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ZOOM COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021 - 7:15 PM

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FEDERAL COURT ORDERS IMMEDIATE RELIEF FOR HOMELESS

FIND OUT WHAT MUST BE DONE
TO GET A REAL SOLUTION

Elizabeth Mitchell is a former Deputy City Attorney now representing the newly-formed LA Alliance for Human Rights who are suing the city/county to force them to address the homelessness crisis comprehensively. She'll discuss Federal Judge Carter's ruling, why the homeless problem in LA is not being solved, and what must be done to obtain a real solution.

Don't miss this important and revealing discussion. If you have a question for Elizabeth Mitchell, email it to us at SOHAZoomMtg@gmail.com on or before Monday, June 14, 2021.

To attend the virtual Zoom Meeting, the Meeting ID is 880 3393 3074 and the Passcode is SOHA914. Please arrive at the waiting room between 7:00 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. The Meeting starts promptly at 7:15 p.m. If you are unfamiliar with how to sign into a Zoom Meeting or need help, please email us at SOHAZoomMtg@gmail.com. We will email you instructions.

BURBANK AIRPORT UPDATE

The Burbank terminal environmental review by the FAA finished and they concluded no significant impact to the community close to the airport. This allows the tripling of the ramp space so the new 14 gates can handle 3 times the JET aircraft at Burbank airport. They did not look outside the area close to the airport, particularly Sherman Oaks which is highly impacted. If the increased expansion of airports and overflights of your Sherman Oaks home is of concern, now is the time to contact our city attorney Mike Feuer and ask him to tell the FAA this finding is wrong as the FAA admitted last month.



**Hollywood
Burbank**
Airport

In the March 10, 2021, letter from the Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus to the FAA in response to the FAA's Neighborhood Environmental Survey results that shows that people were far more annoyed by aircraft noise than the FAA's metrics would predict. On May 10, 2021, the FAA responded, agreeing to review their current aircraft noise metric and acknowledging that it may be flawed when used to determine noise policy.

The increase of aircraft particularly jet aircraft over Sherman Oaks has reached the highest levels ever over our community with larger jets more often than ever before in our history. Sherman Oaks should actively join with a strong voice in the discussion on what is sustainable levels of growth to the unregulated harmful emissions from low flying aircraft. The health impacts are documented in UCLA studies. Now is the time to ask our city to set safe levels for this growth. Let your city representatives know you support the FAA's promise to review their noise metrics.

- METRO'S NEXT STEPS FOR THE SEPULVEDA PASS - FOUR GOOD CONCEPTS AND ONE DISASTER

Bob Anderson reports that this Fall Metro will begin environmental studies on its five finalist concepts for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project. These are the (1) 405 Monorail, (2) 405 Monorail with a UCLA station, (3) Horrible Halfway with elevated trains above Sepulveda Boulevard in the Valley, (4) Real Subway under Van Nuys Boulevard in the Valley, and (5) Real Subway under Sepulveda Boulevard in the Valley. In early 2024, Metro will select one single concept from these five – the one that they will then build. That sounds like a long time from now, but it will be here before we know it. The fight starts now!

None of the five concepts are perfect and they all must be improved. But one concept is a disaster for the Valley – the Horrible Halfway proposed by Bechtel. The figure at the right says it all. This unfair concept is subway under the Westside and Sepulveda Pass but elevated in the Valley. The Valley gets the short end of the stick! Again!

The Halfway destroys the hillside neighborhood at Sepulveda and Valley Vista. It destroys more than 100 homes, apartments, condos, and businesses in Sherman Oaks. It destroys the quality of life and privacy for residents anywhere near the five miles of Sepulveda Boulevard where its noisy elevated trains operate. Why Metro would even consider such a concept is beyond belief. But they did. They selected this disastrous Horrible Halfway as a finalist and it could end up as the concept they decide to build. We must do everything possible to make sure this never happens.

We've already started. On Sunday May 16th, Bob Anderson (SOHA) and Jeff Kalban (Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council) showed our Councilmember Nithya Raman and her District Director, Andrea Conant, the areas along Sepulveda that would be ruined by Bechtel's Horrible Halfway elevated trains. Just like us, she cannot understand why anyone would want to do this to a community.

The next step is making sure that everyone in Sherman Oaks knows about the Horrible Halfway and how it will ruin the lives of tens of thousands of people in our community. Tell your neighbors. Tell your friends. Tell your elected officials. Tell your landlord. Tell everyone! We're preparing materials to help you do this.

Metro knows SOHA's position. We need your help to get the word out. To learn more or volunteer to help, please contact SOHA's Bob Anderson at BobHillsideOrdinance@gmail.com.



