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## LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 19- 0145 CITY OF SIMI VALLEY RE SANTA SUSANA FIELD LABORATORY CLEANUP

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Council File 19-0145

Dear Mayor Garcetti, Council President Wesson, Honorable Councilmembers, City Attorney Feuer, and Controller Galperin,

On Monday, March 18th, 2019, your Budget Committee is posed to approve funds for potential litigation against the California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and / or the Department of Energy (DOE) related to the Santa Susana Field Laboratory cleanup.

Have you considered that previous actions that you have taken, such as recommending alternative routes outside of the City of Los Angeles would force routes and conveyor systems to trains in the City of Simi Valley? Were you aware that they have submitted a letter to DTSC for their Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (Draft PEIR) that opposes these alternative routes because they would go through private property and they also do not want the trains stopping in Simi Valley to pick up the waste?

Are you aware that these systems would potentially go through the Brandeis Bardin Campus which is - I believe - the largest Jewish facility outside of Israel?

<https://www.aju.edu/about-aju/our-campuses/brandeis-bardin-campus>

Please see the links that I have provided to the Simi Valley City Council agenda, minutes (attached), staff report, and the two documents that the City of Simi Valley staff reviewed to come to their conclusions to oppose the transportation alternatives and to support the Woolsey Canyon route which always leads to the community of West Hills at its base.

CITY OF SIMI VALLEY BOARD AGENDA:

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(1) Approval of a letter to the Department of Toxic Substances Control regarding transportation routes identified in the Transportation Feasibility Study portion of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (Argabrite) (CC)  
Action Required – Approve request.

[Staff Report](#)[Exhibit 1 - Part 1](#)[Exhibit 1 - Part 2](#)

CITY OF SIMI VALLEY STAFF REPORT: [https://simivalley.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view\\_id=5&clip\\_id=2021&meta\\_id=130347](https://simivalley.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=5&clip_id=2021&meta_id=130347)

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[https://simivalley.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view\\_id=5&clip\\_id=2021&meta\\_id=130348](https://simivalley.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=5&clip_id=2021&meta_id=130348) - DTSC SSFL TRANSPORTATION STUDY

I respectfully request that the City of Los Angeles Budget Committee fund experts to read the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and the DOE's Final Impact Statement before authorizing any funds for litigation.

Physicians for Social Responsibility - Los Angeles (PSR-LA), Committee to Bridge the Gap (CBG) et al have been in litigation against DTSC and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) since August 2013. The Court has ruled in favor of DTSC and CDPH. Now PSR -LA and CBG et al have appealed this ruling to the State of California Court of Appeals in Sacramento.

Please do not add to the additional delays in cleanup by taking legal action.  
Please NEGOTIATE NOT LITIGATE!

Respectfully,  
*Christine L. Rowe*  
*41 year resident of West Hills*  
*Former West Hills Neighborhood Council Board member*  
*Former Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council - Committee member of the SSFL Ad Hoc Committee*



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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
SIMI VALLEY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Simi Valley, California

December 4, 2017

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CALLED TO ORDER: 6:03 p.m. (CLOSED SESSION)

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Cavanaugh, Mashburn, Becerra, Mayor Pro Tem Judge and Mayor Huber

Absent: None

a. PUBLIC STATEMENTS: Having no public statements, the City Council adjourned to Closed Session at 6:04 p.m.

b. CLOSED SESSION:

(1) Conference with Labor Negotiator (CC)  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a):

City's Designated Representative: Eric J. Levitt, City Manager  
Employee Organization: Simi Valley Police Managers Association

(2) Conference with Labor Negotiator (CC)  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a):

City's Designated Representative: Eric J. Levitt, City Manager  
Unrepresented Employees:

Accounting Projects Analyst	Deputy Public Works Director (Waterworks Services)
Accounting Specialist	Emergency Services Coordinator
Accounting Supervisor	Emergency Services Manager
Administrative Assistant	Enterprise Systems Analyst
Administrative Officer	Environmental Compliance Program Analyst
Administrative Services Director	Environmental Compliance Program Coordinator
Assistant City Attorney	Environmental Services Director
Assistant City Clerk	Executive Assistant
Assistant City Manager	Fiscal Services Supervisor
Assistant Community Services Manager	GIS Coordinator
Assistant Engineer	

Note: If this is a joint meeting of the City Council and Boards of Directors, the applicable entity is identified at the end of each agenda item.

CC – City Council  
WWD – Waterworks District No. 8  
IDA – Industrial Development Authority  
PFFA – Simi Valley Public Facilities Financing Authority

PFA – Public Financing Authority  
SA – Successor Agency  
LB – Simi Valley Library Board of Trustees

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the CC, WWD, IDA, PFFA, PFA, SA, and/or LB after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office at 2929 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA during normal business hours.

