=go+pro+tripod)

(2) Rode VideoMic Direction Microphones (\$499.22)\*

[http://www.amazon.com/Rode-VideoMic-VMP-Shotgun-Microphone/dp/B004K8WPUQ/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?s=electronics&ie=UTF8&qid=1395031499&sr=1-3&keywords=microphone+directional+go+pro](http://www.amazon.com/Rode-VideoMic-VMP-Shotgun-Microphone/dp/B004K8WPUQ/ref=sr_1_3?s=electronics&ie=UTF8&qid=1395031499&sr=1-3&keywords=microphone+directional+go+pro)

(not required if a PA system supporting microphone line out is purchased)

(1) Refurbished Apple MacBook Air 11" (\$939)

<http://store.apple.com/us/product/FD711LL/A/refurbished-116-inch-macbook-air-13ghz-dual-core-intel-core-i5>

(1) Verizon LTE JetPack (\$99 + \$90/mo)

[http://www.verizonwireless.com/prepaid/browse/reviewCart.jsp?R=verizon-jetpack-4g-lte-mobile-hotspot-mifi-5510l+jetpack&selectedPlanId=plan80001&\\_requestid=236316](http://www.verizonwireless.com/prepaid/browse/reviewCart.jsp?R=verizon-jetpack-4g-lte-mobile-hotspot-mifi-5510l+jetpack&selectedPlanId=plan80001&_requestid=236316)

The proposed project involves purchasing the above referenced equipment and configuring a LiveStream YouTube/UStream channel under the SLNC name, installing and configuring hardware and software to successfully upload several test events, and documenting the successful procedure to correctly begin filming, encoding, and uploading so that stakeholders and council representatives can do this autonomously.

**What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.)**

15 days following purchase of equipment.

**From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn?**

I would suggest the funds be allocated from the Community Outreach portion of the budget, but on this issue I defer to the Budget and Finance Committee.

**How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?**

If the motion is approved, the Treasurer will purchase all the equipment. We can allocate the setup fees to the IT Committee Budget and authorize the committee to approve the invoice for setup when complete. The IT Committee should receive at least two quotes for the work.

**REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING  
APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS**

**Date**               **May 25, 2014**

**Name/Committee:** Dorit Dowler-Guerrero, Board member.

**Text of Motion on the Agenda: What to do with SLNC property: A computer, a projector, a speaker (may belong to the computer or projector), a few cables (also may be for the computer or the projector) a LA City publication- Save our Streets, published April 2014 (it is 3 inches thick and heavy), an extra-large post-it note pad (the kind used at meeting). Attached, please find photos of each item.**

**These items were given to me by the former SLNC Vice –Chair, who let me know these were SLNC items and supplies. The computer was used by the History Collective and the post it note pad was from the last Vision and Goals meeting, the publication was something the City gave to each NC. No explanation on the former use of the projector (note the projector was under the computer and the former vice chair may not have known it was in the bag)**

**Describe the event/project in detail. These are SLNC items and the board needs to decided how the board will use them.**

**What is the total budget for the project? No money needed**

**What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.). Hopefully by the end of the meeting June 4<sup>th</sup>. I don't want to keep this stuff in my house.**

**From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn? NA**

**How will this motion be implemented, and by whom? The Board**

**\*If motion is approved, please be sure to see the Treasurer to fill out a Demand Warrant so that payment may be issued promptly.**

## REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS

Date: 25MAY2014

Name/Committee: Matthew Desario

Text of Motion on the Agenda:

The maker(s) of this motion move(s) that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council changes standing rules 6, 8, or 9, or all of the above. I also motion that we employ the consensus process proposed here to discuss and/or modify this motion.

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion?

Change the culture of discussion on the board.

Cons: Effort in learning a new process

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? N/A  
(Please attach itemized budget.)

What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.)

Immediately

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn?

N/A

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

N/A

**May 23, 2014**

**Motion: I Matthew Mooney move that the SLNC support a letter that preferences Exhibit 3 of the BOE (Bureau Of Engineers) exhibits which would retain a south side sidewalk that is fully ADA compliant (especially benefitting our seniors and students), concerning the earthquake retrofitting of the Hyperion Bridge.**

**Motion in detail:**

**The Hyperion Bridge is being retrofitted for earthquake safety. There has been an effort to return the Hyperion Bridge built in 1927 to a "livable" bridge since the BOE's retrofitting announcement in September of 2013. Late last year a Hyperion Bridge Advisory Committee was convened by Councilmember O'Farrell to address the concerns that had been raised regarding the BOE's initial plans to make the bridge a "highway" with increased speeds and crash barriers. We have pressed the BOE to include bike lanes and pedestrian amenities like sidewalks on both sides of the bridge that are fully ADA compliant. In an effort of diplomacy the BOE has presented the public with 3 exhibits or options. We are asking the SLNC to preference Exhibit 3 which includes sidewalks on both sides, full bike lanes on both sides of the bridge as well as signalized crosswalks at the eastern end of the bridge where pedestrians must cross multiple lanes of traffic.**

