



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 18, 2024, 7:00pm

Location: Virtual (via Zoom): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89787982890> **and by phone (877) 853-5257 (Meeting ID No. 897 8798 2890)**

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1. **Meeting Called to Order by Chair at: 7:05 PM**
 2. **Pledge of Allegiance led by: Laurie Levine**
 3. **Roll Call:**
Boardmembers Present: Baila Romm, Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Stuart Weiss, Jason Plummer, Ken Blaker, Laurie Levine, Marlene Katz, Mitch Cohen, Sandy Block, Shirley Traum, Jon Liberman, Joseph Mollaie, Tiffany Miller.
Boardmembers Absent: Benji Karbon, Eitan Gershov, Sara Messall, Michelle Frankel, Noah Damsky, Avihi Youshaei.
Joel Weinberger entered the meeting at 8:04 PM.
Kevin McCarthy entered the meeting at 8:22 PM.
Margarita Guzman entered the meeting at 8:26 PM.
Cheryl Holstrom enters the meeting at 8:30 PM
 4. **General Public Comment: Public Comment 1-**
 5. **Brief Board Announcements**
 - a. Items for General Board Agendas and other Brief Board Announcements
Michael Lynn asked to please retrieve lawn signs for open board seats if seen in the area; also said to contact him if they have not received their SORO shirts.
 6. **Community Reports**
 - a. LA Police Department (Baker) - 39796@lapd.online / Ojeda - 36393@lapd.online **NOT PRESENT.**
 - b. LA Fire Department- Battalion 18 lafdbattalion18@lacity.org **NOT PRESENT.**
 - c. Office of Councilmember Hutt (Guevara) - mayra.guevara@lacity.org **PRESENT, GAVE REPORT.**
 - d. Office of Councilmember Yaroslavsky (Rodriguez) - cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org **PRESENT, GAVE REPORT.**
 - e. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Erving) - commission@empowerla.org **NOT PRESENT.**

- f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Andrews)- dina.andrews@lacity.org
NOT PRESENT.
- g. Office of Mayor Bass (Miller) - kenneth.g.miller@lacity.org **NOT PRESENT.**
- h. Office of County Supervisor Horvath (Laflan) - ALaflen@bos.lacounty.gov
PRESENT, GAVE REPORT.
- i. Office of State Assemblymember Bryan (Persoff) - Michelle.Persoff@asm.ca.gov
NOT PRESENT.
- j. Office of State Senator Smallwood-Cuevas (Vacant) - Elizabeth.Birks@sen.ca.gov
NOT PRESENT.
- k. Office of Congressman Kamlager-Dove (Benarroch) – **NOT PRESENT.**
Jackson.Benarroch@mail.house.gov
- l. Other Neighborhood, City and State offices

7. **Presentation: Mike Harriel, SoCal Gas – Airdrome and Livonia project**

Project will be automating a regulator station at Livonia and Airdrome; project will hopefully begin in October and will last about 3 months, work being done between 7am-4pm. The purpose of the project is to create a control center modernization in which SoCal Gas can monitor company assets from one location to help with efficient planning and improve response and remediation of any gas issues. Impact in the area include some parking lanes blocked, some street parking affected, some pedestrian parking and some sidewalks will be available. Name and contact numbers will be given to the community and notifications will go out to the community about the construction impact.

Board Membership- Selections, Removals, & Resignations

- a. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Zone 4 Representative - Term expires June 30, 2027) (GB07182024-01)

Moved by Terrence Gomes ; Seconded by Baila Romm.

- Public Comment 1-**
- Public Comment 2-**

**Baila Romm left the meeting at 7:50 PM and returned to the meeting at 7:51 PM.
Joel Weinberger entered the meeting at 8:04 PM.**

- Kevin McCarthy
- Katelyn Best
- Cheryl Holstrom
- Margarita Guzman
- Joshua Nathan Shapiro-**WITHDREW**
- Meha Murthy- **NOT PRESENT**
- Kyle Domenic Cayce – **NOT PRESENT**

Roll Call:

Michael Lynn-Kevin McCarthy, Joel Weinberger- Katelyn Best, Baila Romm- Katelyn Best, Terrence Gomes- Cheryl Holstrom, Stuart Weiss- Kevin

McCarthy, Shirley Traum- Cheryl Holstrom, Ken Blaker- Cheryl Holstrom, Barry Levine- Margarita Guzman, Laurie Levine-Margarita Guzman, Jason Plummer- Kevin McCarthy, Marlene Katz- Margarita Guzman, Mitch Cohen- Kevin McCarthy, Jon Liberman- Margarita Guzman, Sandy Block- Kevin McCarthy, Tiffany Miller- Ineligible, Joseph Mollaie- Ineligible.