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Assistant Planner	Graphics Media Coordinator
Assistant Public Works Director	Home Rehabilitation Coordinator
Assistant to the City Manager	Human Resources Analyst
Assistant Waterworks Services Manager	Information Services Analyst I
Associate Engineer	Information Services Analyst II
Associate Planner	Laboratory Chemist
Budget Officer	Laboratory Supervisor
Chief of Police	Landscape Architect
City Engineer	Legal Administrative Assistant
Code Compliance Manager	Maintenance Superintendent
Code Compliance Officer	Maintenance Supervisor
Communications Systems Coordinator	Management Analyst
Communications Manager	Management Assistant
Community Services Coordinator	Payroll Analyst
Community Services Director	Permit Services Coordinator
Community Services Manager	Plant Maintenance Supervisor
Counter Technician	Plant Operations Manager
Court Liaison	Plant Operations Supervisor
Crime Analysis and Prevention Manager	Plant Support Systems Manager
Crime Analyst	Police Budget & Administrative Manager
Cultural Arts Center Technical Coordinator	Police Maintenance Supervisor
Customer Services Manager	Police Records Manager
Customer Services Supervisor	Police Records Supervisor
Deputy Administrative Services Director (Fiscal Services)	Police Services Supervisor
Deputy Administrative Services Director (Information Services)	Principal Engineer
Deputy Administrative Services Director (Support Services)	Principal Information Services Analyst
Deputy Building Official/Plan Check	Principal Planner
Deputy City Attorney	Principal Planner/Zoning Administrator
Deputy City Manager	Public Works Director
Deputy Community Services Director	Risk Manager
Deputy Environmental Services Director (Building Official)	Senior Accountant
Deputy Environmental Services Director (City Planner)	Senior Administrative Officer
Deputy Director/City Clerk	Senior Assistant City Attorney
Deputy Director/Economic Development	Senior Code Compliance Officer
Deputy Director/Housing & Special Projects	Senior Crime Analyst
Deputy Human Resources Director	Senior Engineer
Deputy Director Police Critical Support & Logistics	Senior Human Resources Analyst
Deputy Director/Traffic Engineer	Senior Information Services Analyst
Deputy Public Works Director (Administration)	Senior Management Analyst
Deputy Public Works Director (Development Services)	Senior Planner
Deputy Public Works Director (Environmental Compliance)	Staff Accountant
Deputy Public Works Director (Maintenance Services)	Supervising Building Inspector
Deputy Public Works Director (Maintenance Services Engineer)	Supervising Public Works Inspector
Deputy Public Works Director (Sanitation Services)	Transit Finance Manager
	Transit Operations Manager
	Transit Superintendent
	Transit Supervisor
	Treasury Officer
	Utility Services Specialist
	Wastewater Collection System Supervisor
	Water Distribution Supervisor
	Water Operations Supervisor
	Water Systems Supervisor
	Workers' Compensation Adjuster I/II
	Workers' Compensation Manager
	Workers' Compensation Supervisor

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CALLED TO ORDER: 6:33 p.m. (OPEN SESSION)

CLOSED SESSION REPORTS: City Attorney Eldridge stated there was no reportable action as a result of the Closed Session meeting held on December 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Jim Vigdor

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members/Trustees Cavanaugh, Mashburn, Becerra, Mayor Pro Tem/President Pro Tem Judge, and Mayor/President Huber

Absent: None

1. AGENDA REVIEW: Informational Presentation Items 5(1) and 5(2), and Public Hearing Item 6A are being continued to December 11, 2017.

1A. ACTION: Council Member/Trustee Cavanaugh moved that all resolutions and ordinances presented tonight be read in title only and all further reading be waived. Council Member/Trustee Becerra seconded the motion. **(CC/LB)**

ROLL CALL

AYES: Council Members/Trustees Cavanaugh, Mashburn, Becerra, Mayor Pro Tem/President Pro Tem Judge, and Mayor/President Huber

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

1C. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT: Council Member Becerra stated he would abstain from Informational Presentation Item 5(3) as his former employer is Southern California Edison.

1D. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/HONORARY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

(1) Mayor Huber presented a Certificate of Appreciation to an outgoing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Committee member, Michael Hoffman.

