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COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019 - 7:15 PM
NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL • RIVERSIDE & WOODMAN, SHERMAN OAKS

GUEST SPEAKER: OUR COUNCILMAN DAVID RYU

HOMELESS PROBLEM IN SHERMAN OAKS

ABOVE GROUND TRAINS ON SEPULVEDA BLVD. FROM VALLEY VISTA NORTH

AIRPORT NOISE FROM BURBANK AND VAN NUYS AIRPORTS

Our Councilman David Ryu will be our guest speaker on November 20, 2019. Councilman Ryu was elected to the Los Angeles City Council in 2015. His career in public service started as Senior Deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Burke. Councilman Ryu currently chairs

the Health, Education and Neighborhood Councils Committee, and serves as a member on the Public Safety Committee, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee, and Immigrant Affairs, Civil Rights and Equity Committee, as well as Vice Chair of the Arts, Entertainment Parks & River Committee.

Councilman Ryu is the first Korean American to serve on the LA City Council and only the second Asian American. He received his undergraduate degree from UCLA and his Masters of Public Policy & Administration from Rutgers University.

Councilman Ryu will discuss several issues and challenges affecting Sherman Oaks. This will be your opportunity to discuss neighborhood concerns with him and to meet with his staff directly. As is customary, you will have the opportunity to meet with him one on one at the end of the Meeting.

RESTAURANTS OF THE MONTH

BAGELS / SONNY'S

Jules Feir announces that the Food of the Month will be bagels and more.

Not just bagels, but delicious fresh assorted Western bagels will be served along with cream cheese assorted cheeses and jam. Plus leave room for their delicious cookies!

If that isn't enough, Sonny's Amazing Italian Ices & Cremes made from scratch ice cream & Italian ices will be serving a sample of their delicious New York classic ices. They are located at 15030 Ventura Boulevard and have received high ratings. We look forward to enjoying a taste of New York ices and appreciate their community support.

As always, our Social Hour starts at 6:15 p.m.



21ST ANNUAL TOY DRIVE ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 2019

On Sunday, December 8, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., SOHA will have hosting its 21st annual Toy Drive in the parking lot of Gelson's Market at 4520 Van Nuys Boulevard next to Best Buy. Gelson's will provide delicious snacks and desserts as they do each year.

We invite everyone to stop by, bring an unwrapped toy, visit with Santa Claus and speak with many of our local elected and non-elected officials who will be in attendance. Our local Police and Fire Departments will have vehicles on display (fun to sit in) as well as personnel for you to talk with. There will be a City garbage truck (clean) for children (of all ages) to sit in and explore. This year we have a special treat, the Buckley School Chorus will perform at noon.

Your gifts will be distributed by the Los Angeles County Department of Children & Family Services to the children under their care. Your donations are probably the only gifts they will receive for the Holidays. We look forward to seeing you at the Toy Drive on Sunday, December 8, 2019.

SEPULVEDA TRANSIT CORRIDOR PROJECT: ACTION NEEDED

Bob Anderson reports that the Los Angeles Metro Board is moving toward a critical decision on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project in June/July 2020 – a decision that will have major impacts on Sherman Oaks for the next hundred years. The Board is deciding which rapid transit concepts through the Pass move forward into detailed environmental studies and which do not. Metro is putting the finishing touches on their four concepts and will release their concept Feasibility Study report at the end of 2019.

In parallel, Metro is requesting interested companies to submit their qualifications to participate in Metro's Public-Private Partnership program, where industry bids alternative and perhaps more affordable rapid transit concepts through the Pass. Metro expects qualified companies to propose several concepts in early 2020, including alternative subway tunnels and at least one monorail along the 405 Freeway from the Valley to LAX.

SOHA has ensured that Metro and elected officials understand our recommendations which are:

1. Metro selects both of their heavy rail subway concepts – HRT 1 operating under Van Nuys Boulevard and HRT 2 operating under Sepulveda Boulevard. These two environmentally diverse concepts offer fast, quiet trips through the heart of Sherman Oaks.
2. Metro rejects both of their elevated concepts – HRT 3 heavy rail and MRT 1 monorail. These two concepts burden Sherman Oaks and Van Nuys with five miles of noisy elevated tracks operating above Sepulveda Boulevard starting at Valley Vista.
3. Metro selects one or more viable, affordable industry-proposed public-private partnership concepts, specifically including a monorail running above the 405 freeway median from Van Nuys to LAX.

