



STUDIO CITY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Your Advocate for Studio City

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SEPTEMBER 11TH SCRA COMMUNITY MEETING WITH SPEAKER, SENATOR BOB HERTZBERG (NEW LOCATION BRIDGES ACADEMY)

Studio City is located in the 18th California Senate district with Senator Bob Hertzberg as our representative since 2014. SCRA has invited Senator Hertzberg to speak at the September 11th Community meeting on State issues effecting East Valley and Studio City.



SCRA has asked Senator Hertzberg to address current legislation status of digital billboards on State highways; state control of city zoning laws including density and height; AND property tax as applied to rainwater recapture systems.

Senator Hertzberg is chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources and Water and sits on the Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments; the Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Communications; the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Governance and Finance.

IS YOUR CHILD LEAVING FOR COLLEGE...?? OR... HAS YOUR CHILD LEFT FOR COLLEGE...???

Parents for college bound children help out with many necessary tasks culminating with the bittersweet family trip with him/her to the college of choice. After settling in to the college routine perhaps a parent starts to get a feeling that something may not be quite right. But what can be done from so far away?

Such concern may not be unfounded given that according to a 2014/15 report from the Center for Collegiate Mental Health, enrollment grew by 5.6% and number of students initially seeking mental health services increased by 29.6%. This is a growing concern. Enquiries to the college for information on a student will probably not result in an answer that addresses concerns of a parent. The student being over 18 is an adult so when the administration appears to be less than helpful it is because health information of the student involves the right of privacy of the student which by law the administration is not permitted to divulge or discuss.

Parents, however, may get some answers by taking advantage of the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, (HIPPA 45 C.F.R. part 160 et sec.) that provides for release of medical

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Hertzberg has focused his legislative efforts on criminal justice reform, renewable energy, social justice issues, tax reform and water management.

\$150K FUNDING SECURED FOR THE LA RIVER IN STUDIO CITY

Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian has announced success in getting \$150,000 included in the 2018 - 2019 fiscal year Budget for the State of California. This funding will go to revitalize that section of the Studio City River Greenway, Whitsett to Laurel Canyon.

The \$150,000 will be a grant awarded to the City of Los Angeles which will partner with local community groups, The River Project and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, to restore the Studio City Greenway, to improve bike and pedestrian access points, restore the landscaping by eliminating invasive species and enhance public health and safety along the LA River.

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Assembly member Adrin Nazarian has stated on many occasions that connecting this vibrant river walk to local businesses and open space would generate new jobs, tourism, and increase property values. He was joined by Council Member Paul Krekorian who said "This is another significant step toward making the LA River a more vibrant and accessible resource for East San Fernando Valley residents," and continued "I applaud Assembly member Nazarian for his diligent work to secure funding for the Studio City River Greenway, and I look forward to continuing our partnership on the project."

Originally planted and improved in 2004, the Studio City River Greenway, was LA's first native landscape project along the LA River that extends from Laurel Canyon Boulevard to Whitsett Avenue, along the south bank. Unfortunately, the Greenway suffered from years of neglect but now will be revitalized and linked with the recently completed Zev Yaroslavsky LA River Greenway.

The LA River in the San Fernando Valley is a unique opportunity to create 22 miles of restored natural and recreational open space, while also boosting the local economy. River revitalization efforts have been implemented successfully throughout the U.S.; reuniting urban rivers with the natural environment, visitors, and area businesses that create attractive destinations and bring about and connect thriving local economies

DID YOU KNOW?

UPDATE ON SPORTSMEN'S LODGE



The SCRA has been communicating with Ben Besley, representative of Midwood Investment & Development, the owners of Sportsmen's Lodge. Besley is working with Gensler, OLIN and others to move the Sportsmen's Lodge project forward. Midwood is currently talking with potential tenants, including Equinox, and working through the various conditions of approval with the Planning Department. A timeline for start of construction has not yet been set.

Midwood states they are looking to share more about the project with the SCRA as plans and details are confirmed and are looking forward to bringing some great new food and retail proprietors to the Studio City community. SCRA will keep our members informed as to the start date and other updates by keeping in close contact with Besley and Midwood.

FAIRWAY & VENTURA - SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

The final stages of the sidewalk on the south side of Ventura at Fairway are underway. The city will be narrowing Fairway and the street will meet Ventura Blvd at a 90 degree angle. The sidewalk on the west side will be completed to comply with the American Disability Act. It will cross Fairway and connect with the sidewalk along the Coldwater Curve.



