

Open Board Seat Applications



GB022025-02

Candidate Name: Alexander Esparza

Board Seat: At-Large Representative 7

Applicant Statement: Hi, my name is Alex. I am a member of our community and have been working in the community for the past 6 years. I work in finance as well as project management. Experience that can also be helpful for our community. I am also a veteran who served out country for 6 years. With my experience I would be able to support our community in planning and book keeping with my corporate finance experience. Additionally, my military experience can assist with emergency response and preparedness, and any additional support needed.

Legal Affirmation: yes



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Candidate Name: Miger Diaz

Board Seat: At-Large Representative 7

Applicant Statement: I love helping people and my community. I'm a family man and my daughter attended the Robertson community school.

Legal Affirmation: yes



Candidate Name: VAHID JEBELLI

Board Seat: At-Large Representative 7

Applicant Statement: I believe I am a strong addition to the board, because I care about my community and city. For decades I have been involved with the LADOT and Dist. 5 to ease the traffic congestion and promote people's safety in some of LA's most congested areas by adding additional signs and instructions I am very open minded and a good listener. In addition to my years of personal involvement with various LA departments like, DBS, Housing, LADOT etc. has made me knowledgeable in many areas of the law and regulations. Also, I speak 3 languages which might be helpful to communicate with constituents who might not speak english well.

Legal Affirmation: yes



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Board Seat: At-Large Representative 11

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GB022025-01

Candidate Name: Marvell Garrett

Board Seat: At-Large Representative 11

Applicant Statement: I'm running for the Neighborhood Council because I believe strong communities start with engaged leadership. My experience in politics—from grassroots organizing to policy work—has prepared me to be a dedicated advocate for our neighborhood. I'm committed to making our community safer, more inclusive, and full of opportunities for all. Together, we can build a neighborhood where everyone has a voice and a chance to thrive. I'd be honored to have your support!

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SORO NC Committee Memberships as of 2/20/25

(Board Members)

Land Use Committee	Barry Levine, Ken Blaker, Joseph Mollaie, Mitch Cohen , Stuart Weiss, Sara Messall, Noah Damsky, Jason Plummer, Margarita Guzman, Holly Hubsher, Cheryl Holstrom, Katelyn Best, Laurie Levine
Public Safety Committee	Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes , Ken Blaker, Laurie Levine, Baila Romm , Joesph Mollaie, Stuart Weiss, Holly Hubsher, Beth Klein
Outreach Committee	Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Michael Lynn , Baila Romm, Stuart Weiss, Sara Messall, Marlene Katz, Mallory Smith
Transportation Committee	Barry Levine, Joel Weinberger , Terrence Gomes, Michael Lynn, Jason Plummer , Katelyn Best, Holly Hubsher
Homelessness Committee	Terrence Gomes , Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Ken Blaker, Laurie Levine, Marlene Katz, Holly Hubsher
Education Committee	Shirley Traum, Barry Levine, Eitan Gershov, Margarita Guzman
Bylaws Committee	Ken Blaker , Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Joel Weinberger, Joseph Mollaie
Budget & Finance Committee	Terrence Gomes , Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Baila Romm
Board Development	Sara Messall, Stuart Weiss
Tree Removal Notification- Ad Hoc	Barry Levine
Board Selection- Ad Hoc	Jason Plummer, Joseph Mollaie, Stuart Weiss, Terrence Gomes, Michael Lynn
3-On-3 Basketball- Ad Hoc	Sara Messall, Katelyn Best, Margarita Guzman



Motion for the SORO NC to sponsor an “English Conversation” Meet-and-Greet event possibly at Hamilton High School in late April/early May 2025 with English Learning Students and Stakeholders, with funding of up to \$300 to cover a potential LAUSD application fee, refreshments, banner and flyers.

Agenda Item: GB022025-11
Date: February 20, 2025
Proposed By: Education Committee
Include motion in Consent Agenda? Yes

Michael Lynn
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Background

Hamilton High School has 100+ students classified as Limited English Proficient (LEP), and as of December 2024, only 1 student has been reclassified from English learner status to fluent English proficient status. The district goal is 40% (~ 40 students per year).

Most, if not all, English learners would benefit from more exposure to, and conversations with, fluent / native English speakers; and such exposure would help improve their language skills.

Hosting a meet-and-greet is a first step towards helping the school achieve the district goal. Furthermore, this event facilitates an opportunity for both students and stakeholders to engage and foster mutual understanding, thereby positively contributing to the overall South Robertson community.

Proposed Motion

- I. Motion for the SORO NC to sponsor an “English Conversation” Meet-and-Greet event possibly at Hamilton High School in late April/early May 2025 with English Learning Students and Stakeholders, with funding of up to \$300 to cover a potential LAUSD application fee, refreshments, banner and flyers.

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Neighborhoods Council**

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Considerations

Committee review:
(Highly recommended)

Votes For: 3

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:
(applies to funding motions only)

\$ N/A

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SUBTOTAL 11.96

Total # Items Sold 4

Tax 11.96 @ 9.500% = 1.14

TOTAL 13.10

Visa 13.10

PURCHASE \$13.10
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