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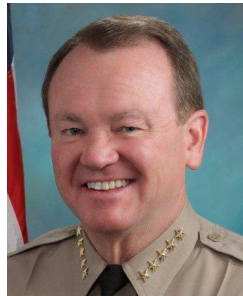


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**Public Safety Challenges for 2018: *Crime *Counter-Terrorism
*Mental Illness *Opioids *Recruitment of Officers**

COMMUNITY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017 - 7:15 PM
NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL • RIVERSIDE & WOODMAN, SHERMAN OAKS

Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell will be our guest speaker on Wednesday evening October 18, 2017. Many of us are very familiar with Sheriff McDonnell because he has spoken at previous Meetings as the second in command to Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton. In 2010, he left the Los Angeles Police Department to become Chief of Police in the City of Long Beach. In 2014, he was elected as Los Angeles County Sheriff.

Chief McDonnell brings decades of experience and expertise to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. He is well-respected within the community and among law enforcement agencies. McDonnell has served as President of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association as well as California Peace Officers' Association. He is committed to keeping our streets safe while being transparent and proactively addressing the root causes of all crimes.

Learn how Chief McDonnell deals with the challenges of overseeing 18,000 employees and what is being done to solve admitted problems within the Sheriff's Department. Chief McDonnell will also discuss the controversy over the Sheriff's Department's use of drones. He will explain how the Sheriff's Department is prepared if a Las Vegas shooting were to occur in Los Angeles. How will immigration rules from Washington, D.C. impact policing in our communities?

Jules Feir announces that Poquito Mas will be our Restaurant of the Month. Poquito Mas is located at 13924 Ventura Boulevard (formally The Ventura Club).

Now celebrating their 10th year serving delicious Mexican food they continue to enjoy a great following and we thank Edgar Escalante and Kevin McCarney (Founder & President) for their many years of community support.

We look forward to sampling their food during our Social Hour that begins at 6:15 pm.

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Sherman Oaks is the future home of Metro's Sepulveda Pass Corridor rapid transit line that will run from Westwood through the Pass to the Orange Line. SOHA is fighting hard to ensure that the project employs the most effective rapid transit technology and runs completely underground or above ground, but never at ground level where it will interfere with our already horrible traffic.

This line will have major impacts on Sherman Oaks – either good or bad. That's why we're also fighting to ensure that Metro effectively connects the Sepulveda Pass Corridor to both the Orange Line and the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor (ESFVTC).

Metro is finishing the ESFVTC design in the next year, and recently held public hearings on the project. SOHA's Bob Anderson and Tom Glick attended the hearings. The ESFVTC will run from the Sylmar Metrolink station to the Orange Line along San Fernando Road and Van Nuys Boulevard, using either bus or light rail. We were hoping that Metro would be paying close attention to the ESFVTC southern terminus station that will eventually connect with the Sepulveda Pass Corridor. Instead, we learned that Metro simply used a "placeholder" station location at Van Nuys Boulevard and Oxnard Street. This is the wrong approach, and SOHA recommended that Metro study the station location together with the Sepulveda Pass Corridor project.

We also recommended that Metro consider making the entire ESFVTC project a light-rail subway to eliminate interference with surface traffic on San Fernando Road and Van Nuys Boulevard. Metro's rapid transit in Downtown, Hollywood, and the Westside is all subway. Why doesn't the Valley deserve the same subway (all the way from Sylmar through the Sepulveda Pass, and eventually to LAX)? It seems like we are still not getting our fair share!!!

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The Whole Foods Market Team has submitted a 20-page rebuttal to the SOHA comments concerning the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project. Among the claims are that the City of Los Angeles does not have a residential noise standard which limits nighttime residential noise levels. The developer then proceeds to quote from the standard in their text and claim that the trucks do not exceed it. The standard is based on existing ambient (background) noise levels at the time. The Whole Foods Team made no effort to make nighttime measurements of ambient levels and simply denies the validity of SOHA's measurements.

A second clear problem is that the traffic report claims that there is a Level of Service (LOS) of A (No problems) in the morning a.m. peak traffic at Moorpark Street and Tyrone Avenue/Beverly Glen Boulevard. This intersection is bumper-to-bumper for several hours in the morning and it takes numerous traffic light cycles to proceed through the Ventura Boulevard/Beverly Glen Boulevard intersection. Their claim is difficult to understand given the reality on the ground in the area. Bob Anderson and Marshall Long will be analyzing these and other objections by the Whole Foods Team.

The celebration of Sherman Oaks' 90th Birthday on Sunday, October 15, 2017 will take place at the 27th annual Sherman Oaks Street Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Ventura Blvd between Van Nuys Boulevard and Kester Avenue. Don't miss this historic community event, where you'll be able to explore and learn about the history of Sherman Oaks through displays of vintage photos and other materials at numerous booths, right in front of La Reina Plaza (at the corner of Cedros South). And you'll be able to take a selfie with a life size image of "General" Moses Sherman, the founder of Sherman Oaks.

At 1:40 pm sharp at the Concert Stage located next to TJ Maxx, there will be a special celebration, where the reporter Dave Bryan from KCAL Channel 9 news and many of our elected officials (present and past) and community leaders will come together for a group birthday celebration.

Councilman David Ryu hosted a celebration in honor of Sherman Oaks' 90th birthday. Residents were invited to attend this special event which took place at Van Nuys City Hall on Friday, October 6, 2017. Councilman Ryu presented residents with a Resolution signifying Sherman Oaks' 90th birthday followed by a reception.

Councilman Ryu has hired Daniel Eyal as the new Neighborhood Advocate for the Sherman Oaks area. Daniel graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Santa Barbara with a Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies, Spanish and Professional Writing. Daniel previously served as an intern with the White House. He will report to Nikki Ezhari, who has been promoted to Council District 4 District Director. Daniel can be reached by emailing daniel.eyal@lacity.org.

The Village at Sherman Oaks BID is happy to announce the opening of four new businesses:

Fitbox, at 14539 Ventura Boulevard, is Los Angeles's signature kickboxing and strength training fitness studio, offering workout classes that have been proven to challenge people physically and mentally. The program, a combination of high energy boxing and weight toning classes, builds endurance while sculpting lean strong bodies;

Heaven's Melody Beauty Lounge, at 14445 1/4 Ventura Boulevard, offers talented hair stylists and makeup artists providing individualized services in a comfortable, inviting, upscale shop;

Burger Lounge, located at 4550 Van Nuys Boulevard, in the plaza previously home to Solley's Deli, uses 100% grass-fed, grass-finished beef from American ranchers, hand-making their burgers, salads, and milkshakes from scratch, using healthy ingredients sourced from sustainable producers. Burger Lounge has a patio and serves beer and wine.

Wild & Free fast casual rotisserie chicken restaurant, also at 4550 Van Nuys Boulevard, has a small patio out front, as well as a grab-and-go section for quick lunch pulls, and uses only Mary's organic chicken, offering four different kinds of spice rubs. Diners can also go completely vegetarian with salads and sides with Beyond Meat, a plant-based chicken alternative, for a separate kind of meal.

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