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Our Councilman David Ryu: “The State of Sherman Oaks”

COMMUNITY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015 - 7:15 PM.
NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL
RIVERSIDE & WOODMAN, SHERMAN OAKS

Our Councilman David Ryu will be our guest speaker on Wednesday evening, November 18, 2015. He will explain what action he is taking to make Sherman Oaks an even better place to live and work. Specifically, he will focus on his proposed Ordinance to restrict McMansions (new homes that dwarf adjacent homes that reduce privacy and effect home values). In addition, he will discuss his position on the proposed development of the Sunkist property at Riverside Drive and Hazeltine Avenue. The developer is proposing a project that will build apartments on four sides of the existing office building. What will be the effect on traffic and parking in the area? Hopefully, Councilman Ryu can provide answers and update us on the project.

Also, this will be your opportunity to discuss specific neighborhood issues with him and his staff. What should his priorities be in Sherman Oaks? What action would enhance your neighborhood? This is a unique opportunity to meet your Councilman and explain to him what must be done.

Jules Feir is happy to announce that Fab's Corner Cucina will be our Restaurant of the Month. Established in 1984 at 4336 Van Nuys Boulevard just south of Ventura Boulevard, Fabs has a taste of east coast Italian comfort food featuring popular dishes as chopped salad, escarole soup and great cannoli for dessert. They stock an excellent selection of wines and craft beers that you can enjoy with your meals in a beautiful atmosphere.

This popular Italian restaurant is dedicated to give you and your guests a beautiful experience. We look forward to enjoying a sampling of their delicious food during our Social Hour that starts at 6:15 p.m. We thank them for their continued community support.

On October 28, 2015 the Los Angeles City Council by a vote of 12 to 0 approved Councilman David Ryu's Motion for a mansionization Interim Control Ordinance reducing the maximum size of homes in Sherman Oaks and two other Council District 4 communities to the maximum size permitted in Studio City. The matter is now in the hands of the Planning Department and the City Attorney, both of which need to complete their work before the Ordinance can go into effect.

Bob Anderson, SOHA's Board Member and Chair of our Transportation Committee, is happy to report that Governor Brown signed California Senate Bill SB 767 (De León) that authorizes the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to place a transportation sales tax measure on the November 2016 ballot. Metro is already planning the ballot measure, which will provide a new, additional, one-half-cent transportation sales tax through 2057.

This combines with a planned extension of Measure R, the one-half-cent transportation sales tax that we are already paying, and will result in about \$120 billion for Metro over the next 40 years. This is terrific news because the Valley desperately needs rapid transit (we really don't have any now) and Sherman Oaks will benefit when cars are taken off our freeways and streets.

But wait! Out of the \$120 billion, it turns out that Metro is only planning to give the Valley about \$3 billion. Why? Because Metro's funding allocation process only considered the Valley's population and not the fact that the Valley has been continuously shortchanged on all existing rapid transit projects.