WE ARE UNITED NEIGHBORS

United Neighbors is a statewide coalition that was started by the Legislative Committee of the Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association for the purpose of uniting neighborhood groups that had little voice in our state's politics. In the six months the coalition has been in effect, over 175 community groups statewide have joined together and many more remain in contact and coordinate their efforts with the Coalition. The mission of the Coalition is to protect single family neighborhoods and renter groups while exploring ways to add affordable housing in all our communities. United Neighbors has conducted numerous Town Halls throughout the state alerting residents to the bills and their effects on every community. Affordable housing is not an easy issue to solve and unfortunately some of our legislators believe that deregulation of our single-family zoning is the answer to more affordable housing. With all the urgency the State sets on affordable housing, most of the housing bills they promote do not mandate even one unit of affordable housing. These bills are totally

focused on helping developers. The State used to give city's redevelopment funds to build affordable housing but stopped that source of funding ten years ago due to a budget crisis. Even today, however, with the state experiencing a budget surplus these funds have not been reinstated. This has led to a loss of \$10B in affordable housing funding for the cities. The failure to resolve this housing crisis is squarely at the feet of our State Legislature and not our communities nor single-family neighborhoods.

With more opposition than last year, the California Senate passed both SB 9, the lot splitting bill, and SB 10, the bill that allows 10-unit apartments in single-family neighborhoods. United Neighbors is made up of many different groups and sees these bills as harmful to everything local governments have worked hard to achieve. We need affordable housing and these bills do not give us a path toward that goal. United Neighbors will continue to follow these bills as they go to the Assembly this month. If they pass, we lose local control and years of hard work trying to balance housing and livability needs. We have many areas where we can build affordable housing in our community, we must fight to get those areas developed properly for this use. We want the people who work in our community to live in our community. We can do this without state government mandating our land use.



Your voices are crucial to this fight. Legislators need to hear from their constituents. Calling or writing to them about your concerns is very important. Remember we do not oppose housing or affordable housing we oppose the opening up of single-family neighborhoods with no control on what gets build and where.

We need you to write our Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian as soon as possible. Have your friends and family members write to theirs as well. Any questions on the bill or who your legislator is just go to UnitedNeighbors.net.

Write to Adrin Nazarian at: assemblymember.nazarian@assembly.ca.gov.

UNITED NEIGHBORS MEMBERS

Adams Hill Neighborhood Association (Glendale)

Baldwin Hills Estates Homeowners Association

Brentwood Homeowners Association

Brookside Homeowners Association

Burton Valley Neighborhood Group - Lafayette

Communities UnitedCD7

Century Glen Homeowners Association

Chevy Chase Estates Association

Citizens Preserving Venice

*Coalition of San Francisco Neighborhoods

Coalition to Save Ocean Beach

College Terrace Neighborhood Association

Comstock Hills Homeowners Assoc. Country Club Park

Crenshaw Manor Community Association

Cresenta Highlands Neighborhood Association

Cresenta Valley Community Association

Culver City Neighbors United

Doheny Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association

Elmhurst Neighborhood Association (Sacramento)

Encinitas Neighborhood Group

Fairfax Hills

Families and Homes San Jose

Franklin Corridor Communities

Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Association

Freemont Place Association

Friends of Sunset Park

Friends of Sutro Park (San Francisco)