Kevin McCarthy-5 Votes, Katelyn Best-2 Votes, Cheryl Holstrom-3 Votes, Margarita Guzman-4 Votes. Kevin McCarthy wins.

Kevin McCarthy entered the meeting at 8:22 PM.

Joseph Mollaie left the meeting at 8:23 PM.

- b. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Business Representative 3 – Term expires June 30, 2027) (GB07182024-02)

Moved by Jon Liberman; Seconded by Baila Romm.

Roll Call:

Michael Lynn-Cheryl Holstrom, Joel Weinberger- Katelyn Best, Baila Romm- Margarita Guzman, Terrence Gomes- Cheryl Holstrom, Stuart Weiss- Cheryl Holstrom, Shirley Traum- Cheryl Holstrom, Ken Blaker- Cheryl Holstrom, Barry Levine- Margarita Guzman, Laurie Levine-Margarita Guzman, Jason Plummer- Margarita Guzman, Marlene Katz- Margarita Guzman, Mitch Cohen- Katelyn Best, Jon Liberman- Margarita Guzman, Sandy Block- Katelyn Best, Tiffany Miller- Ineligible.

Margarita Guzman-6 Votes, Cheryl Holstrom-5 Votes, Katelyn Best-3 Votes. Margarita Guzman wins.

Margarita Guzman entered the meeting at 8:26 PM.

- c. Motion to Appoint At-Large Representative (Unfilled Organization Representative 3 - Term expires June 30, 2027) (GB07182024-03)

Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Laurie Levine.

Roll Call:

Michael Lynn-Cheryl Holstrom, Joel Weinberger- Katelyn Best, Baila Romm- Cheryl Holstrom, Terrence Gomes- Cheryl Holstrom, Stuart Weiss- Cheryl Holstrom, Shirley Traum- Cheryl Holstrom, Ken Blaker- Cheryl Holstrom, Barry Levine- Cheryl Holstrom, Laurie Levine-Cheryl Holstrom, Jason Plummer- Katelyn Best, Marlene Katz- Katelyn Best, Mitch Cohen- Katelyn Best, Jon Liberman- Katelyn Best, Sandy Block- Katelyn Best, Tiffany Miller- Ineligible.

Cheryl Holstrom-9 Votes, Katelyn Best-5 Votes. Cheryl Holstrom wins. Cheryl Holstrom enters the meeting at 8:30 PM.

8. Committees, Liaisons and Alliances

a. Liaison and Alliance Representative Appointments

- I. Motion to appoint LADWP Alternate Representative (GB07182024-04)**
- II. Motion to appoint Budget Advocates Representative (1) (GB07182024-05)**

Chair postponed Items I and II, without objection.

b. Committee, Liaisons and Alliance Reports

- I. Standing Committees: Executive; Education; Land Use; Public Safety; Homelessness; Outreach; Transportation; Business Advocacy & Development; Parks and Recreation; Budget & Finance; Bylaws; Board Development

Michael Lynn discussed Outreach Postcards. Mentioned they were currently being mailed out; will be reaching SORO addresses in the next few days.

- II. Ad-hoc Committees: Tree Removal Notification

No reports.

- III. Liaisons and Alliances: LANCC, WRAC, LADWP, Budget Advocates, City Attorney, Sustainability, District 37 Congressional Council, Homelessness

Jason Plummer reported that the LADWP meeting was about the La Kretz Campus on Alameda which has labs and offers tours.

c. Opportunity to Join and/or Change Membership to Board Committees (GB07182024-06)

Jason Plummer joins Land Use.

Kevin McCarthy joins Transportation and Land Use.

9. **Unfinished Business** (*Members of the public can choose to speak on multiple agenda items in this section for no more than one (1) minute total, with the time for each speaker to be determined by- 5min divided by # hands raised*)

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

- a. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to oppose the City of Los Angeles Ethics Commission's ability to approve/disapprove Citizen ballot measures (GB07182024-07)

Motion to Postpone moved by Jon Liberman; Seconded by Laurie Levine.

Roll Call:

Baila Romm- Abstain, Michael Lynn-No, Terrence Gomes- Yes, Barry Levine-Yes, Stuart Weiss-No,

Jason Plummer- No, Ken Blaker- Yes, Laurie Levine- Yes, Marlene Katz- Yes, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Sandy Block- No, Shirley Traum- Yes, Jon Liberman- Yes, Joel Weinberger- Abstain.

