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**COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

**RE: Community Care Facilities Ordinance  
Council File # 11-0262**

Monday, August 13, 2012

At a publicly noticed meeting of the Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council on August 13, 2012, with a quorum of 13 board members present and that by a vote of; 7 yes, 1 no, and 4 abstentions (12 were present; Ken Ostrow arrived after the vote) the Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council adopted the following resolution:

Therefore be it resolved that the Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council voted to OPPOSE the Community Care Facilities ordinance.

It was further resolved that nuisance abatement should be used for problem homes.

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months later. Tom pointed out the official who approved it, Michael LoGrande, is no longer in office. Steven went to paragraphs on page 2 that addressed the permit issue and thinks it's clear. Juri said there would be other reports, and once we get more info, we can always send another letter.

Motion to send letter as is:

M/S/P (Luke, Tom)

Abstaining: Christina, Jirair

Motion carries, 10-0-2

- b. Discussion and possible action re Sober Living Network on Council File 11-0262, as recommended by PLUM committee 8:02

Kerry Morrison, Los Angeles Homeless Authority Commission, et al, presentation. It's well documented that people rely on shared living arrangements: vets, students, those who are mentally ill, those coming out of homelessness. We have nuisance abatement procedures that aren't being enforced, and Ms. Morrison there should be a blue ribbon task force that can solve the problem that this ordinance is intended to solve. She feels this is going to have the unintended consequences of affecting affordable housing.

Cindy Cleghorn, Sunland-Tujunga, their residents are impacted by those homes which have 60 people or more, and urges support of the ordinance.

Nicholas Earl, 17, he's a resident of a sober living house. There are only 7 or 8 people, and it works. Just because you're trying to get clean doesn't mean you're affecting another community in a negative way. It's far better to provide treatment and sober living alternatives; otherwise, people only have the option of going back to what they know. He barely has sober friends, and being at the sober living home gives him a positive environment.

Paul Dumont, West Neighborhood Council. There are already laws on the books. There's no need to pick on anyone. It's about the number of leases on the property, and it won't be allowed in an R-1 zone. Every law firm that has looked at this has said it is illegal, and strongly urges that HSDNC not support it.

Maria Fisk, Old Granada Hills, passed out a brief summary of the ordinance and crime summary chart. Argues this is not discriminatory because there are places for multi-use buildings to be built for the homeless, et al.

Juri read from a suggested letter that the HSDNC oppose this ordinance. Jirair asked questions of Maria and of Nicholas to get clarification of what their points-of-view are. Alex asked Mark Szabo for his position on this; he said LA stands for second chances, so he opposes the ordinances. Cindy said that State Law allows up to 6 different people living in the home, and that would trump a city ordinance. Jose said he thinks it's a hard comment, requiring more time to think about because it's emotional. Per Paul, it's in Herb Wesson's hands and he wants a deal worked out before it hits the floor. It's been vetted in committee. The other neighborhood councils are all over the board on it. Steven pointed out we've been debating it for months, and out of respect for people's time who have been to the board and committee meetings, he believes HSDNC should move forward with the vote.

Abstain: Alex Christina, Jose, Jirair  
No: Tom  
Motion Carried, 7-1-4

- c. Nariya Tai Cuisine, Liquor License 8:27  
License will be full spectrum provided one is eating at the premises; no liquor would be sold if one is ordering take-out. Jirair points out there's a liquor store downstairs, but if they've been selling liquor illegally for 10 years... ? Maria thinks HSDNC should look into it.
- d. Next PLUM Meeting, October 10

14. **Discussion and possible action** to recognize Frank Valenti's neighbors for their "courageous acts" of saving his animals and working to save his house as a result of the recent fire 8:33  
Steve thinks it'll be a great first award to give to those involved.  
M/S/P (Steve, Alex)  
Abstaining: Christina, Jose  
Motion carries, 10-0-2

15. **Budget and Finance** 8:10

- a. **Discussion and possible action** re approval of \$40 fee for attendance at HPOZ conference on May 19 for Jirair Toussounian and Courtney Hukel  
M/S/P (Steve, Leila)  
Abstaining: Christina, Jirair, Maria  
Motion carries, 9-0-3
- b. **Discussion and possible action** re purchase of Ricoh Aficio 2035e copy machine w/collator for \$350 (researching maintenance agreement cost)  
Maintenance agreement is not yet in place. It's used and being liquidated from a production office which is the only reason it's available. Jirair asked to table it until we get a price. Cindy reviewed the specs of the machine and said she believes it's a great deal. Says an all-inclusive service contract under \$80 would be ideal. She also recommends going through the City to get the contract as Ricoh has an existing contract with it.  
M/S/P (Tom, Jirair)  
Abstaining: Steven, Christina, Maria  
Motion carries, 9-0-3
- c. **Discussion and possible action** authorizing up to \$150 for truck rental to transport equipment (copier)  
Felipe has a truck to transport the copier and the men volunteer to move the copier, so the motion has been withdrawn.
- d. **Report and possible action** on Budget for new fiscal year  
Those are due ASAP. We need to have those on the agenda next month.
- e. **Discussion and possible action** re funding up to \$500 for September 22 Congress of Neighborhoods  
Cindy Cleghorn. Hopes everyone will be there. There will also be a mayoral candidate forum at the end of the Congress. There will be 27 different workshops. Alex asked if we had the money; Steven said we do. Christine said the D.O.N.E. initially ran it, but now it's evolved to being run by neighborhood councils.