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**Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Governing Board
Meeting Agenda**

December 5th, 2012 7:00pm

Micheltorena School Auditorium 1511 Micheltorena St

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ALL ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON WHETHER SPECIFICALLY LISTED FOR ACTION OR NOT.**

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| I. Call to Order | 7:00 |
| II. Roll Call | 7:02 |
| III. Approval of November 7th SLNC GB meeting minutes | 7:05 |
| IV. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items | 7:08 |
| V. Correspondence | 7:23 |
| VI. Special Reports & Presentations | |
| a. Tom LaBonge CD 4 - Representative | 7:30 |
| b. Eric Garcetti, CD 13 - Representative | 7:38 |
| c. Assemblyman Gatto - Representative | 7:46 |
| d. Assemblyman Cedillo - Representative | 7:52 |
| e. SLNC REGION 2 SELECTION, SEAT 2 | 8:00 |
| VII. Report of Officers | 8:20 |
| a. Co-Chairs | |
| b. Vice-Chair | |
| c. Treasurer | |
| d. Secretary | |
| e. Webmaster | |
| f. Parliamentarian | |

VIII. Consent Agenda

8:30

- a. **Motion: SLNC Executive Com – Removal of SLNC Committees**
(proposal to remove certain committees not being used by the SLNC)
- b. **Motion: Herman-Wurmfeld, Chalupowicz, Stiz – Dispensary Public Forum**
(proposal for SLNC to host public forum to discuss marijuana dispensaries in SL)
- c. **Motion: Herman-Wurmfeld, Stiz – Silver Lake Dispensaries**
(proposal for City of LA to consult SLNC prior to closing any dispensaries in area)
- d. **Motion: Ringuette, SL Trans Com – Parking Study**
(proposal for parking study for SunsetBlvd between GoldenGate/SantaMonica Blvd)
- e. **Motion: UD&PAC, 800-810 Silver Lake Blvd**
(proposal to support variance for real estate office at subject property)
- f. **Motion: Jaffe,Trujillo,Millar, Los Globos Application To Change Ownership**
(proposal for LAPD to delay action for 45 days on app for SLNC to provide input)

IX. New Business

- a. **Motion: SL Public Safety Committee – CERT Event at Micheltorena Elem.** 8:45
(proposal to grant \$350 towards the events cost to operate)

XI Committee Reports

9:00

- a. Parks and Green Spaces/Beautification (Cunningham)
- b. Outreach (VACANT)
- c. Friends of Animals (Nahum)
- d. Urban Design & Preservation (Plante)
- e. History Collective (Masterson)
- f. Arts & Culture (Renn)
- g. Community Liaison (Vacant)
- h. Public Safety (Trujillo)
- i. Governmental Affairs(Neuman)
- j. Budget & Finance (Crump)
- k. Youth & Families (Vacant)
- l. Transportation and Public Works (Millar)
- m. Reservoir Complex (Nahum/Masterson)

XII Agenda Items for next meeting

XIII Announcements:

- 1. All items not acted upon by 10:00 p.m. will be carried over to the next meeting

XIV Adjourn

Process for Reconsideration – *The Board may reconsider and amend actions listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: 1) make a Motion to Reconsider and, if approved, 2) hear the matter and take an action. If the Motion to Reconsider is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: 1) a Motion to Reconsider on the described matter and, 2) a [Proposed] Action should the Motion to Reconsider be approved. A Motion to Reconsider can only be made by a Board Member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action. If a Motion to Reconsider is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board Member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall be in compliance with the Brown Act.*

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Governing Board Minutes – November 7, 2012

1. Call to Order – 7:00pm

2. Roll Call -

Abigail Treanor
 Flor Cruz
 Maidel Luevano
 Teresa Sitz
 Dorit
 Scott Plante
 Dale Benson (Region 5)
 Anthony Crump (Treasurer)
 Charles Herman-Wurmfeld (At-Large/Vice-Chair)
 Gale Jaffe (Region 4)
Clint Lukens (Region 1/Co-Chair of this meeting)
 Rusty Millar (Region 4/ Secretary)
 Paul M. Neuman (At-Large)
Renee Nahum (Region 7/Co-Chair of this meeting)
 Barbara Ringuette (Region 2)
 Nadine Trujillo (Rep At-Large)
 Anne-Marie Johnson
 Janet Cunningham (At-large) (arrived 7:45pm)
 Lawrence Faljean
Elizabeth Bougart-Sharkov (Former At-Large Member)
Absent:

3. SWEARING IN OF NEW SLNC BOARD MEMBERS

Tom LaBonge – Speaks briefly in celebrations of re-election of President Barack Obama. Introduces Chief of Staff, Carolyn Ramsey. Has each member tell everyone how many years they've been in Silver Lake and the region they represent. Requests the entire board to stand and face the flag, and then repeat after him. Briefly illustrates the map changes that occurred with the new re-districting plan. District is now populated at approx 76,000 people. Regarding DWP issues & Pipeline project, there's a meeting tomorrow (11/8/12) night at fire station 56. Katherine Pedalle, City Consultant speaks re Hyperion Bridge update. Environmental Assessment will come out early winter of 2013, which will describe all the improvements. There will also be a new pedestrian bridge. Briefly discussed public safety issues re bicycles, speeding, Ivanhoe School. Thanks all for their time and advises the new members to try not to get caught up in the democracies/politics, and become buddies with the deputies.