**No funding necessary**

**Pros: A fully accessible Hyperion Bridge that will serve the community**

**Cons: Regulation of auto traffic through decreased speed**

**Timeline: n/a**

**Motion implemented: I, Matthew Mooney will write a letter to the BOE with assistance from a Board member that has a passion for the Hyperion Bridge and Complete Streets.**

**Supplemental materials: Please allow 5-7 min for a slide display by Enrich LA.**

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**REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING  
APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS**

Date 05/24/2014

Name/Committee: Nina Sorkin and Teresa Padua

**Text of Motion on the Agenda:** We, Nina Sorkin and Teresa Padua, move that the governing board amend Standing Rule 35, Committee Chairs Elected Annually in November, to read

**All SLNC committees shall hold chairperson's elections at their first meeting after the general governing board elections have been held and certified and the new governing board has been seated (*adopted date*).**

**Describe the event/project in detail.** For the 2014 neighborhood council elections, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and the City Clerk organized the city into various regions and assigned neighborhood council election dates to each. Previously, the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council held governing board elections in October. For the 2014 elections, DONE's Region 7 held its election on April 12, 2014.

The current Standing Rule allows for committee chair elections to take place one month after the governing board election, formerly in October, therefore the amendment of Standing Rule 35 would be in keeping with the spirit of having elections the month following the governing board election.

**What is the total budget for the project?** No cost involved

**What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.)**

Governing board to take a vote on the motion on June 4, 2014 at its regularly scheduled governing board meeting.

**From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn? Not applicable**

**How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?** The motion will be implemented by having the Standing Rules be amended, DONE will be advised and all current standing and regular committees will be advised of the change.

\*If motion is approved, please be sure to see the Treasurer to fill out a Demand Warrant so that payment may be issued promptly.

**REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING  
APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS**

**Date** May 25, 2014

**Name/Committee:** Dorit Dowler-Guerrero, Board Member

**Text of Motion on the Agenda:** The formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to plan a SLNC board retreat. The ad hoc committee will report back to the board on or before the September 2014 SLNC governing board meeting.

The ad hoc committee will consist of no less than 3 and no more than 5 governing board member. The committee will be selected by a vote at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Governing Board meeting. The ad hoc committee shall find a location for the meeting, develop an agenda, arrange for speakers and presenters, and propose a budget not to exceed \$500.00 for a full day retreat, \$250.00 for a ½ day retreat. This fee will cover rental of a location, supplies and food.

**Describe the event/project in detail:** The 2014-15 SLNC boards will use the board retreat to discuss the board's goals for the coming term, build board cohesiveness, setting priorities and gain insight of the community. The public will be welcome at this meeting.

**What is the total budget for the project?** Shall not exceed \$500.00

**What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.)** The ad hoc committee will report back to the governing board no later than the September 2014 board meeting, with a motion for the retreat.

**From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn?** The ad hoc committee will need no funds; the funds for the retreat will be decided by the ad hoc committee.

**How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?** The Retreat Ad hoc Committee

\*If motion is approved, please be sure to see the Treasurer to fill out a Demand Warrant so that payment may be issued promptly.

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**REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING  
APPROVAL OF PROGRAM**

**Date:** June 4, 2014

**Name/Committee:** John Wingler, Kinoka Ogsbury

**Text of Motion on the Agenda:** The SLNC moves to implement the Community Liaison Committee and promptly schedule a first committee meeting.

**Describe the event/project in detail.**

Currently, the public is encouraged to contact their neighborhood council by addressing inquiries or requests via the web site to the email address of the board, resulting in twenty one members receiving all messages. Often, multiple members respond, sometimes without complete knowledge of the particular situation; it may also happen that no one responds assuming others will or have already. Neither situation serves the public well.

This motion implements an existing but not currently populated committee to acknowledge inquiries received by the board, determine who best should respond, and track the response and results.

Per Bylaws Article VII. Committees and Their Duties, Section 1, Standing Committees, Paragraph D, "Community Liaison Committee: acts as a liaison between the Board and the Community, providing information to the Community, fielding questions, suggestions and complaints, and referring these to the appropriate party(ies)."

**What is the total budget for the project?** No cost.

**What is the timeline for the project?** (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.) Upon approval to implement this already defined Standing Committee as specified in the Bylaws, immediately schedule a first committee meeting.

**How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?** The approved committee will implement this motion. At its first meeting, the committee will elect one or more officers and determine how to populate the committee, when and whether to hold meetings, and develop a mission statement to include the scope of this committee's responsibilities.

**MINUTES (corrected from May 7, 2014)**

[http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/slnc\\_gb\\_-05072014\\_draft\\_minutes.pdf](http://silverlakenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/slnc_gb_-05072014_draft_minutes.pdf)