BEAUTIFICATION

Be alert, Studio City is being threatened by invasive plants!

The threat is real and in the ensuing months, we will continue to bring you more information on this critical topic. But first, let's start with what is an invasive plant and why should you be concerned?

There are three things that make a plant invasive:

- It is not native to our area
- It can survive, reproduce, and spread without any help from humans
- It causes or is likely to cause environmental harm, economic harm, or harm to human health

Most of the plants used in your gardens and landscaping do not invade or harm wildland areas. But a few vigorous species can escape into open landscapes and can cause a variety of ecological problems. Of specific concern to us here in Studio City is the area along the LA River from Coldwater Canyon to Vineland Avenue. Join us in preventing the spread of invasive plants.

In the November newsletter we will continue this discussion and identify plants you should avoid. In the meantime, if you'd like more information, we encourage you to visit PlantRight.org.

Check us out on Social Media

Have you been following us on Instagram or liking us on Facebook lately? If Pinterest is your thing, are you 're-pinning' our pins? If not, you are truly missing out - our magnificent social media team has been busy posting many stunning photos taken at our various project sites. If a plant, flower or landscape detail catches your eye and you'd like to know more about it, message, comment or email us and we'll be happy to respond back to you.

Time to re-enroll your Ralph's card

The new term for Ralph's Community Contribution Program begins on September 1, 2018. If you have previously registered for this program, you will need to re-enroll any time after September 1st.

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We appreciate your continued support and wanted to remind you that this is another way you can contribute to the SCBA. If you are a Ralph's shopper, you can register your rewards card in Ralph's **Community Contribution Program**. It doesn't cost you anything; Ralph's will donate a percentage of your monthly purchases to our organization. For more information and to register online for this program, go to www.ralphs.com/topic/community-contribution-2.

When registering OR re-registering online, please be sure to enter our organization number, **80940**, for Studio City Beautification Association.

MARK TOOHEY AVAILABILITY OF EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE

The guest speaker at the July Community Meeting, Mark Toohey, spoke about the California Earthquake Authority (CEA) that was established in September 1996 by the California Legislature because insurance companies had stopped writing earthquake policies in California. The California Earthquake Authority sells California earthquake insurance policies through participating insurance companies that have been authorized to issue insurance policies in California

Toohey recommended that any part of earthquake preparedness should have an insurance coverage element to it. To start getting information, a good place would be to log onto the California Earthquake Authority website at earthquakeauthority.com. Also consider possible scenarios. e.g. Would coverage for personal effects be worth the premium paid? Would the cost of foundations bolted and braced lead to reductions in policy premiums? It would definitely limit damage to the residence. (Note: slab on grade residences do not qualify for the subsidized brace and bolt program).

The information relayed by Toohey in the Q & A session was practical given his background. Chief of Staff for the Farmers CEO, who he accompanied to Santiago, Chile in 2010 on a humanitarian mission in the aftermath of that country's 8.8 earthquake. Covered hurricanes, tornadoes and other disasters, including the Space Shuttle Challenger explosion. These experiences and observations in the aftermath of

disasters validated the importance of having earthquake insurance and other preventative measures. "The threat faced by Californians is how to be best prepared in protecting our homes before the next big one occurs."

Ed.: The Community Police Advisory Board is presenting an EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SUMMIT on Saturday, October 13, 2018, 8:30 am to 11:30 am,



FARMERS MARKET

As a reminder to our neighbors and shoppers, dogs are not allowed at the Market per Los Angeles Health Code Section 2783. Except under the Americans with Disabilities Act service animals are allowed.

A service animal is defined as a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a physical disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's physical disability.

Emotional support, therapy, comfort, or companion animals are NOT considered service animals under the ADA. These terms describe animals that provide comfort just by being with a person. Because they have not been trained to perform a specific job or task, they do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.

Since the Market is established as a public entity, Market staff may ask if a dog is necessary because of a disability and what work or task the animal has been trained to perform.

Service dog fraud is a crime under California Penal Code 365.7 and the presence of "non service dogs" can expose the market to being shut down by the Health Department. Please leave your pets at home if they do not qualify as service animals. Dogs are allowed outside the market, they are limited to and must remain at all times on the sidewalks.



