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## GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES

Friday April 7, 2017 6 to 7 PM  
Laguna Senior Apts 4201 Sunset Blvd.  
Street parking, Metro 2,4, no secure bike parking

**ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE ACTIONABLE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

**1. WELCOMING REMARKS:**

- A. Call to order – Barbara Ringuette called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.
- B. Committee roll call – Rusty Millar, Nina Sorkin, Barbara Ringuette and Tony Michaelis.

**2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None**

**3. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

- A. Review and Adoption of Minutes – postponed.

**4. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. Discussion and possible action on motion:

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council hereby supports the works of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their White Paper dated 3/8/2017 and approve the filing of a Community Impact Statement for Council File: 2017-0600. Ringuette moves the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Link to the White Paper: <http://ncbala.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/SEmpowerLA117030812520.pdf>

Tony Michaelis, SLNC Budget Representative attended four Departmental meetings. He found it really interesting to sit at the table with General Managers. He called the Budget Advocates “one of the most constructive, potentially effective parts of the Neighborhood Council system, a great vehicle to try to address accountability.”

The Committee agreed accountability is extremely important. Concerns regarding lawsuits against the Police Department were discussed as well as contingency plans should the federal government withhold funds from “Sanctuary” cities.

Also, the Committee through its Budget Representatives will forward to Budget Advocates the following suggestions:

- More robust metrics for Departmental performance
- Benchmarks related to customer service and Departments be held responsible for excellent customer service
- Metrics that are customer oriented, for example, a time frame for a Preferential Parking District to be approved
- A response system for all requests for city services similar to the graffiti removal response system

And, these specific Departmental recommendations were made:

- Add operators to the parking enforcement hotline to reduce excessive wait time
- Establish internal reports for parking enforcement response time of abandoned vehicles
- Evaluate the quality & durability of street resurfacing materials as cracking occurs prematurely
- Install additional street lighting on Armstrong Street
- Add municipal code to permit police officer confiscation of materials attached to city property upon the third notice to remove these materials.

It is recommended that Committee members take their specific Departmental recommendations to the appropriate SLNC committees for follow up.

**5. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**6. ADJOURNMENT 7:00 PM**