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

City Attorney Mike Feuer will be our March 20, 2019 guest speaker. He has represented Sherman Oaks in the State Assembly for the past six years and previously served six years on the Los Angeles City Council. City Attorney Feuer is considered one of the smartest elected officials in California. He not only received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University, but also received his JD from Harvard Law School.

City Attorney Feuer will discuss the large increase in hate crimes in Los Angeles and around the nation. He will explain what is being done in Los Angeles to solve this very widespread problem.

City Attorney Mike Feuer will also tell an interesting story about an incident at LAX in which he was threatened with arrest by federal authorities. Find out what he did to cause the threatened action and how it was handled.

Do you have any questions for City Attorney Feuer? Do you want to know how the Neighborhood Prosecutors assists Sherman Oaks from homeless problems to violations of the City Building Codes? Do you want to know why, after sixteen years as our Neighborhood Prosecutor, Tamar Galatzan is being transferred? Well this is your opportunity to ask those and other questions and get the answers.

Jules Feir announces that On The Thirty will be the Restaurant of the month. Located at 14622 Ventura Boulevard in the La Reina Plaza shopping center, this very popular restaurant was established in 2013 by owners Shawn Kerwin and Justin Urich.

On the Thirty is a wine lover and pizza fanatic's love child. Their commitment to local, organic and fresh fare in a hip atmosphere has made On The Thirty one of the hottest spot on Ventura Boulevard.

The critics' reviews have been great especially with their menu selections such their claim to having the best pizza, apple-smoked bacon wrapped dates, the Thirty mac & cheese, amazing drumettes, artesian sandwiches and, of course, their oyster bar. No wonder they have such a great following. Plus, they are opened late.

We look forward to enjoying a sample of their food during our Social Hour starting at 6:15 p.m.

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Bob Anderson reports: Think rapid transit through the Sepulveda Pass is years away? No! The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) will decide on the final concepts for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project this summer.

We only have a few months to make sure Metro selects the best concepts for the Valley and gives the Valley our fair share. That's why Metro's Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project Manager, Cory Zelmer, and Metro staff will be at SOHA's March meeting to explain Metro's current four concepts and discuss what happens next. That's also why SOHA already submitted 33 comments on these four concepts to Metro in early February and Councilman David Ryu arranged and hosted a meeting at City Hall where SOHA presented our concerns to staff from Council Districts 3, 4, and 6.

SOHA has three main concerns. First, will Metro have enough funding to select and then build one of SOHA's preferred underground heavy rail options? Voter-approved Measure M may provide only about half the funds needed, so where does Metro find several extra billion dollars? And what happens if they don't?

Second, why are Metro's two above-ground concepts unfair to the Valley? All four Metro concepts operate underground on the Westside, but the two above-ground concepts are only above ground in the Valley. The Valley and Westside both received the same funding from Measure M, but the Valley again got the short end of the stick.

Third, why do Metro's two above-ground concepts run on five miles of elevated track ten feet in the air above Sepulveda Boulevard? We will lose traffic lanes, parking, privacy, and peace and quiet along Sepulveda. That's why SOHA worked with the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council to develop an alternate monorail concept running elevated above the I-405.

Want to learn more? Metro representatives at SOHA's March meeting will discuss the project and answer your questions during the Social Hour starting at 6:15 p.m. There will be presentation boards showing the four project concepts and handouts about the concepts. Arrive early to see and hear the future of rapid transit in Sherman Oaks – and tell Metro what you want.

Maria Kalban reports: SOHA, Homeowner Associations and many Cities are concerned about SB 50 pending in the State Legislature. The premise of an SB 50 is that single-family homes are an inefficient use of residential land. If enacted, most areas of Sherman Oaks would be rezoned by the State for apartment buildings up to five stories high.

In addition, Senator Scott Weiner (author of the Bill) believes that on-site parking is not needed if these buildings are near frequent bus service e.g. Ventura Blvd. (Assumption – if buses are available, people of course will use them!!)

The Bill has a lot of support in Sacramento. If enacted, the Bill would change the character of Sherman Oaks, drastically reduce privacy and home values.

SOHA's SB 50 Committee has sent Councilman David Ryu a request for an analysis by the City on the specific effects of SB 50 on Los Angeles and Sherman Oaks neighborhoods. Additionally asking for the effectiveness of density and zoning already in place, and how much more density our infrastructure can handle.

Our Committee chaired by Maria Kalban believes there is more than enough legislation in place to address the housing issue. The issue is not more money or more land. The solution is for the City and County to spend the money it has to help the homeless and those that can not afford market rents.

A meeting has been scheduled this month with Councilman Ryu's staff to again explain the punitive nature of this Bill on communities. Please refer to SOHA's website www.shermanoaks914.com (click Community Links) for more information regarding our position and the opposition letter submitted to Sacramento.

Regarding the FAA's continued impact on Sherman Oaks, Councilman Ryu reports that the City Council passed two motions that he co-sponsored with Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian.

The first motion instructs the Los Angeles World Airport Authority (LAWA) to request the FAA to modify disruptive flight paths from Van Nuys Airport. The second motion officially confirms the City of Los Angeles' support of any federal legislation or administrative action that would modify departure procedures out of Burbank airport to address the community's noise concerns.

Alongside the two motions, Councilman Ryu signed on to a formal letter to the FAA with Councilmembers Krekorian and Koretz and City Attorney Mike Feuer. This letter rebukes the FAA's failure to respond to past requests from City Officials, demands the FAA prepare an adequate Draft Environmental Assessments, and asks the Administration to consider alternative waypoints. Though the FAA is a federal agency outside of the City's purview, Councilman Ryu will continue to pressure the agency to be more transparent, responsive, and respectful of the affected neighborhoods.

The Village at Sherman Oaks Business Improvement District has announced the hiring of a new Executive Director, Marla Rothschild. Marla will be attending SOHA meetings (including our meeting on March 20) as well as many other meetings around Sherman Oaks and looks forward to meeting the community. Please make sure to welcome her.

The Sherman Oaks Beautification Committee is partnering with the SONC Clean and Green Committee for a Big Sunday Cleanup on Saturday morning, May 4, 2019 on Moorpark Street from Cedros Avenue to Beverly Glen Boulevard. Watch for details in the next SOHA Newsletter.

There has been a large increase in A-frame signs in Sherman Oaks, especially on Ventura Boulevard. These signs are illegal, create unsafe conditions on the sidewalks and are unfair to businesses that follow the law. If you see an a-frame sign on the sidewalk, please report it to Daniel Eyal via email at daniel.eyal@lacity.org or at the district office (818) 728-9924. A picture makes it easier for the City to take action.

In March Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian will be hosting his biannual Women's Self Defense Classes throughout the district, including one in Sherman Oaks on March 30, 2019 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center. To RSVP, please email emma.taylor@asm.ca.gov.

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