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ITEM2A. PUBLIC STATEMENTS:

1. Craig Carpenter (no address given), commented on economic development, a property owner's right to protect their property from illegal seizure, remarked that property development requires landowner approval, and that the City cannot legally lease buildings or sell property it does not own.
2. Jerome Walsh, Simi Valley, CA spoke concerning the death of Kate Steinle in San Francisco, illegal immigration, noted it is an offense to harbor an illegal alien, and questioned why Attorney General Xavier Becerra and Governor Brown are still in office.
3. L. J. Stevens (no address given), Manager of Communications for St. Francis of Assisi Church, commented on the success of its recent fall holiday fair and invited the community to attend its Country Christmas sing-along on December 17.
4. Alan Weiner (no address given), spoke regarding the December 27 deadline to join Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (LACCE) and encouraged the Council to vote on joining at no cost prior to the deadline. He expressed the opinion that joining the program would not have an adverse effect on the City and would not create a financial liability for the City (handout submitted).
5. Chuck Rocco, Simi Valley, CA spoke in support of Mr. Weiner's comments, how the program provides the citizens options to obtain energy from renewable resouces at no cost to the City.
6. Steve Frank (no address given), spoke of his concerns regarding the Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (LACCE) program, remarked that it will create an energy monopoly resulting in increased energy costs for residents, and inquired on the program's opt-out costs.

2B. CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER/SPECIAL DISTRICT COMMENTS REGARDING PUBLIC STATEMENTS: None2C. YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS: Humna Ahmad

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3. APPOINTMENTS:

- (1) Appointment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Committee (Lyons) (CC)

ACTION: Council Member Becerra moved to approve, and the Mayor appoint, Richard Rogero to the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee, for a term commencing on January 1, 2018, and expiring on December 31, 2020. Council Member Cavanaugh seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Council Members Cavanaugh, Mashburn, Becerra, Mayor Pro Tem Judge, and Mayor Huber

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Member Mashburn requested Consent Calendar Items 1 and 5 be pulled for discussion.

- (2) Receipt of the Community Facilities District No. 2004-1 (Town Center Project) Annual Accountability Report (Kershberg) (CC)

ACTION: Received and filed.

- (3) Authorize the City Manager to purchase Microsoft software licenses, maintenance and services from SoftwareOne under the Microsoft/Riverside Enterprise Agreement Program and to execute related documents thereto (Kershberg) (CC)

ACTION: Approved requests.

- (4) Approval of second contract amendment with MCMC, LLC for workers' compensation medical cost containment services (Gutierrez) (CC)

ACTION: Approved amendment.

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- (6) Authorization to accept terms of the State of California State and Federal Surplus Property Program; authorize the renewal process; authorize the City Manager or designee to execute related documents thereto, and adoption of a resolution (Livingstone) (CC)

Resolution No. 2017-55 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIMI VALLEY TO ACCEPT TERMS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, STATE AND FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL PROCESS

ACTION: Approved request and adopted Resolution No. 2017-55.

ACTION: Council Member Becerra moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 2, 3, 4, and 6 and to adopt Resolution No. 2017-55. Mayor Pro Tem Judge seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

- AYES: Council Members Cavanaugh, Mashburn, Becerra, Mayor Pro Tem Judge, and Mayor Huber
- NAYS: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

- (1) Approval of a letter to the Department of Toxic Substances Control regarding transportation routes identified in the Transportation Feasibility Study portion of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (Argabrite) (CC)

ACTION: Approved request.

ACTION: Council Member Becerra moved to approve Consent Calendar Item 1. Mayor Pro Tem Judge seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

- AYES: Council Members Cavanaugh, Mashburn, Becerra, Mayor Pro Tem Judge, and Mayor Huber
- NAYS: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None



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- (5) Receipt of the revised Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center FY 2017-18 Operating Budget and Operating Plan (Barwick) (CC)

ACTION: Received and filed.

ACTION: Council Member Mashburn moved to approve Consent Calendar Item 5. Council Member Becerra seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Council Members Cavanaugh, Mashburn, Becerra, Mayor Pro Tem Judge, and Mayor Huber

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION: Staff was directed to agendize a report for a meeting in January 2018 on the status of the investigation regarding the fraud incident at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center.

5. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS:

- (1) Presentation by Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee (Gabler) (CC)

**(This item was continued to December 11, 2017)**

- (2) Economic Development Update presentation by Assistant City Manager/Director of Economic Development Brian Gabler (Gabler) (CC)

**(This item was continued to December 11, 2017)**

It was noted that Council Member Becerra left the dais at 7:11 p.m.

- (3) Presentation on the Los Angeles Community Choice Energy Program, a Community Choice Aggregation Program in Los Angeles County offered to all residents and businesses in cities serviced by Southern California Edison (Swan) (CC)

The Mayor expressed a preference, and it was the consensus of the City Council, to postpone a vote on the matter of the City joining the Los Angeles Community Choice Aggregation Program (LACCE) until the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors has considered the item on December 5, and votes on the matter December 12. Council Member Mashburn concurred with the Mayor's position.