SOHA is working with the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) to reach out to other elected officials, interested organizations, residents, and business owners.

WE ALSO NEED YOUR HELP. Please send your comments to Metro at sepulvedatransit@metro.net. You can support SOHA's recommendations or provide additional details. For more information, see SOHA's website at www.shermanoaks914.com/sepulveda-transit-corridor.html.

For questions, please contact SOHA's Bob Anderson at BobHillsideOrdinance@roadrunner.com. Thank you!

ASSEMB. NAZARIAN'S OPEN HOUSE ON DECEMBER 11

Assemblyman Nazarian's Annual Holiday Open House will take place on December 11, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Van Nuys State Building, 6150 Van Nuys Boulevard, Van Nuys, CA 91401.

HARMFUL DEVELOPMENT BILLS QUIETLY PASSING IN SACRAMENTO

Maria Kalban, Chair of SOHA's Legislative Committee, indicates that Sacramento is quietly passing new laws that will forever change our neighborhoods to multi-story apartment neighborhoods.

This legislative push has made our former County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky speak out about these bills which he indicates are not housing bills, but real estate development bills. Rather than addressing the issue of affordability, Sacramento is instead converting home ownership by individual residents to land ownership by large real estate investors. Losing the ability to own our homes is a loss of personal wealth for all economic classes. More apartments means more power in the hands of large real estate holding companies.

Senate Bill 50 (SB 50) would allow multi-story apartments in single-family neighborhoods, but does nothing to improve affordability. Nothing! While SOHA was fighting this bill, Sacramento passed another "small" bill that now allows two Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs or granny flats) on every single-family lot in the state! As Mayor Mirisch of Beverly Hills pointed out, the housing stock in California is about 11.5 million homes which now could increase by 23 million as a result of this bill's passing (no increases parking required). Since our Governor feels we need 3.5 million units to meet our population demand, why do we need SB 50 with this ADU Bill now the law?

Rather than taking a wait and see approach to whether we need more housing legislation, we know that certain State Senators will start lobbying SB 50 in January. SOHA and our members must be ready to defeat this ridiculous bill that does not address affordability or deal with infrastructure needs, or even the necessity of more housing legislation.

Stopping SB 50 will not be easy. There are powerful forces in Sacramento that make it difficult for our representatives to oppose State leaders who want apartments in our single family neighborhoods. SOHA will continue to fight the Bill and partner with other groups throughout California to stop it. Contacting our elected officials, Councilman Ryu, Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian, and Senator Bob Hertzberg is very important and we will let everyone know the right time to do it.

If you would like more detailed explanation of these Bills, contact Maria Kalban at: mpkalban@gmail.com.

SOHA SUPPORTS REVISED SUNKIST DESIGN

Our Sunkist Committee Co-chairs Nancy Sogoian and Blair Thompson, along with Wendy Brogin and Land Use Chair Marshall Long attended the recent City Planning Commission Hearing on the Sunkist project. They spoke in support of the revised project, which included a number of revisions requested by SOHA and SONC working together. We are also grateful for the strong support from Councilman Ryu's Deputy Renee Weitzer. The Planning Commission approved the project unanimously.

MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING MOTION APPROVED

This past month, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously approved Councilman Ryu's motion to incentivize the development of moderate-income housing. The City's Housing and Community Investment Department and the Department of City Planning will work to identify the middle-class population in the City that is rent-burdened, but above the qualifying income-level for affordable housing.

"2ND STREET USA" TO OPEN IN THE VILLAGE

The Village at Sherman Oaks BID announced that 2nd Street USA is opening one of their nationally and internationally popular stores in the Village at 14548 Ventura Boulevard. 2nd Street, which has stores in both the U.S. and Japan, is involved in the environmentally-conscious movement to reuse beautiful designer garments rather than discard them or buy new ones.

NO NEWSLETTER OR MEETING IN DECEMBER

There will be no Newsletter or Meeting in December. We look forward to seeing you at our November 20 Meeting, the Sunday, December 8, 2019 Toy Drive (11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) and then at our January 15, 2020 Meeting.

Very truly yours,



Richard H. Close, President

We hope you like the new format of the Newsletter. Maria Kalban and Joel Pomonik (Jules' son-in-law) have worked on the Newsletter for the last couple months and we hope you find it interesting.

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