

Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to City Council and Committees.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at NCsupport@lacity.org.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(2) Abstain(6) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 11/19/2020

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 11/22/2020

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-1313

Agenda Date: 11/19/2020

Item Number: 9E

Summary: The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports this motion instructing the Housing and Community Investment Department to report back to the Housing Committee with recommendations on the feasibility of subsidizing the renters that applied for and rightfully won the lottery through the rental subsidy program, but were denied (their access to their participation in the program and their rightfully granted rental subsidy), due to the refusal of a landlord to participate. The Council also believes HCID needs to review the program; though the Council appreciates the intent to assist renters, the program's implementation and requirements don't meet the needs of the community in a sufficient way.



Oliver Netbum
Department of City Planning
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

November 19, 2020

Re: Case Number CPC 2020-595-DB-CU

Dear Oliver Netbum:

I am writing on behalf of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council ("SORO NC") to comment on the proposed 15-unit Density Bonus apartment building at 1432 S. Beverly Drive.

At a duly-noticed meeting of the General Board on November 19, 2020, SORO NC voted 00 yes / 00 no / 00 abstain to recommend that the applicant's project be supported. The project (which requests increases in density, height, FAR as well as a reduction in side yard and parking) provides 15 units of apartments in place of an existing duplex and while only two of these units are set aside as low income housing, it would bring more density to the area near a future purple line stop as well as more very low income units than there are currently

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this support letter.

Sincerely,

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Re: Council File: 20-1313

Title: Citywide Emergency Rental Assistance Subsidy Program / COVID-19
Pandemic / Landlord Participation

Position: Support

Statement:

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Re: Council File: 20-1153

Title: Beverwil Drive / City-Owned Property / Surplus / Public Auction

Position: Oppose

Statement:

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council opposes this motion instructing the General Services Department to find that the Property is no longer needed for any City Purpose in order to declare it a surplus asset to sell to private owners. The 57,750 sq. ft. property is directly adjacent to Irving Schachter Park and could be incorporated into the park as a potential walking path or dog run. Currently, South Robertson has a significant lack of public green spaces – the few parks that do exist in this neighborhood are very small. Adding even portions of this property to the park would be a great benefit to the community, especially considering the abundant birdlife thriving in this area.

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Re: Citywide Sidewalk Repair Program – Posting ID 954

To Whom It May Concern:

The Citywide Sidewalk Repair Program has posted (Posting ID 954) a Street Repair / Tree Removal Bid (#48) for the removal of a total of nine (9) trees, Eucalyptus(2), Ficus(3) Pine(1), Bottle(1), Carrotwood(1), Sycamore(1), in the SORO neighborhood, at least 2 are in the Crestview & La Cienega Heights zone.

These trees provide many advantages to the community such as much needed shade via their wide canopies and cleaner air to a neighborhood in close proximity to major freeways. The people of this community often take walk, bike, play, and connect outdoors on this neighborhood’s sidewalks. These tree canopies are not just for shade; they provide shelter to various bird species including raptors and other much needed wildlife. The success of the Slow Streets temporary barricades is worth noting because it showcases how necessary outdoor space is to this area. SORO, or least certain pockets, lacks green open spaces even with nearby Reynier Park more trees are needed to try to mitigate climate change. This is not a time to be removing trees at all, especially healthy trees, if damaged sidewalks can be fixed using alternative methods.

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council feels it is imperative to make every effort to save these trees. They are well established and provide a much larger canopy than any young trees that would replace them through this sidewalk repair program. Trees, especially mature trees, enhance the landscape of our neighborhood, assist with air quality, encourage ecological diversity and provide an overall better quality of life. Young replacement trees would take many years to reach maturity and provide the benefits of existing trees.

While we do not yet know the environmental impact of removing these trees or to what extent it would negatively affect the community it is important to consider alternative and innovative measures that would keep these trees in place. In addition, the lack of public input prior to the City making the decision to remove nine mature trees is problematic. There have been instances in the past, albeit in more affluent neighborhoods, where the City has actually protected its trees knowing how important it is to "neighborhood beautification." It seems that these same measures (such as using flexible material rather than concrete, root trimming, expanding the curb, etc.) are not being considered.

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