Comment [ap1]: Spelling

4. Approval of Oct 3, 2012 Minutes

M/S/P (Neuman/Lukens)

Abstaining: Lukens

Motion carries unanimously

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- a. Theresa Padilla, Director, Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic – Congratulates the new members. Passes out flyers. Announces various upcoming Holiday Events, including 25th Annual AIDS event 12/13/12 at 3pm and 33rd Annual Christmas Day Luncheon from 11am – 2pm. AIDS rate has double in recent years.
 - b. Gale Jaffe, Volunteer at 9 O'clock Players – Located in east Hollywood. Performing Peter & Wendy the Musical version of Peter Pan. Such event brings inter-city kids to experience live show. Encourages all to bring their kids.
 - c. Amy Clarke, Business Owner – Announces interest in becoming Region 2 representative.
 - i. Georgene Smith – Highly recommends Amy for selection as Region 2 rep.
6. Correspondence –
- Millar – Received email from a woman re the sidewalk in front of the recreation center. Millar made a couple call and was able to have the repair work done in approx 10 days.
- Lukens – He and Janet Cunningham received email. Needs a business to adopt this item and help move ~~cement/art cans~~.
7. Special Reports & Presentation
- a. Tom LaBonge CD 4
 - b. Eric Garcetti, CD 13
 - Ryan Carpio – Passes out identity theft flyer. Working with Offices to resolve problems caused by dispensaries. Tina Ho can be reached at 213-473-7013.
 - c. Assemblyman Mike Gatto – Not present
 - d. Cedillo – Representative – Not present
8. Report of Officers
- a. Co-Chairs (Renee Nahum & Clint Lukens)
 - b. Vice-Chair (Charles Herman-Wurmfeld) - none
 - c. Treasurer (Anthony Crump) – On target thus far. Approx \$28,455.38 balance for remainder of the FY. Scheduled to discuss grant awards later tonight. Enci was hired at \$500 per month; however, we need to discuss if her position is more than short-term. We've minimized our overhead costs greatly by approx 90% as a result of budget cuts in recent years.
 - d. Secretary (Rusty Millar) – Nothing in the mailbox.
 - e. Webmaster (Encie) – Worked 20 hours. Updated website and the election page. Sent several newsletters. To date, has not received the meeting minutes for governing board meetings. Will discuss new member emails at the executive meeting. Elizabeth Bougart-Sharkov would like to keep her email a few more days while she transitions as a former board member.
 - f. Selection of SLNC Officers
Anthony Crump reads Bylaw articles 8 & 9, which describes each key position (i.e. treasurer, secretary, co-chairs, etc) Note treasurer's items is superseded by EmpowerLA. Crump also read the Standing Rules, section 1.1 – 1.3, and section 2 re parliamentarian. The floor opens for presentations then the selection process.

Comment [ap2]: Ask Clint to clarify

CO-CHAIR POSITIONS

Millar – Thanks everyone for their continuous participation. Co-Chairs don't just assemble the agendas or run meetings. Would like to report to community twice a year. Also feels the need to do more outreach as there was a 23% reduction in voters this year. Advocating to figure out more outreach activities. Hoping the new members will attract more people to various meetings. There's a need to do more, especially re disaster preparedness.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Neuman – Believes this board does more than enough re communication to the community. Asks Rusty Millar, as a co-chair will you be vigilant and conscious when things are transmitted as it relates to documentation?

Clint Lukens – Compliments Mr. Millar as co-chair of transportation committee. Will you have time available between co-chair of sub-committee and personal life to perform this additional function?

Johnson – Is it your intent to seize government affairs sub-committee and other sub-committees? What would you do differently as a governing board co-chair?

Millar – Disagrees re doing enough outreach and reiterates it's the board's responsibility! Ensures all that he has time to be a co-chair and that doesn't just mean showing up to monthly meetings.

Renee Nahum – Main issue for co-chair is being fair and neutral. I've been good re that and when I hear from stakeholders I act to take care of things. I started a sub-committee and that's what I consider outreach.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Johnson – What would you do differently?

Clint – Do you have the time available?

Renee Nahum – Yes, I have the time available. I'd act differently by studying agenda more intently, which would avoid wasting a lot of time at meetings asking various questions, making the process more effective.

Lukens – Informs all that he'll aim to keep presentation concise. His 4th year in January at monthly meetings, and co-chair with Rene the past 1 ½ years. Loves the SL neighborhood. It's important to hear everyone out and shepherd comments in goodwill.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Jaffe – Do you have the time available for co-chair position?

Lukens – What I'd do differently is attend the sub-committee meetings more. I definitely have the time available to perform the co-chair function.

Neuman – It's important for co-chair to be as accurate as possible, and it's a little different from advocating. Should co-chairs thoroughly vet motions before they hit the agenda?

Faljean – As a new member you've been very patient with me and very fast with your responses.