Auditorium of Church of Scientology, 11455 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood. Free parking across the street on Burbank RSVP at bit.ly/EPSUMMIT2018.

INCREASED JET FLIGHTS OVER OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

All aircraft taking off from Burbank Airport have to follow a flight pattern that is mandated by the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) which has jurisdiction to establish such flight

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patterns taking off from airports. Due to recent proposed changes by the FAA, jet noise will become even more noisy and intrusive to the communities of Studio City namely, Fryman, Colfax Meadows, Carpenter and Bridges Schools, Laurel and Coldwater Canyons. Sherman Oaks and Encino and other neighborhoods.

The FAA establishes certain points in the Valley that are called "Waypoints" over which jets must pass at a certain airspeed and a certain elevation above ground level. One such Waypoint, "JAYTE", is located at Colfax and Ventura Blvd: Aircraft flying over "JAYTE" have to be at least 1800 feet above ground level then after leaving "JAYTE", Jets accelerate their speed beyond 240 knots. (276 mph) that increases the sound level. (Noise experts recommend flying at 220 knots) They then fly to the next Waypoint which is "TEAGN" located at Hollyline just south of Valley Vista over Buckley School. At "TEAGN" Jets must be at an altitude of 3200 feet above ground level but the noise level will increase because upon leaving Teagn Jets start to accelerate and gain altitude.

After crossing these two waypoints Jets are routed south of Ventura Blvd over residential and hillside areas rather than corridors better suited such as flying parallel to freeways.

The present level of noise will increase when these two waypoints become part of the patterns scheduled to go into effect on November 8, 2018. A public hearing was set for August 23, 2018, the Thursday before the Labor Day Weekend. Many complaints were filed requesting this date be moved to a later date because a public hearing just before a three day holiday weekend is not conducive to having a meaningful public hearing. Due to the public outcry the meeting was postponed and now will occur in September or October. A notice will be issued once the date and location have been determined.

There are several organizations including SCRA that are agitating for an Environmental Impact Report with properly posted public hearings. And a request has been made that the comment period be reopened and the time period to post comments be extended. A website has been set up by "Studio City for Quite Skies" which is a coalition of concerned organizations and groups. For updates please visit studiocityforquietskies.com.

Historically, it is highly unusual to place Waypoints close to an airport in residential neighborhoods. An example was similar placements of Waypoints by LAX. Legal action was sponsored by Councilman Wesson. Overflights are now set at 6000 feet.

An easy way to report airport noise from your phone: airnoise.io.



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information with the student's permission.

The HIPAA release document that has to be signed by your child by which he/she lists the names of family members, friends, clergy, health care providers, or other third (3rd) parties to whom their medical information can be made available. If anyone should ask for medical information regarding a specific patient and their name is not listed on the HIPAA form, they would not be allowed to release any of the patient's information under any circumstances. Note the document may be revoked and/or reassigned at the discretion of the patient at any time.

Search: [HIPAA forms by state](#)

Note that each state has its own HIPPA form and is effective in that state only.

A signed Power of Attorney for Health Care by your child may be appropriate in other medical circumstances that have arisen.

Each of the forgoing statements are intended as general information only and is not intended as legal advice. Professional advice should be sought.

THE SCRA WANTS YOU!

The Studio City Residents Association (SCRA) sent membership renewals earlier in the summer, and there are several members who have yet to renew. The SCRA urgently needs members to renew to maintain the strength and support of the community in its efforts to advocate on behalf of all Studio City residents. The SCRA is actively working on many fronts to continue to improve the quality-of-life in Studio City.

Each year the SCRA puts over \$50,000 back into our community! Using money from memberships and fundraising activities, SCRA is able to fund school programs and needs that are not covered by the school district, pay for equipment and programs at our parks and libraries that the City cannot fund, build and maintain pocket parks and landscape medians.

Each of our members count. Strength comes in numbers. Some officials in Los Angeles are influenced by special interests, often disregarding the voice of the people most affected by their decisions. Yet, the SCRA's strong and large membership requires that these decision makers listen to our concerns.

There are two ways to renew. Complete and mail the 2018-2019 membership form, or renew online at studiocityresidents.org. You can easily check your membership status by looking at the address printed on this newsletter. If the date above your name is 6/18 your membership has

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expired and you need to renew. The SCRA membership year is from June 2018 to June 2019 if the date above your name is 6/19 you are renewed through June 2019. Membership fees are \$25.00 for the entire household. Seniors can renew for \$10.00 per household.

