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1. Call to Order & Roll Call - John Walker noted that all board members present at the beginning of the regular meeting were still present. The roll call is as follows: Lisa Cahan Davis - present, Jane Drucker - excused, Remy Kessler - present, John Lawler – present, Richard Niederberg - present, Scott Ouellette – excused, Shoshana Raphael – present, Lisa Sarkin -present, Lana Shackelford – present, Gail Steinberg – excused , Ron Taylor – present, Rita Villa – present, John Walker – present, Denise Welvang – present. 11 voting members; 6 to pass a motion.

2. No minutes to approve.


Motion A: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council supports the motion which generated Council file 12-0662: Solicitation/Unwanted Advertisement/Public Nuisance/Enforcement and that this support be documented by the submission of a Community Impact Statement.

Marcella Bell said that she is tired of stuff left on her porch. It blows around she picks it up and puts it straight into the blue bin. It is a nuisance. It is also a public safety issue. These items pile up as you can’t stop this junk mail from coming when you go away. New York City, West Hollywood, and several other cities have already passed something like this. Please support the motion. Barry Johnson said that this motion has not gone before any City Council committees yet. He observed that the US mail should be used for advertising. He objects to people coming onto his property and planting flags in his lawn. This is no different than a do not call list. If you want to advertise to someone use the postal service. That is legal and the advertisements will not blow all around the neighborhood. Richard Niederberg supports the motion. Remy Kessler supports the motion.

Vote: 10 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain. Motion carries.
John Walker read motion B.

Motion B: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Krekorian work with the appropriate city and state agencies to remove Studio City from all State Enterprise Zone designations.

Barry Johnson said that the Enterprise zones are giving tax breaks to the wrong people. Those zones are supposed to be located in areas that need help like Valley Plaza and South Central LA. Studio City was put into the enterprise zone by default and it goes through the residential Hollywood Hills. John Walker asked Lisa Sarkin to address whether there were any benefits we would lose in we were not in the enterprise zone. Shoshana Raphael stated that you get a DWP break. Lisa Sarkin explained that they get a reduction of parking spaces to less than required in our specific plan. John Walker asked if it would increase tax on businesses if we were not in the enterprise zone. Richard Niederberg said these zones overlap with redevelopment zones and they have been eliminated. Marcella Bell explained the nature of an enterprise zone and the impact it has on Studio City. Barry Johnson explained further that the Government Affairs Committee has fully vetted this motion. Richard Niederberg said this was to give businesses the right not to give all employees a place to park. Lisa Sarkin said this was never intended to be in an area like Studio City and it was not to be in a residential area. Most of Studio City’s enterprise zone is in a residential area. She urged everyone to vote for this motion. John Walker said if he got Adrin to speak to us on this would we table it. Ron Taylor said he is vague about the benefits of the enterprise zone. Rita Villa agreed to table the motion for one month so that Adrin can come to speak to us on this.

4. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn. Moved: Denise Welvang; Second: Lisa Sarkin; Vote: 11 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain. Motion Carried.