Stakeholder – Without the SLNC, tress from across the street from my house would be cut down. Renee and Clint have been very helpful. Also, without the reservoir complex

committee I don't know what my community would do. Renee was able to get Mr. Nichols to meet with me. Speaks highly in support of Clint and Renee being co-chairs.

Charles Herman-Wurmfeld – Thanks Lawrence Faljean for the nomination. Loves this council and the community. Certainly would take this position seriously, as we not only represent this city but the entire LA County/State. Interested in safer and kinder streets, humbled to attempt to listening as Renee has the past 1 ½ year. Regarding voting, I'm confident the next elections will be more about outreach and self affirmation and believes things will be better next time.

BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Neuman – Worried this position would shackle you.

Nahum - Applauds Charles' passion but question him if he can actually be impartial?

Lukens – We're all friends. However, as a co-chair a lot of tomatoes get thrown at you. It's a more organizing role versus vocal role.

Ringuette – Do you really want to do this position?

Johnson – Not our position to convince you but the reverse. I believe you're more valuable in other roles.

Renee – Co-chairs are also a liaison to the City Attorney's Office.

Charles Herman-Wurmfeld - I'm a mediator and I don't always vote. Thus, believes he can be impartial. However, I understand some members may be concerned this position will diminish my extreme voice. Meetings are really theatrical events. Time management is something I'm very interested in. I'm here to serve – be it vocally or more administratively!

Crump - informs all of next steps for seat 1, which is to vote by show of hands and you can only vote once per round. 19 people are present, which means 10 votes is a majority.

VOTING:

Those in favor of Renee Nahum – 13 voted in favor. Thus, congratulations to Renee on seat one.

Those in favor of Clint Lukens – 10 voted in favor. Thus, congratulations to Clint on seat two.

VICE-CHAIR POSITION – booking & organizing executive meetings, etc

Jaffe nominates Millar, who declines. Nahum nominates Herman-Wurmfeld. Millar nominates Johnson, who also declines.

VOTING:

Those in favor of Charles Herman-Wurmfeld – 16 voted in favor. Thus, congratulations to Charles.

SECRETARY POSITION – Keeps track & finalize meeting minutes and sends to Webmaster for posting, etc.

Faljean nominates Millar, who accepts.

Those in favor of Millar – 19 voted in favor. Thus, congratulations to Rusty Millar.

TREASURER POSITION

Nahum nominates Anthony Crump.

Those in favor of Crump – 19 voted in favor. Thus, congratulations to Crump.

- g. Discussion and possible selection of Parliamentarian

Crump – reads Bylaws re this position.

Nahum - This would be helpful to our board. Nominates Johnson for the position, who accepts.

Neuman – We need someone to shed light on the rules yet not scolded us at the same time. Moves to create position of parliamentarian. Lukens seconds.

**M/S/P (Neuman/Lukens)
19-0-0 passes unanimously**

- h. Discussion and possible selection of Budget Reps

Herman-Wurmfeld – Every year our Mayor issues the city budget and we send two people to these meetings. We won this year and it's very effective but a huge commitment on Saturday's and Thursday's. NC's are definitely viewed as an asset.

Johnson - nominates Rusty Millar and Charles Herman-Wurmfeld. However, Herman-Wurmfeld declines.

Flor Cruz volunteers.

VOTING:

Those in favor of Millar - 19 voted in favor. Thus, congratulations to Millar.

Those in favor of Cruz - 19 voted in favor. Thus, congratulations to Cruz.

9. Consent Agenda

Lukens calls the question. Dorit pulls A. Johnson pulls D, E, and F. Crump pulls C. Motions B passed.

**M/S/P (Johnson/Neuman)
Abstaining: Lukens
Motion passes unanimously 18-0-1.**

- a. Motion: SLNC Executive Com – Removal of SLNC Committees
(proposal to remove certain committees not being used by the SLNC)

This item will be addressed at the December 2012 meeting

- b. Motion: Neuman – Silver Lake Library “Ash Grove” Event on SLNC Website
(proposal to “e-blast” event news to stakeholders regarding library event)

M/S/P (Lukens/Neuman)

Passes unanimously

- c. Motion: Various Ivanhoe Elem. Parents – LADWP Construction
(proposal to postpone LADWP construction while school is in session)

Crump reads motion. Herman-Wurmfeld seconds.

Crump – Believes NC’s have an agreement w/ DWP to respond within 30 days and also two weeks prior notifications. It appears the DWP was not notified and in fairness we need to respect the agreement.

Nahum moves to have an emergency meeting and invite DWP and IvanHoe.
Faljean seconds. Strongly suggest to request Ron Nichols to attend the meeting as well.

M/S/P (Nahum/Faljean)

Motion passes 17-0-2

Abstaining: Lukens, Luevano

- d. Motion: Herman-Wurmfeld, Chalupowicz, Stiz – Dispensary Public Forum
(proposal for SLNC to host public forum to discuss marijuana dispensaries in SL)

This item will be addressed at the December 2012 meeting

- e. Motion: Various Stakeholders – Exemption for Silver Lake Dispensaries
(proposal for City of LA to exempt Silver Lake from closing dispensaries in area)

This item will be addressed at the December 2012 meeting

- f. Motion: Millar, Lukens, McDonald – Exclusive Franchise for Waste Hauling
(proposal for LA to NOT adopt exclusive franchises for waste hauling services)

Johnson moves to have this item moved to Government Affairs sub-committee.
This is appropriate committee to debate and vote on this motion soonest this month.

