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New LAPD Chief Michel Moore

*** Building Trust With Community Engagement**

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Special Date



COMMUNITY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 - 7:15 PM
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Our September Meeting will be on a special date, September 12th, the second Wednesday of the month. The Meeting will feature the new Los Angeles Police Chief Michel Moore. Chief Moore is a 36 year veteran and joined the LAPD in 1981. Throughout his career he has been a police officer, detective, sergeant, lieutenant, Captain, Commander, Assistant Chief and now Chief. In 1998, Chief Moore was promoted to a Captain and assigned the Rampart Division following the arrest of Officer Raphael Perez. He was in charge of reorganizing this highly criticized Division. He has a vast knowledge of all aspects of running a large police department.

Chief Moore also has extensive knowledge about the San Fernando Valley. He has been a friend of the Association for many years and, in fact, has attended our annual Toy Drive for the last 15 years.

Attend our September 12th Meeting to learn about the Chief's background, what his goals are for the Department and the reason why Mayor Eric Garcetti appointed him as LAPD's new Chief.

Jules Feir announces that Poquito Mas located at 13924 Ventura Boulevard will once again be our Restaurant of the Month. Poquito Mas' secret to their success is their use of only the freshest ingredients that are 0 grams artificial trans-fat. Olive oil and canola oils are used in their cooking to insure a delicious and healthy meal.

We appreciate their continued support of the Association and look forward to enjoying the buffet selection of their delicious foods during our Social Hour that begins at 6:15 p.m.

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As part of a Citywide effort to end the homelessness crisis, in 2016 voters overwhelmingly passed Measure HHH, providing \$1.2B to build thousands of units of supportive housing throughout the City. In response, in late 2017 SOHA established a Homelessness Committee to help City and County officials identify possible sites in Sherman Oaks where supportive housing could be located. The City had requested this action from us since we live in the neighborhood and might be better in picking locations than an outsider would.

The criteria under which the Committee operated was that any sites identified be near established transit corridors and retail/commercial job centers. After several months of outreach, in conjunction with the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) and several advertised meetings, two preliminary locations in Sherman Oaks for either temporary or permanent supportive housing for the homeless were identified. Both were adjacent to the 405 Freeway with one at Sepulveda Boulevard and Dickens and the other at Sepulveda Boulevard and Moorpark Street between the miniature golf course and the Los Angeles Fire Department training site.

In early August 2018, Councilman David Ryu sent out a press release announcing these sites for consideration. The reaction from the public was swift with overwhelming concerns that these sites were not adequately vetted to the public and specifically to those neighborhoods near the proposed locations.

In response, Councilman Ryu explained that these locations were identified as only being the first step in the evaluation process and "no decisions have yet been made other than to evaluate the potential opportunities" for these sites. He also emphasized that there would be many opportunities for community input in the selection of housing sites.

Despite these clarifications, several neighbors were still very concerned about the possible locations. They wanted additional information and wanted to be heard further in the selection process. Many of these residents attended the August 15 meeting of SOHA expressing anger and frustration over the "selection" of these two locations and spoke with several of our Board members and Councilman Ryu's staff about their frustration.

After our meeting and in response to the concerns, the SOHA Homeless Committee immediately sent a request to Councilman Ryu asking that he meet with Sherman Oaks residents as soon as possible. We informed the Councilman that it would be very helpful for him to be joined by representatives from Los Angeles Family Housing, the United Way and the Los Angeles City Attorney's office since these organizations administer the properties and the City Attorney's office are responsible for community safety. We also requested that both SOHA and the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council be represented.

The proposed meeting should not only discuss who will live in these housing units and how to protect ourselves from the homeless criminal and/or mentally ill element, but whether other parts of our Council District are being considered for similar housing projects. The exchange of information with the Council office and the community in which housing may be built is critical.

In an effort to keep the community informed, SOHA has announced our request to meet further with the Councilman and others on the NextDoor website. We will continue our efforts to alert the community of any developments as much as we are able.

Councilman Ryu's office responded quickly and decisively, stating that they will be setting up community-wide sessions to discuss the issues as well as meeting with those residents in the immediate areas adjacent to the two proposed Sherman Oaks housing locations. Individuals who wish to meet with the Councilman and his staff and personally express their opinions and concerns will be able to do so in these meetings. All of us are concerned that the proposed housing might attract undesirables and this issue must be addressed.

The Association is still committed to finding solutions for homeless housing. These two initial locations were identified through several outreach meetings to be the best locations within our community. All of us understand there are approximately 50,000 people without shelter in Los Angeles and we must find realistic solutions. SOHA looks forward to informative community meetings discussing housing for the homeless. We are also interested in discovering and evaluating any other sites for housing. Please let us know as soon as possible if any come to mind.

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An Application has been filed for redevelopment of Sherman Oaks Square (the In-N-Out Burger plaza). The site also includes the movie theater on the north side of the parcel.

The redevelopment would involve making the retail portions of the plaza two story and building a four story (one story underground) parking structure on the east end of the property.

Concerns have been raised about traffic circulation on Van Nuys Boulevard and Moorpark Street. Already Moorpark Street is a problem because of the popularity of In-N-Out Burger.

We are forming a Committee. If you would like to participate, please contact the Association at soha914@gmail.com.

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Save the date for the 28th Annual Sherman Oaks Street Fair on Sunday, October 21, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Ventura Boulevard from Van Nuys Boulevard to Kester Avenue. This year's event introduces some new attractions including a ZipLine, Casa Rica Tequila tasting, Kriser's Pet Fun Zone and an Artisan area with juried art. The event will again feature live stages, a cocktail lounge, the SoCal Buick/GMC Carnival, Pet Adoptions, the Wells Fargo Community Stage, food trucks, delicious food and over 200 booths. Free parking and shuttle available at IMT Sunkist, 14130 Riverside Drive at Hazeltine Avenue. For information, visit www.shermanoaksstreetfair.org or call (818) 906-1951.

The Association will have a booth at the event. We ask you to drop by, say hello and obtain literature about projects in Sherman Oaks.

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At our August Meeting we welcomed our new Captain in charge of the LAPD Van Nuys Division which is responsible for Sherman Oaks. Captain Phil Hearn has been with the LAPD for 29 years. He graduated from California State University Northridge and is familiar with the needs of the San Fernando Valley and Sherman Oaks in particular. He also has been in charge of the Citywide gang unit.

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Nancy Sogoian requests **KEEP SOHA STRONG**: Please support our work on your behalf! *Tell a Friend, Bring a Neighbor!* As a non-profit, 100% member-supported organization, SOHA is as strong as its support from our community. All residents of Sherman Oaks, whether homeowners or not, benefit from a strong Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association. Why? Because SOHA works tirelessly to protect, preserve and enhance the quality of life for ALL Sherman Oaks residents! *If you are not a member, please join now!* Your \$30 annual membership is a great investment in your community!

We ask that you please share this newsletter OR our new membership flyer with your neighbors and encourage them to join. Bring them to a meeting where they can learn what's happening in Sherman Oaks, speak one-on-one with our illustrious speakers and enjoy delicious food from a different local restaurant every month!

Very truly yours,



Richard H. Close, President