8-Yes, 4- No, 2 Abstain, 3 Ineligible. Motion to Postpone to next agenda passes.

Cheryl Holstrom left the meeting at 8:47 PM.

- b. Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter and submit a CIS opposing Council File: 24-0656 (Title Gaza / Israel / Hamas / Permanent Ceasefire / Peaceful Diplomacy / Humanitarian Aid / Medical Care) (GB07182024-08)

Moved by Jon Liberman; Seconded by Terrence Gomes.

Jason Plummer said the city should not be involved in foreign affairs. Baila Romm agreed with Jason Plummer. Joel Weinberger said the city should not be passing resolutions around this but this letter is important because it calls out the original letter. Jason Plummer moves to amend the CIS only due to foreign policy being out of scope and removing the rest of the language; Seconded by Marlene Katz.

Roll Call:

Baila Romm- No, Michael Lynn-No, Terrence Gomes- No, Barry Levine-Yes, Stuart Weiss-No, Jason Plummer- Yes, Ken Blaker- No, Laurie Levine- No, Marlene Katz- Yes, Mitch Cohen- No, Sandy Block- No, Shirley Traum- No, Jon Liberman- No, Joel Weinberger- Abstain.
3 Yes, 10 No, 1 Abstain. Motion Fails.

Point of Order by Jason Plummer: On the original motion, the unanimous part of CIS should be removed if vote is not unanimous.

Roll Call:

Baila Romm- Yes, Michael Lynn-Yes, Terrence Gomes- Yes, Barry Levine-Yes, Stuart Weiss-Yes, Jason Plummer- No, Ken Blaker- Yes, Laurie Levine- Yes, Marlene Katz- No, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Sandy Block- Yes, Shirley Traum- Yes, Jon Liberman- Yes, Joel Weinberger- Yes.

12 Yes, 2 No. Motion Passes “Unanimous” stricken.

Cheryl Holstrom re-entered the meeting at 8:56 PM.

- 11. Consent Agenda** (*Members of the public can choose to speak on multiple agenda items in this section for no more than one (1) minute total, with the time for each speaker to be determined by- 5min divided by # hands raised*)
- a. Motion to approve June 20, 2024 General Board Meeting Draft Minutes (GB07182024-09)
 - b. Motion to approve June 2024 MER Report (GB07182024-10)
 - c. Motion for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council to create a tab on the SORO NC website where stakeholders can find links to report certain crimes online (with examples of what can be reported online), 311 City Services, and other important city department resources as well as a guide what to say when calling 911 (GB07182024-11)
 - ~~d. Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter and CIS to the City Council condemning the violence on the events of June 23, 2024 on Pico Blvd. that was directed at Jewish Houses of Worship, local Jewish businesses and Jewish residents on the surrounding streets. After meeting with the LAPD and CD5 there were lessons~~

- ~~learned and that strategies and tactics will be improved moving forward in the event of direct attacks anywhere the SORO community (GB07182024-12)~~
- e. Motion for the SORO NC to Co-Sponsor three summer events with Council Offices # 5 and #10 (GB07182024-13)
 - f. ~~Motion for the SORO NC to schedule its regular General Board meetings for fiscal year 2024-25 to be held at the Burton House (formerly Residence Inn) on the third Thursday of each month, except for the October meeting, which will be scheduled on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. If physical location is unavailable for any meeting, it will be held online (GB07182024-14)~~
 - g. Motion for the SORO NC to schedule its regular Executive Committee meetings for fiscal year 2024-25 to be held on the second Thursday of each month, except for the March meeting, which will be scheduled on Wednesday, March 12, 2024. Executive Committee meetings will be held online (GB07182024-15)
 - h. ~~Motion for the SORO NC to submit the following Community Impact Statement (CIS) to oppose the substitute motion to/for July 31, 2024 (Yaroslavsky-Blumenfield-Lee-Park) in Council File 24-0771 [Title: Jewish Federation / Magen Am / Jewish Community Foundation / Community Security Services / Unappropriated Balance Fund / Contracts] CIS: "The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council opposes the substitute motion that directs the \$2 million in security funding to be open for all religious institutions in Los Angeles. The violence and hate is occurring in the CD 5 area, and the funds should be directed to security there, rather than dispensed citywide." (GB07182024-16)~~

Public Comment 1-

Public Comment 2-

Jon Liberman removes Item D.

Barry Levine removes Item H.

Jason Plummer removes Item F.

Moved by Laurie Levine; Seconded by Baila Romm.

Voting on Items A, B, C, E, G.