M/S/P (Johnson/Neuman)

Motion passes 17-1-1

Nay: Millar

Abstaining: Dorit

10. New Business

- a. **Motion: Hilltop Nursery School – Education Grant**
(proposal to grant \$1,000 towards school’s curriculum materials)

Mathew Kennedy/Vivian Hahn – Reads motion. Paul seconds.

Serves kids 2 – 5 years of age. Provides brief summary on hilltop. Thanks board for past support of programs. School is located in a public park and provides parent education. Has a mixed income model. Some pay full tuition and some families pay no tuition. This is a place of opportunity and community. The center is very diverse demographically including sexual orientations. Suggests this organization as a resource to the SLNC.

Board – Award for educational materials or scholarships or other areas such as salary?
How many students from this area? Concerned about lack of detail re accountability. May you please provide itemized information?

Matthew Kennedy – the monies will be applied to materials or to offset other areas. Will happily provide receipts and invoices. Announces upcoming fundraiser.

M/S/P (Lukens/Neuman)
Motion passes 18-0-1
Abstaining: Trujillo

- b. **Motion: Crawford/Lukens/Mayberry PTO – Education Grant** **9:00**
(proposal to grant \$950 towards the purchase of a projector for the school)
Lukens – Reads motion and provides brief summary.

Mayberry Representative – Purchased various laptops, Ipads, etc. Many people and entities donated a lot of money. These computers may be used by parents as well. Now we’re trying to figure out how to label the computers with the SLNC logo.

M/S/P (Lukens/Neuman)
Motion passes 18-0-1
Abstaining: Lukens

- c. **Motion: Friends of Ivanhoe – Education Grant**
(proposal to grant \$1,000 towards reading garden expansion)
Jessica Hough/Kathy Miller-Kelley – Reads motion and provides brief summary. Paul seconds. Green space on campus to be used by children and teachers. We’re t capacity and need these outdoor spaces. Children will see that we’re all involved in this. Garden was started by teachers and parents. Very under utilized space. There’s a lot of enthusiasm for this project. Labor cost donated by the parents. Friends of Ivanhoe and DWP also contributed financially; however, those monies pay for more essentials such as librarian and other key functions.

Dorit – Expresses concerns with information on website misstatement re Title I funds. Believes these funds have nothing to do with high performance but everything to do with the poverty levels of the students. It's a deceptive statement on the website.

M/S/P (Lukens/Neuman)

Motion passes 16-0-3

Abstaining: Crump, Lukens, Trujillo

- d. **Discussion/Possible Action – Selection of Region 2, Seat 2 Representative (proposal to select remaining empty seat on board)**

11. Adjourned – 10:03pm

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

Date November 6, 2012

Name/Committee Executive Committee

Text of Motion on the Agenda*: Move that the SLNC remove the Government Affairs, Community Liaison, and Outreach Committees from the bylaws standing committee requirement.

Describe the event/project in detail. Recently the Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) removed the bylaws requirement to adjust our bylaws from gathering 100 people to a meeting to a simple 2/3 majority of board members. Originally put into the bylaws as required committees in practical application two of the committees have been difficult to impossible to get board members interested/committed to and in some cases defining their function has been difficult. While the Executive Committee is also listed as a standing committee it should remain that way. The Government Affairs Committee in the past has been a useful tool to advance positions on many local, statewide and national issues and hopefully will become active again sometime in the future.

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources?
No cost

What is the timeline for the project? The November GB meeting

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

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom? It just becomes effective if approved 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.

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

Date October 29, 2012
Name/Committee Charles Herman-Wurmfeld, Leonardo Chalupawicz (outgoing), Teresa Sitz (member-elect)

Text of Motion on the Agenda*:

We move to schedule a public forum on the topic of medical marijuana dispensaries in Silver Lake.

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.

This motion would allow us to schedule a public forum on the topic of medical marijuana dispensaries in Silver Lake under the banner of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council. People representing all sides of this issue would be invited to speak. Education and information sharing would be the primary goal - though this could be an agendized meeting of the SLNC and/or interested committees and motions might possibly come forward as a result of the group process/conversation.

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

Pro:

There will be an initiative regarding medical marijuana dispensaries on the ballot for the March 2013 election. This public forum will allow the citizens and stakeholders of Silver Lake to share their ideas and learn from each other so they will be able to make informed decisions and participate in the political process. Federal agents have already closed our neighborhood medical marijuana dispensaries due to pressure from Eagle Rock city councilmen, José Huizar. The Silver Lake neighborhood deserves the opportunity to define its own parameters and standards on the topic of medical marijuana.

Con:

People are busy and may not want to attend an additional meeting.
Neighbors might be upset to hear each others' views.

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

No funding is being requested.

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

We want to plan the public forum for the fourth week of November so that we have time to market the meeting and so that it does not interfere with Thanksgiving.

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

No funding is being requested.

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

SLNC members Teresa Sitz (-elect) and Charles Herman-Wurmfeld will produce the event.

