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# Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 12, 2024, 7:00pm

**Location -** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96797820685> or by phone (877) 853 5257  
(Meeting ID No. 967 9782 0685)

1. **Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 PM**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance led by Terrence Gomes**
3. **Roll Call:**  
**Committee Members Present- Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Terrence Gomes, Jon Liberman, Stuart Weiss (Stuart left at 7:20 PM, returned at 7:24 PM)**
4. **General Public Comment: None**
5. **Approval of Outstanding Executive Committee Minutes**
  - a. **Draft Minutes from August 8th, 2024**  
**Motion to approve Minutes**  
**Moved by Terrence Gomes, Seconded by Jon Liberman; Minutes are incomplete**  
**POSTPONED**
6. **Brief Executive Committee Announcements:**
7. **Old Business**
  - a. **Update, discussion and possible action regarding the status of the SORO NC medallions**  
**Terrence emailed both CD-10 and CD-5 to inquire on status. Item continued to next Executive Committee meeting, without objection**
8. **New Business**
  - a. **Discussion and possible action on various plug-ins used in the SORO NC website, including forms, mapping, etc...**  
**Item continued to next Executive Committee meeting, without objection**
  - b. **Discussion and possible action on recommending that the SORO NC take a position on CF 24-0602 Synthetic Grass / Artificial Turf / Polyflouroalkyl Substances (PFAS) / Forever Chemicals / Health and Environmental Risks / Drought-Friendly Landscaping**  
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=24-0602>  
**Motion to recommend that the SORO NC submit a CIS against the motion in CF 24-**

**0602 Synthetic Grass / Artificial Turf / Polyflouroalkyl Substances (PFAS) / Forever Chemicals / Health and Environmental Risks / Drought-Friendly Landscaping**  
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=24-0602> , unless amended, with the following summary text:

**The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) very strongly objects to this motion as written, but would support a motion that ONLY requests an honest and unbiased CAO report. The SORO NC notes that the council file calls for action on the assumption that the CAO report has already been written and supports one position. We believe that the report must start from a neutral point of view and come to a factual conclusion that has not been predetermined.**

**The report should consider all health reasons as to whether to continue or discontinue use of the substances.**

**The report should consider the economic effects of continuing or discontinuing use of the substances.**

**The report should consider the impact on the LADWP's ability to deliver sufficient water in a drought environment. If the report determines that the benefits of eliminating these should be considered, then the LADWP must indicate whether we have sufficient water resources to implement that change. If there will be a significant impact on the LADWP having to finance large scale projects to deliver such water, then there should be a report to estimate the cost of the implementation to the ratepayers.**

**The report should also consider the synthetic turf industry's potential to reformulate their product to eliminate PFAS. This may be an opportunity for the City of Los Angeles to work WITH the industry to develop solutions to make their own products safer for humans and the environment.**

**The report should also consider the historical impact and results of previous bans, as they have often led to the use of other products that were also eventually banned.**

**The report should also consider research and development into a State mandated recycling program for synthetic turf (which CAN be recycled) along with other similar products.**

**The SORO NC very strongly objects to this motion as written, but would support a motion that ONLY requests an honest and unbiased CAO report.**

**Moved by Jon, Seconded by Terrence, Vote Count Yes, 5 No 0; PASSES**

**9. Review and Approval of Proposed Agenda for the September 19, 2024 General Board Meeting**

- a. Discussion and possible action on Formatting and Obligatory Language; Amending, Annotation or Removal of Any Item; Order/position of Items; and Approval of Agenda**

**Motion to approve Agenda for the SORO NC September 19, 2024 General Board Meeting**

**Moved by Terrence, Seconded by Jon, Vote Count Yes, 5 No 0; PASSES**

**10. Meeting Adjourned at 9:11 PM**