Members who would like to receive periodic updates please give us your email address. Our database system is capable of taking two email addresses per household.

Thank you for your continued support of our all volunteer organization.

- SCRA Board of Directors

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2019: STUDIO CITY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The election for the Studio City Residents Association offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, for the 2019 term will take place at the Annual General Meeting, January 8th, 2019.

Nominations for the above officers may be filed in writing at the SCRA offices, 12069, Ventura Place Ste H or by mail, SCRA, P.O.Box 1374, Studio City, CA, 91614 no later than October 10th 2018. Attention: Nominating Committee, Martha Hanrahan, Claudia Freedle, Robin Seidel. Pursuant to the bylaws, Alan Dymond, as President, will act as chair of the committee.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Alan Dymond

*2020 is the year targeted by Los Angeles County to step away from voting at neighborhood polling places and moving polling to Vote Centers under the California Voter's Choice Act. Information on this statewide act can be found by google search of California **Voter's Choice Act** / Secretary of State. The objective in passing the Act was to give voters more accessibility, a longer time frame in which to vote. On this site, you can click on a video to see what future voting centers will look like.*

SCRA member Meg Seltzer, is chairing a committee set up to give input to the process of establishing voting centers. The committee will be checking the records for past voter participation for 91604, 91602, and 91607, the three postal codes that cover the areas of our members. This information plus other information developed by the committee will be the basis for recommending convenient LA Vote Centers in our zip codes. If you would like to join Meg's committee please write to SCRABoard@studiocityresidents.org, attention: Meg Seltzer. Help is needed to obtain and interpret voter numbers, identify appropriate convenient voting centers that will service Studio City and work with the County to have the appropriate centers approved.

Additionally, the general public is also invited to help in choosing the locations for Vote Centers city wide. To suggest a location for a Vote Center search VSAD and open Vote Center Placement Project.

***The Harvard Westlake** Board of Trustees will not meet until sometime in September so until then no decisions, updates or further meetings with HW and its designers can be expected. SCRA, however, was advised that the safety fence by Tee Off #4 that is right next to the Greenway will be installed by the County, so expect to see activity at this location.*

In another matter, the vacation of the city airspace at Hacienda Drive on Coldwater Canyon, to Harvard Westlake, came before the City Council Hearing on July 13. SCRA restated its opposition to this vacation as previously filed March 17 with City Planning. The council voted to continue any action for six months.

***OPPOSITION LETTER to Assembly Bill 3168.** This proposed bill provides the outdoor advertising industry and local governments with more options for approving new advertising without the need for legislation along public highways. It loosens the existing regulations provided that in doing so does not result in a loss of federal highway funding, by a) Clarifying and limiting what can be considered as a landscaped highway. b) Making it easier to increase the height of a sign or replace an existing stationary sign with a digital display. c) Making it easier to relocate a sign by removing the existing restriction that signs may only be relocated within the jurisdiction of the city. The letter was sent to State Senator Herzberg and all Los Angeles City Council members.*

The SCRA motion passed by the board, quoted in full in the letter states "The Studio City Residents Association opposes AB 3168 as well as amendments to AB3168 and has zero tolerance for the expansion of any type of billboard advertising in order to preserve the integrity of our community and those communities we drive through".

SCRA on specific neighborhood issues.

A popular Studio City café (Aroma Café) recently applied for a Beer and Wine license with the Alcohol Beverage Control. There was a public hearing before the Zoning Administrator. Notice of time, date and place of the public hearing was sent to members. SCRA monitored the hearing where approximately 50 people gave their views pro and con. The next step is the issuance of the Findings of the Zoning Administrator.

Alan Dymond

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**SCRA
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Tuesday, Sept 11, 2018

AGENDA

- 7:00 p.m.** Refreshments/meet your neighbors.
- 7:30 p.m.** Report from Sr. Lead Officer Shawn Smith (his schedule permitting)
Speaker: Senator Bob Hertzberg

NEW MEETING LOCATION:

**Bridges Academy
LIBRARY
3921 Laurel Canyon Blvd,
Studio City, CA 91604**

One block south of Ventura at Laurel Canyon and Maxwelton. Parking is off of Maxwelton.

Free parking is available in the school parking lot. Enter from Maxwelton. Security will assist.