*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 FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS**

Date November 26, 2012
Name/Committee Charles Herman-Wurmfeld, Teresa Sitz

Text of Motion on the Agenda:

Whereas, Proposition 215, the Compassionate Use Act of 1996, was passed by the people of the State of California, and

Whereas, Senate Bill (SB) 420 (Chapter 875, Statutes of 2003) was passed in 2003 as an extension and clarification of Proposition 215, and

Whereas, a subgroup of California citizens are now required to produce their own legal medications, or to form collectives to obtain their legal medications, or are forced to buy their legal medications on the streets, creating a second-class status, and

Whereas, the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council was not consulted regarding the Los Angeles City Council's request to the Drug Enforcement Agency to bring armed federal agents into Silver Lake to force businesses to close, and

Whereas, the Los Angeles City Council made no alternative plans for distributing medical marijuana to those citizens in need and within their legal rights to obtain, as citizens of the State of California, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we instruct the Los Angeles City Council to consult with the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council prior to calling armed federal agents into Silver Lake and to immediately devise a plan to safely distribute medical marijuana to those citizens of Silver Lake who have a valid physician's recommendation and/or to allow the reopening of the medical marijuana dispensaries in Silver Lake.

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

On October 16, 2012, three DEA agents visited California Caregivers Alliance, a medical marijuana dispensary in Silver Lake. They warned the collective to shut down within one hour or face arrest. The agents were outfitted in bulletproof vests and carried automatic rifles. All four medical marijuana dispensaries in Silver Lake are now closed.

We understand, after conferring with the City Attorney's office, that Councilman José Huizar requested the closures primarily for Council District 14 - Eagle Rock. However, the DEA, rather than closing dispensaries within the CD 14 boundaries, instead closed dispensaries within the LAPD Northeast Division boundaries, in which the Silver Lake medical marijuana dispensaries are located.

These closures were not requested by the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council nor (as far as we know) by our Councilman, Eric Garcetti or Tom Labonge.

This motion will result in a certified letter (see attached) being sent to the Los Angeles City Council and carbon copied to related agencies from the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council informing them of our request to be exempted from the City's recent ban on medical marijuana dispensaries.

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

It is our hope that at least one of the four Silver Lake dispensaries recently closed will be able to reopen, their employees will return to work, and citizens in Silver Lake will have safe access to their medication.

Pro:

- Citizens of Silver Lake are being denied their legally recommended medications, putting their health outcomes at risk. Citizens of Silver Lake need and have a right to safe access to their medications.
- Businesses in Silver Lake have the right to remain open.
- Employees of businesses in Silver Lake have the right to earn a living.
- Federal raids against businesses have no place in Silver Lake.

Con:

Some people may think there were too many approved medical marijuana dispensaries in Silver Lake. We had 4 or 5 dispensaries which is one for about every 10,000 people in Silver Lake.

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

No funding is being requested.

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

This notice should be sent to the Los Angeles City Council and related city agencies as soon as possible as health outcomes for citizens of Silver Lake are at risk.

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

No funding is being requested.

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

The letter below (next page) will be drafted by Charles Herman-Wurmfeld and Teresa Sitz and delivered to the City Council and related agencies by certified mail.

DRAFT

November 26, 2012

Mr. Herb Wesson, President
Los Angeles City Council
111 North Hill Street, Department 86
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Wesson and all LA Councilmembers,

On December 5, 2012 at a meeting of the Governing Board of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council the council voted in favor of the motion below.

Whereas, Proposition 215, the Compassionate Use Act of 1996, was passed by the people of the State of California, and

Whereas, Senate Bill (SB) 420 (Chapter 875, Statutes of 2003) was passed in 2003 as an extension and clarification of Proposition 215, and

Whereas, a subgroup of California citizens are now required to produce their own legal medications, or to form collectives to obtain their legal medications, or are forced to buy their legal medications on the streets, creating a second-class status, and

Whereas, the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council was not consulted regarding the Los Angeles City Council's request to the Drug Enforcement Agency to bring armed federal agents into Silver Lake to force businesses to close, and

Whereas, the Los Angeles City Council made no alternative plans for distributing medical marijuana to those citizens in need and within their legal rights to obtain as citizens of the State of California, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we instruct the Los Angeles City Council to consult with the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council prior to calling armed federal agents into Silver Lake and to immediately devise a plan to safely distribute medical marijuana to those citizens of Silver Lake who have a valid physician's recommendation and/or to allow the reopening of the medical marijuana dispensaries in Silver Lake.

Our rationale:

- Citizens of Silver Lake are being denied their legally recommended medications, putting their health outcomes at risk. Citizens of Silver Lake need and have a right to safe access to their medications.
- Silver Lake had only four dispensaries within its boundaries, about one dispensary for every 10,000 people.
- Businesses in Silver Lake have the right to remain open.
- Employees of businesses in Silver Lake have the right to earn a living.
- Federal raids against businesses have no place in Silver Lake.

While it would be ideal to make this request after consulting with the community, we are aware that patients in Silver Lake are currently denied safe access to their medications and we want their access reinstated as soon as possible.