Roll Call:

Baila Romm- Yes, Michael Lynn-Yes, Terrence Gomes- Yes, Barry Levine-Yes, Stuart Weiss-Yes, Jason Plummer- Yes, Ken Blaker- Yes, Laurie Levine- Yes, Marlene Katz- Yes, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Sandy Block- Yes, Shirley Traum- Yes, Jon Liberman- Yes, Joel Weinberger- Yes.

14 Yes, 0 No. Items A B C G E pass.

12. New Business (*Members of the public can choose to speak on multiple agenda items in this section for no more than one (1) minute total, with the time for each speaker to be determined by- 5min divided by # virtual hands raised*)

- a. Motion for the SORO NC to adopt an alternate selection process rather than participate in a City-conducted election (SORO NC Bylaws- Section 6: Other Election Related Language) and create an Ad-hoc Elections Committee to create the Selection Process and carry out the planning, marketing and logistics of the Selection process. This Ad-hoc Elections Committee shall consist of five (5)

Boardmembers and shall terminate immediately after completion of the Selection. **The Board must approve the selection process by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board Members present.** (GB07182024-17)
Michael Lynn moves to postpone. No objection. Item postponed.

Ken Blaker leaves the meeting at 9:17 PM.

(Items Removed from Consent Agenda)

11. d. Motion for the SORO NC to write a letter and CIS to the City Council condemning the violence on the events of June 23, 2024 on Pico Blvd. that was directed at Jewish Houses of Worship, local Jewish businesses and Jewish residents on the surrounding streets. After meeting with the LAPD and CD5 there were lessons learned and that strategies and tactics will be improved moving forward in the event of direct attacks anywhere the SORO community (GB07182024-12)

Moved by Jon Liberman, Seconded by Terrence Gomes.

Michael Lynn moves to extend the meeting until 10:00 PM. No objection.

**Amendment to remove 2nd and 3rd Bullet Points Moved by Joel Weinberger;
Seconded by Jason Plummer.**

Roll Call:

Baila Romm- No, Michael Lynn-No, Terrence Gomes- No, Barry Levine-

No, Stuart Weiss-Yes, Jason Plummer- Yes, Laurie Levine-No, Marlene Katz- Yes, Mitch Cohen- No, Sandy Block- No, Shirley Traum- No, Jon Liberman- No, Joel Weinberger- Yes.

9 No, 4 Yes. Amendment Fails.

Jason Plummer Amendment to not cite religious institutions specifically but as “likely targets.”

Moved by Jason Plummer; Seconded by Stuart Weiss.

Roll Call:

Baila Romm- No, Michael Lynn-No, Terrence Gomes- No, Barry Levine-

No, Stuart Weiss-No, Jason Plummer- Yes, Laurie Levine-No, Marlene Katz- Yes, Mitch Cohen- No, Sandy Block- No, Shirley Traum- No, Jon Liberman- No, Joel Weinberger- No.

12 No, 1 Yes. Amendment Fails.

Original Motion in Consent Agenda

Roll Call:

Baila Romm- Yes, Michael Lynn-Yes, Terrence Gomes- Yes, Barry Levine-

Yes, Stuart Weiss-Yes, Jason Plummer- No, Laurie Levine-Yes, Marlene Katz- Abstain, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Sandy Block- Yes, Shirley Traum- Yes, Jon Liberman- Yes, Joel Weinberger- Abstain.

10 Yes, 1 No, 2 Abstains. Motion Passes.

Joel Weinberger left the meeting at 9:45 PM.

11. h. Motion for the SORO NC to submit the following Community Impact Statement (CIS) to oppose the substitute motion to/for July 31, 2024 (Yaroslavsky - Blumenfield - Lee - Park) in Council File 24-0771 [Title: Jewish Federation / Magen Am / Jewish Community Foundation / Community Security Services / Unappropriated Balance Fund / Contracts] CIS: "The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council opposes the substitute motion that directs the \$2 million in security funding to be open for all religious institutions in Los Angeles. The violence and hate is occurring in the CD 5 area, and the funds should be directed to security there, rather than dispensed citywide." (GB07182024-16)

Moved by Terrence Gomes; Seconded by Barry Levine.

Roll Call:

Baila Romm- Yes, Michael Lynn-Yes, Terrence Gomes- Yes, Barry Levine- No, Stuart Weiss-No, Jason Plummer- Abstain, Laurie Levine-Yes, Marlene Katz- No, Mitch Cohen- Yes, Sandy Block- Yes, Shirley Traum- Yes, Jon Liberman- Yes. 8 Yes, 3 No, 1 Abstain. Motion Passes.

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- 13. Meeting adjourned by Chair at 10:00 PM.**