ACTION: Staff was directed to follow the progress of the LACCE at the Board of Supervisors level, continue to research the implications of joining the LACCE, and to agendize an update for the December 11<sup>th</sup> City Council

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- meeting.
6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
- 6A. A public hearing to consider the application of Farshid “Fabio” Malek, for a Planned Development Permit (PD-S-1046) and Affordable Housing Agreement with Density Bonus to construct a 28-unit senior apartment building, including three affordable units, on a 1.17-acre site located at 1424 Patricia Avenue; a determination that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; and adoption of resolutions (Lyons) (CC)  
**(This item has been continued to December 11, 2017)**

7. CONTINUED BUSINESS: None

8. NEW BUSINESS:

It was noted that Council Member Becerra returned to the dais at 7:21 p.m.

- 8A. Discussion and review of speed limits on Royal Avenue between Tapo Canyon Road and Sycamore Drive (Fuchiwaki) (CC)

Council Members discussed the implications of reducing the speed on Royal Avenue from 45 MPH to 40 MPH between Sequoia Avenue and Sycamore Drive. It was confirmed that the speed limit could be lowered between Sequoia and Sycamore and would be enforceable based on the 2017 speed study results. However, between Tapo Canyon Road and Sequoia Avenue the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed is greater than the speed between Sequoia and Sycamore and therefore it cannot be lowered and still remain enforceable. Additional discussion took place regarding the need for an educational campaign to inform drivers of the speed change along with a six-month “stop and warn” enforcement approach and to have staff return to City Council in one year to receive an update on the results of the change in the event that the speed is reduced.

ACTION: It was the consensus of the City Council to have staff return with additional information and agendize the item for further consideration at the meeting of December 11, 2017.

9. REPORTS:

- 9A. City Council/Board Member/Trustees/Special District Member Reports:

Council Member Cavanaugh reported she attended the Touch A Truck event sponsored by the Simi Valley Police Foundation.

Council Member Cavanaugh extended well wishes to Bob and Debbie Post who

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were struck by a car on Erringer Road.

Council Member Mashburn reported he attended the ribbon cutting for Alpine Attic Thrift Shop and commented that 100% of store proceeds go to charity.

Council Member Mashburn remarked he had coffee with Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce CEO Rana Ghadban and noted that the Chamber is working hard to serve the business community.

Council Member Mashburn stated he attended the Simi Valley Police Foundation's Touch A Truck event.

Council Member Mashburn reported he visited the "Remembering Our Fallen" exhibit at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, and noted that Congressman Joe Wilson from South Carolina was a guest speaker.

Council Member Becerra reported he attended the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Legislative Committee meeting.

Council Member Becerra extended happy Thanksgiving wishes to the community.

Council Member Becerra stated he attended the California Student Aid Commission meeting in Sacramento.

Mayor Pro Tem Judge extended happy Thanksgiving wishes to the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Judge reported he attended the Alpine Attic Thrift Shop ribbon cutting.

Mayor Pro Tem Judge stated he attended the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Judge commented he attended the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Reagan National Defense Forum held at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

Mayor Huber reported he escorted a Boy Scout troop tour around City Hall and answered questions.

Mayor Huber remarked he attended the Interfaith Thanksgiving service at Temple B'nai Emet.

Mayor Huber noted he served Thanksgiving dinner at the Simi Valley Senior Center organized by the Rotary Club of Simi Valley Sunrise.

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Mayor Huber stated he conducted a Town Hall meeting at the Simi Valley Town Center.

Mayor Huber remarked he attended the Alpine Attic Thrift Store ribbon cutting event.

Mayor Huber stated he gave a presentation on local government to the Leadership Simi Valley class for its Government Day session.

Mayor Huber commented that he attended the Touch A Truck event, hosted by the Simi Valley Police Foundation.

Mayor Huber reported he attended the Not One More sixth annual Angel Tree memorial event at the Simi Valley Town Center.

9B. City Council/Board Member/Special District Member Requests for Future City Council Agenda Items: None

9C. Intergovernmental Reports: None

9D. Planning Commission Reports: None

10. CLOSED SESSION: City Attorney Eldridge stated there was no reportable action as a result of the Closed Session meeting held on December 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor/President Huber adjourned the meeting in memory of Dorothy Iavello at 7:43 p.m. to the meeting of December 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. There being no objections, the motion carried through acclamation.

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Robert O. Huber, Mayor of the City of Simi Valley, California, President of the Simi Valley Library Board of Trustees

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Ky Spangler, Deputy Director/City Clerk,  
Board Secretary