These closures were not requested by the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council nor (as far as we know) by our Councilman, Eric Garcetti and Tom Labonge.

We are scheduling a public forum for the evening of XX-XX-XXXX and will invite the public to speak about this issue.

We appreciate your consideration of our request.

Regards,

The Silverlake Neighborhood Council

cc:

Mr. Eric Garcetti, CD13

Mr Tom LaBonge, CD 4

Mr. Carmen Trutanic, District Attorney

Chief Charlie Beck, LAPD
Stephen Larson, City Attornies Office

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

Date November 26, 2012

Name/Committee Barbara Ringuette – Note this matter is on the agenda for the December 3, 2012 meeting of the Transportation & Public Works Committee.

Text of Motion on the Agenda*: Silver Lake Neighborhood Council moves to request a parking study for the area including Sunset Boulevard between Golden Gate Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard.

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
Please see attached letter to be sent to Councilmember Eric Garcetti; Marcel Porras, and Ryan Carpio, both Councilmember Garcetti's Deputies; and Rene Saglas, LA City DOT.

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

Pro: A parking study is expected to (1) support the need for additional off street public parking or a parking garage and (2) support a request to require additional parking and/or request the denial of by right parking reductions for new developments such as those at Sunset Junction.

Con: Some may believe additional parking is not needed, and thus no parking study would be needed.

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.), At this time no funds are being requested from SLNC.

What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.) Letters would be sent as soon as possible following passage of the motion.

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

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom? The Secretary of SLNC or his designee will send the letters.

*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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December 5, 2012

The Honorable Eric Garcetti
City Hall, 200 North Main Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember Garcetti:

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council writes today to request your support to initiate a parking study for the area along Sunset Boulevard between Golden Gate Avenue and Santa Monica Blvd.

Our Silver Lake community is thriving and there just isn't sufficient parking to meet the needs of residents and local businesses. We believe a parking study (1) is the first step in applying for grants to fund the purchase of land for public off-street parking or to fund a parking structure, and (2) would support a request to require additional parking and/or request the denial of by right parking reductions for new developments such as those proposed in the area of Sunset Junction.

The Silver Lake area is extremely underserved to meet today's needs for parking.

- Parking is the major issue for the Silver Lake community.
- Off street parking is very limited as most commercial buildings were built in the 20's and have no off-street parking; the few plazas built in the 50's lack sufficient spaces to serve the numbers of workers and customers. Parking behind older buildings is further limited by fire codes that require fire access.
- Businesses have difficulty finding parking spaces to rent or lease.
 - Retail business - A major concern is shops could go under because staff and customers can find no place to park. Staff report they must park several blocks from their work. Customers circle the blocks to find parking, many giving up and leave to shop in nearby Glendale or Burbank where public parking structures and lots are readily available.
 - Restaurants lose patrons who cannot find parking to access them. Unfortunately valets often take the few parking spaces that residents might use to access their homes.
 - Permit parking is already in place south of Sunset. The SLNC voted to support permit parking north of Sunset as soon as the City again accepts applications for permit parking districts. Most everyone throughout Silver Lake is asking about permit parking for their area.
- Residents have difficulty finding spaces to park both daytime and especially evenings.
- There is a lack of residential parking because:
 - Some homes built in the teens and twenties have no off street parking.
 - Much of Silver Lake is hillside and lacks both driveways and off-street parking.
 - Many properties have fewer garages than there are numbers of units.
 - Many garages built for model T's are too small for today's cars.
 - Some garages are used for storage, others for motorcycles; cars are stored on the street.

- Rents are high –There are two or more wage earners per house or rental unit, yet there's only one off street parking space.
- In these economic times individuals rent a smaller space and use a garage for storage.

Comparison of Silver Lake with adjacent communities – Los Feliz, Echo Park, Atwater, Glendale, and Burbank:

- Silver Lake has no public parking lots, no metered parking except on Sunset Blvd., and no parking structure. Los Feliz, Echo Park and Atwater all have off-street parking lots. Glendale and Burbank have both parking lots and parking structures.
- Silver Lake has no Dash service; Los Feliz and Echo Park have Dash service. Glendale and Burbank have local bus service.

Public lots and/or a parking structure would enhance:

- Multi-use parking – Daytime parking for businesses, shops, and restaurants; evening parking for restaurants; and overnight parking for residents.
- Pedestrian access to the Polka Dot Plaza, Saturday and Tuesday evening farmers markets plus community events at the polka dot plaza.
- Business opportunities – local businesses, shops, and restaurants would lease spaces paying a monthly fee to meet parking requirements under the LAMC and to assure access for their customers. The monthly fee would fund the lot and/or structure.
- Residents would benefit as the increased access for business parking would remove vehicles from residential streets and expand alternatives for overnight parking.

A parking structure would provide:

- Park and ride aspects
 - Sunset Blvd. is a major transportation corridor
 - access to bus lines along Sunset - local and fast transit
 - bicycle lockers - Sunset Blvd. is a designated bicycle lane thoroughfare
 - access to the planned transit center at Sunset Junction

A parking structure and/or a lot would address the objectives discussed on pages 75-77 of the Silver Lake-Echo Park-Elysian Valley Community Plan (attached). The Silver Lake community is sensitive to compatible development and design elements and would seek to blend any new facility into the existing architecture of the community.