Grayburn Ave Club- South LA

Hancock Park Homeowners Association

Hidden Hills Homeowners Association

Hilltop Neighborhood Association

Hills 2000 Friends of the Hills - Los Altos

Hillside Neighborhood Association

Hollywood Knolls Community Club

Hollywoodland Homeowners Association

Homeowners of Encino

UNITED NEIGHBORS MEMBERS CONTINUED

Hyde Park Organization Partnership for Empowerment
La Brea Hancock Homeowners Association
Ladera Heights Civic Association
Lake Hollywood Homeowners Association
*Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association
Land Park (Sacramento)
Laurel Canyon (We Are Laurel Canyon)
Los Feliz Improvement Association
Lower Hastings Ranch Association
Mangan Park Neighborhood Association (Sacramento)
Mid-City Santa Monica
Miracle Mile Residential Association
Montecito Association
Montrose/Verdugo City/Sparr Hgts. Neighborhood Assoc.
Neighbors for a Better San Diego
New Horizons S. Bay Association
North of Montana Neighborhood Association
Northwest Glendale Homeowners Association
Old Agoura Hills
Old Torrance Neighborhood Association
*Ontera Hillside Alliance (Eagle Rock)
Protect San Pedro Mountain
Palo Alto Neighborhood Association
Residents Cross City Safety & Sanity (RXSS Santa Monica)
Ridgewood Wilton Homeowners Association
Riviera Homeowners Association (Torrance)
Royal Canyon Property Owners Association (Glendale)
South Cathay Neighborhood Association
South Shores Community Association- San Pedro
Save Lafayette (Bay area - Walnut Creek)
Save Oaks Savanna
Seaside Neighborhood Association (Torrance)
Shadow Hills Property Owners Association (Foothills)
Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
Sherwood Town Homes
South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association
Southeast Torrance Homeowners Association
Southwood Homeowners Association
Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association (Torrance)
Southwood Sunray
Spaulding Square Neighborhood Association
St Andrews Square Neighborhood Association
Studio City Residents Association
Sullivan Canyon Property Owners Association
Sunset Square Neighborhood Organization
Sutro Ave Block Club (Southeast Leimert Park)
Tarzana Property Owners
Temecula Valley Neighborhood Coalition
Toluca Lake Homeowners Association
United Homeowners' Assoc. (View Park/Hgts., Windsor Hills)
Upper Curson Neighborhood Association
Upper Nichols Neighborhood Association
Valley Village Residents Association
Verdugo Hills Residents
Verdugo Woodlands West Homeowners Association
West Mar Vista Residents Association
West Toluca Lake Residents Association
Westwood South Of Santa Monica Homeowners Assoc.
Westwood Hills Property Owners Association
Westwood Homeowners Association
Willow Glen Neighborhood Association - San Jose
Wilshire Vista Neighborhood Association
Wilshire Park Association
Wilshire Village
Windsor Square Association
Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization

**pending member*

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATES

Following up on our article about the abandoned newsracks, we reached out to the Department of Street Service's Newsrack division. They have been very cooperative and have started the process of notifying the users of these racks to repair and clean them up within 30 days or the city will take action to remove them. This is a long process that we will continue to follow until we have these eyesores removed from our community.

Also, regarding community improvements, we reported the need to repair the street paving on a section of Stone Canyon Avenue to Alexandria Naseef from our Council Office. She reports that DWP will be making temporary repairs to the asphalt ASAP and will follow up with a timeline for making the paving repairs permanent.

If you have problems or concerns about your neighborhood, reach out to our local representative, Alexandria Naseef, of Council Member Raman's office and let her help you. You can email her at alexandria.naseef@lacity.org.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 EVENTS

1. CD Conversations with Councilmember Raman June 10th on Zoom. For this event, Councilmember Raman will have Tunua Thrash-Ntuk, Executive Director of Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Los Angeles, join in on a conversation about affordable housing. For details, contact Alexandria at alexandria.naseef@lacity.org.
2. Tree Giveaway at the Sherman Oaks Farmers Market- June 15th Councilmember Raman will be at the Sherman Oaks Farmers Market, alongside the Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce to give away trees and meet with community members.
3. Ventura Blvd Cleanup - June 18th - Our office is hosting a cleanup of Ventura Blvd in partnership with Notre Dame High School and our CD4 Volunteer Corps.

KURA SUSHI - A REVOLUTIONARY EXPERIENCE

Looking for an innovative and fresh new sushi experience? At Kura Revolving Sushi, where you can order your meal with dynamic technology and receive it on a conveyor belt, you will get just that.

Kura Sushi has expanded its brand, with an impressive 540 locations across the globe. On April 9 of this year, Kura Sushi finally brought their exciting and delicious sushi restaurant to Sherman Oaks, with a spot in the Westfield Fashion Square.

But what menu items does Kura Sushi offer? With the help of a conveyor belt that runs through the restaurant to efficiently deliver food, Kura Sushi extends a wide variety of tasty sushi for their customers. Kura Sushi USA spokesperson Lauren Murakami mentions that, despite the restaurant's array of flavors that caters to every customer, a few favorites still stand out.

Murakami says that their most popular items seem to be their flavorful sushi: Toro, Real Crab California Roll, Snow Crab, Golden Crunchy Roll, Caterpillar Roll, Ikura, and the Spicy Yellowtail Hand Roll.

However, the plentiful menu does not stop there! Along with fresh fish and sushi rolls, Kura Sushi offers a dish of Seared Salmon Japanese Mayo, Tonkotsu Ramen, Chicken Gyoza Dumpling, Beef Udon, Crispy Chicken, Ten Jyu, and for dessert, a special Taiyaki Ice Cream!

Kura Sushi is currently offering the pleasures of both indoor, outdoor, and takeout dining. Make your way to the Westfield Fashion Square and enjoy a fulfilling meal that arrives at your fingertips!

Kura Sushi, 14006 Riverside Dr. Suite 24, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423, (818) 814-8008.



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We look forward to seeing you at the June 16 meeting, and again at the next scheduled meeting on August 21st.

Very truly yours,



Richard H. Close, President

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