

SORO NC Committee Memberships as of 8/21/25

(Board Members)

Land Use Committee	Barry Levine, Ken Blaker, Joseph Mollaie, Mitch Cohen , Stuart Weiss, Noah Damsky, Jason Plummer, Margarita Guzman
Public Safety Committee	Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes , Baila Romm , Joesph Mollaie, Stuart Weiss, Beth Klein, Judit Maull
Outreach Committee	Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Michael Lynn , Baila Romm, Stuart Weiss, Marlene Katz, Mallory Smith
Transportation Committee	Barry Levine, Terrence Gomes, Michael Lynn, Jason Plummer ,
Homelessness Committee	Terrence Gomes , Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Marlene Katz,
Education Committee	Barry Levine, Margarita Guzman , Michael Lynn, Jack Twaijri
Bylaws Committee	Michael Lynn, Terrence Gomes, Barry Levine, Shia Fisher , Joseph Mollaie
Budget & Finance Committee	Terrence Gomes , Barry Levine, Michael Lynn, Baila Romm
Board Development	Stuart Weiss



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July 17, 2025

Mayor Karen Bass
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mayor Bass,

In the spirit of transparency, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) demands that you immediately consent to a full audit of the Inside Safe program, conducted by the City Controller Kenneth Mejia.

We further demand that you and/or City Administrative Officer Mathew Szabo disclose the full extent of all sources of its funding.

This is directly due to recent developments in the federal LA Alliance case before Judge Carter, including 1) your stated position in Court that you will not consent to an audit of the Inside Safe program by the City Controller, and 2) the disturbing results of a Court-ordered audit of the program, which revealed that more than \$2 billion of the City's spending on homelessness programs could not be properly tracked.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynn
President
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

CC: Los Angeles City Controller, Kenneth Mejia
CC: Los Angeles City Administrative Officer, Matthew Szabo
CC: CD5 Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky
CC: CD10 Councilwoman Heather Hutt



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August 21, 2025

Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky
200 N. Spring Street, Suite 440
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilwoman Yaroslavsky,

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council is writing to you to support Council District 5's efforts to create a Pico Blvd Business Improvement District that includes the section of Pico Boulevard that is within the SORO NC boundaries.

The establishment of the proposed business improvement district will pay for clean streets and sidewalks, overall cleanliness, increased public safety, security for businesses, CCTV, property improvement and cohesiveness of the business community.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynn
President
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

End of Year Review

What were your top three goals for this term, and how were they addressed?

Ex.

Number of goals achieved vs. planned

Community feedback or survey results on goal relevance

Budget or time allocated vs. actual used per goal

How did you engage with the community and ensure inclusive participation?

Ex.

Number and type of outreach events (e.g., town halls, workshops)

Increase in public meeting attendance over time

Social media or newsletter engagement growth

What policy decisions were made, and how did they benefit the neighborhood?

Ex.

Number of Community Impact Statements agendized, filed.

Resident satisfaction or impact surveys

What partnerships or collaborations did the Neighborhood Council initiate or strengthen during the term?

Ex.

Number of partnerships formed (e.g., with local schools, nonprofits, city departments)

Joint events or projects completed

Neighborhood Purpose Grants or additional funding brought in through collaboration

What challenges did the Neighborhood Council face, and what lessons were learned for future terms?

Ex.

Common themes in challenges (e.g., budget constraints, outreach difficulties)

Documented solutions or process changes adopted

Staff or council member turnover rate

Feedback from exit interviews or community debriefs

Reflective Question:

What lessons learned or advice would we offer to the next board to carry this work forward?

What should they keep, improve, or stop doing?

EmpowerLA Award Nomination Form

The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Commission) is now accepting nominations for the 2025 EmpowerLA Awards. These annual awards recognize Neighborhood Councils that best fulfill their City Charter mandate of promoting more citizen participation in government and making government more responsive to local needs.

Nominate a Neighborhood Council for an EmpowerLA Award by providing details on their achievements and adherence to best practices.*

What is the name of the Neighborhood Council you are nominating for an EmpowerLA Award?*

What project(s) or initiative(s) has the Neighborhood Council undertaken that demonstrate their success in: a) Promoting more citizen participation in government, and/or b) Making government more responsive to local needs?

How does the Neighborhood Council uphold the ideals of inclusiveness, non-discrimination, transparency, and independence in its operations?

In what ways does the Neighborhood Council utilize or reflect best practices outlined in the Neighborhood Council Rules and Best Practices Guide?

Are there any additional comments you would like to share that may assist in the selection of this Neighborhood Council for an EmpowerLA Award?



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August 21, 2025

Monique Acosta
City of Los Angeles
Department of City Planning
N. Figueroa Street, 4th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

REF: Case Number ZA-2025-2574-CUB

Dear Ms. Acosta,

At its August 21, 2025 General Board meeting, the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) voted to support the CUB renewal to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption, in conjunction with an existing grocery store located at 1833 South LA Cienega Blvd., Suite B, Los Angeles, CA 90035, by applicant Josemaria Angulo (Smart & Final Stores, LLC). This support is contingent upon there being no changes to the CUB.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynn
President
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

CC: Kenneth Sanhueza, Planning Technician, Art Rodriguez Associates