For further discussion, please contact Barbara.Ringuette@silverlakenc.org.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request for a parking study, the first step to address our serious need for additional parking in Silver Lake.

Sincerely yours,

cc: ReneSaglas, Marcel Porras, Ryan Carpio

SILVER LAKE-ECHO PARK-ELYSIAN VALLEY Community Plan

PARKING

The Plan supports initiatives to develop City-owned (off-street) and shared-use parking facilities in the Silver Lake-Echo Park-Elysian Valley Community Plan Area. Parking facilities, either City-owned or privately developed, should be located in or near commercial areas, preferably in identified Community Centers and along identified Mixed Use Boulevards.

Additionally, they should not be free-standing, but should incorporate a mix of uses that contributes to the vitality and activity of the street and complement existing uses and design. A typical way of incorporating mixed use in a parking facility might be to include commercial/retail uses on the ground floor of a parking structure. Residential uses may also be included in such facilities.

GOAL 15 A SUFFICIENT SYSTEM OF WELL DESIGNED AND CONVENIENT ON-STREET PARKING AND OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE PLAN AREA.

Objective 15-1 Provide parking in appropriate locations in accord with Citywide standards and community needs.

Policies

15-1.1 Encourage the development of centralized municipal and private parking structures and surface parking lots, and where possible encourage public-private partnerships in the development of such parking facilities.

Program: Encourage the development of parking facilities (both public and private) that incorporate a mix of uses that maintain and contribute to street life, such as parking structures with ground-floor commercial/retail uses.

Program: Work with appropriate City departments to study the availability of parking in the Sunset-Alvarado Parking Meter Zone and the Silver Lake Parking Meter Zone and to develop a comprehensive sign program to direct motorists to existing municipal lots in those areas.

Program: Work with relevant City departments to identify optimal locations for development of City-owned parking facilities as needed in the following commercial areas:

- The area of the Sunset Boulevard/Beaudry Avenue intersection;
- The area of the proposed Sunset Boulevard/Echo Park Avenue Community Design Overlay District (to be located behind commercial frontage);
- The Sunset Boulevard/Alvarado Street Community Center; and,
- At intervals in key locations along Sunset Boulevard, a designated Mixed Use Boulevard, to improve the viability of mixed-use projects (the Plan supports parking reductions for projects within 750 feet of publicly or privately owned centralized parking facilities).

Program: Establish as part of the Sunset Boulevard/Echo Park Avenue Community Design Overlay District and/or the Sunset Junction Community Design Overlay District (or more generally along the Sunset Boulevard Mixed Use Boulevard) a parking fund that would be used to pay for centralized parking facilities along the boulevard. The location of central parking structures along Sunset Boulevard will provide incentive to concentrated development along the designated Mixed Use Boulevard so that developers can take advantage of the parking reduction encouraged in this Plan.

15-1.2 Consolidate parking where appropriate, to minimize the number of ingress and egress points onto Major and Secondary Highways.

Program: Chapter V, the Urban Design chapter of this Plan, outlines guidelines for parking areas.

Program: Decision-makers should require shared-use parking facilities and coordinate parking access when discretionary actions are required.

15-1.3 Consider new Citywide parking standards for areas around transit stations, designated centers and pedestrian-oriented areas.

Program: Consider parking reductions for developments located in areas around transit stations, designated centers and pedestrian-oriented areas. Use central parking structure parking reductions as incentive to draw and concentrate development in designated centers and Mixed Use Boulevards and to increase the viability of mixed-use projects.

15.1-4 New parking lots and parking structures shall be developed in accordance with design standards.

Program: Chapter V, the Urban Design chapter of this Plan, outlines guidelines for parking facilities.

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

Date November 27, 2012
Name/Committee Urban Design and Preservation Advisory Committee
Text of Motion on the Agenda*: Move that the SLNC Governing Board support the proposed RD2 Zone Variance for a Professional Real Estate Office at 800-810 Silver Lake Boulevard.

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.

Applicant requests a zoning variance to allow an office use in the RD2-1VL zone, with no exterior construction, to relocate, entitle, and operate the firm's professional office within an existing 1,625 square foot one-story structure located on a 4,894 square foot RD2-1ZVL triangular shaped lot operated as a church from 1944 to 2003 and renovated by a prior owner. The Applicant is the current property owner and will be the only onsite business once entitled.

The Committee was in strong support of this applicant's variance based on the project's minimal visual impact to the residential neighborhood. An extensive review of the daytime parking situation was discussed and evaluated, and parking impact is almost zero.

Further, the Committee felt that this variance was the best fit for the community as currently allowable residential zoning does not preclude the construction of a 45 foot high block building by right, which would destroy the existing church building and be detrimental to the scale and character of the adjacent residential neighborhood.

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

Pro: Support of a family-owned local small business' request for a variance. Parking impact is almost zero during business hours based on the assessed current parking situation along Silver Lake Boulevard during business hours.

Con: Neighbors may struggle with proposed change.

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.)

December 5, 2012 SLNC Governing Board meeting in anticipation of upcoming public hearing dates.

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

N/A

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

Urban Design and Preservation Advisory Committee Chairman will send official communication to Los Angeles Department of City Planning on behalf of the SLNC Governing Board.

VOLUNTARY CONDITIONS TO BE PART OF THE ZONING APPROVAL

1. Access/Traffic/Circulation/Parking

- a. Maintain two parking spaces on site.
- b. Utilize only the existing driveway off of Marathon Ave.
- c. Require staff car-pooling, bicycle and pedestrian transportation.
- d. Require electronic and mail payments of monthly fees from clients to reduce car trips and/or visits.
- e. Require employees / visitors to check with office administrator prior to trying to park on-site to prevent queuing and waiting along the residential frontage streets.
- f. Post a sign on the main entryway that states: "If you have parked in a residential area - including along Parkman and Marathon you are jeopardizing the zoning permits under which CLR operates. Please immediately relocate your vehicle to along Silver Lake Blvd and be respectful of the neighbors wherever you parked or will re-park. Please refrain from talking on your cell phone, or playing music in or out of your car in the residential neighborhood."

2. Neighborhood Compatibility:

- a. Operate the use as a low key, local serving office similar to the embedded/infill professional offices found in residential communities like Seal Beach (local real estate, pilates and spa services) , Santa Monica (multiple green grocery stores) and Manhattan Beach (small professional offices).
- b. File and process an Administrative Review of Plans through the City ZA as a condition of, and prior to any increase in staff above 9 with a vote by the SLNC as part of the decision-making by the ZA.
- c. Maintain the existing building, fencing and landscaping with no substantial change in color, materials or overt appearance.
- d. Limit proposed signage to one sign along the Silver Lake, and agree to a condition to never illuminate the proposed 3 ft. tall by 4 ft. wide double-sided sign along Silver Lake Blvd. and post no signage along Parkman or Marathon Ave.
- e. Prohibit outdoor courtyard gatherings and smoking in or outside the building.
- f. Prohibit amplified sound that can be heard outside the building.
- g. Limit office hours to 9:00 to 5:30, M-F and Saturdays 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- h. Prohibit open house gatherings with > 12 pp during the entire gathering.
- i. Post a clearly visible, low key sign on the fence with a 24/7 hotline number.
- j. Install a security camera system to monitor the exterior of the property along three street frontages.

3. LAFD and LAPD Services:

- a. Provide emergency gate controller, knock box, or knock-down gate to expedite entry.
- b. Post a sign stating a 24/7 emergency contact.

4. Noise: Comply with City interior and exterior decibel requirements to the satisfaction of neighbors.

5. General: Set up and host quarterly or more frequent meetings at the request of neighbors to discuss ongoing operations and any changes required to avoid revocation.

CONDITION TO CONTROL PARKING ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS

The following condition will be posted on the doorway entry from Marathon.

If you have parked anywhere in a residential area - including along Parkman and Marathon - you are jeopardizing the zoning permits under which CLR operates.

Please immediately relocate your vehicle to along Silver Lake Blvd and be respectful of the neighbors wherever you parked or will re-park.

Please refrain from talking on your cell phone, or playing music in or out of your car in the residential neighborhood.

Failure to abide will cause Clint Lukens Realty to face revocation of its right to use this property as an office.

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

Date December 5, 2012

Name/Committee Gale Jaffe, Rusty Millar, Nadine Trujillo

Text of Motion on the Agenda*: That the Silver Lake NC request a 45 day delay on action by the LA Police Dept Criminal Investigation Division on issuing a permit to Club Los Globos for its change of ownership so that the community can provide input through the SLNC at its January 3, 2013 meeting.

Describe the event/project in detail. Los Globos nightclub has an application as a change of ownership with the Los Angeles Police Dept Criminal Investigation Division (CID). Given the 600 person occupancy of the building and no dedicated parking, noise complaints by the local neighbors, and other quality of life issues to local residents we request this extension to allow time for community input. _____

What is the total budget for the project? none

What is the timeline for the project? Adoption at the December 2012 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 makers of the motion will work with the local community to get input on the major issues impacting them. This will be presented as a motion at the January 2013 GB meeting.

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

Date November 25, 2012

Name/Committee. Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Public Safety Committee

Text of Motion on the Agenda*:

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

Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) to take place at Micheltorena Elementay School starting Thursday, January 10, 2013 to run for seven consecutive weeks from 6:30PM to 9:30 PM. The class will be held in the school auditorium with a maximum seating capacity of 120 persons. Each class runs for three hours with a short break for light snack and beverage. Water will be available and a healthy snack will be offered during break time. The only beverage source at the school are the drinking fountains. There is no source for food or snacks in the immediate vicinity. Water and snacks can be purchased at a local super store such as Trader Joes or Costco or Smart and Final.

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

Pro: none

Con: none

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.) Approximately one beverage per person x 125 persons x seven weeks. Approx. one snack bar per person x 125 persons x seven weeks. Maximum total cost \$350.00 contingent on final registration numbers. We are asking for the full \$350.00 from the SLNC. No there are no alternate funding sources At this time.

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

January 2, 2013

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

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

Nadine Trujillo, Co Chair Public Safety Committee

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