



STUDIO CITY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Your Advocate for Studio City

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

by Alan Dymond

Historic-Cultural Monument

The Whitsett Golf and Tennis property has now been added to Los Angeles' list of Historic-Cultural Monuments (HCMs) for inclusion as the Studio City Golf and Tennis Club. As such, the monument status will afford some protection as we go forward. Proposed demolition, construction, or use may not impair or impact that which qualified the property as a Historic-Cultural Monument. Any such proposals will be vigorously challenged by the SCRA, other like-minded stakeholders, as well as other interested organizations in order to maintain and protect the historic-cultural aspects of the Monument.

At the HCM hearing, the clerk admonished the callers that Commissioners were there to hear whether the property qualified for an HCM Designation, not to hear testimony about the HW River Park. Subsequently, an open letter issued by HW, dated September 14, 2021, stated that the commissioners had, "Voted to recommend the HCM in a manner entirely consistent with the school's long-term plans for the site". The record makes no mention that the HW proposed project was part of the Commissioner's deliberations, either in their findings or in their recommendations.

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SCRA COMMUNITY MEETING

Live and In-Person at Bridges Academy
Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Guest Speaker: California Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian



SCRA is happy to welcome back its members to our first live community meeting in over a year. We will be meeting in the GYM at Bridges Academy which gives all of us plenty of room to spread out and social distance, MASKS ARE MANDATORY and we will be following the City Mandate that requires proof of vaccination or evidence of a recent negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of entry.

7:00 PM: Social. SCRA regrets however that refreshments will not be served due to continuing Covid restrictions.

7:30 PM: Meeting will start promptly, Q&A session to follow.

Assemblymember Nazarian will talk about AB132. The CalKIDS program, which he created, is where the State of California will open a custodial 529 account with an initial deposit of \$25 for every child born on or after July 1, 2020, regardless of income.

He will also discuss other issues out of Sacramento including SB 9 & 10 which greatly affect our local zoning laws; AB 773, the Slow Streets Act; \$5.7 million of funding to expand Jewish Family Service LA's SOVA Community Food & Resource Program (JFS SOVA) in Van Nuys and more.





BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE

Meg McDonald Seltzer, SCBA President

In this season of giving thanks, SCBA gives our sincere thanks to you and we say in all caps, THANK YOU for your support. The Studio City Beautification Association is very grateful and appreciative for your generous 'during and end-of-the-year' tax-deductible donations. It is only through your generosity that SCBA can build and maintain sites to beautify and improve our community.

So when you admire the fresh new look to the SCBA-adopted Oakdell Sanctuary on Laurel Canyon after a major underground leak that caused extensive damage was repaired...Drive-by medians like the one on Vineland at



Ventura, that used to be overgrown with dying weeds but now has lush ground cover... or walk through The Oasis Pocket Park on Ventura Blvd (across the street from Marshalls) where the plants are now mature and vibrant, be proud. We all did this together!

Thank you for your enthusiasm to keep Studio City beautiful. We continue to receive reports from residents telling us, "I couldn't just walk past that litter so I picked it up myself. This is my community."

And, thank you for wanting to show the world how beautiful Studio City is. Your response to shining a light on the beauty of our community in pictures taken by you and posted on SCBA's Facebook page and Instagram account has been wonderful. Please continue to email pictures of anything you think shows off the beauty of Studio City to MyStudioCity@gmail.com.

Studio City is the pride of all of us and it's our teamwork that keeps Studio City looking beautiful.

If you'd like to make a tax-deductible donation to SCBA, please go online to our website StudioCityBeautification.org

Stay safe and see you in the neighborhood.



UPDATE ON LA CITY LAWSUITS - BURBANK AIRPORT

The City has filed three lawsuits relating to air traffic and/or noise from Hollywood Burbank Airport.

The first two, which were filed in December 2019, related to flight procedures for aircraft departing from the Burbank Airport; both cases are currently in their final stages. In the first case, the City challenged the southern shift of flights departing from the Burbank Airport. On September 14th, the Court held a hearing where the parties presented oral arguments. The Court will issue its decision in the coming months. In the second case, the City sought documents relating to air traffic procedures at Burbank Airport. FAA has since produced documents so the case has largely been resolved.

The third and most recent case was filed just this past year. This case challenges Burbank Airport's Terminal Project and is in the early stages where the City has not yet filed its opening brief.

NEW LIMITS ON HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS

Section 41.18 of our Municipal Code, which prohibited sleeping or camping on a public right-of-way, was rendered unenforceable by a series of court decisions, barring the city from enforcing that law.



In July the City Council passed an ordinance replacing the unenforceable version of Section 41.18. The new ordinance does not criminalize homelessness or eliminate all sleeping in public places, what it does is enable the City to shut down encampments that are particularly dangerous for the unhoused and the surrounding community due to a history of serious crime, fires, and other factors. The ordinance restricts encampments around schools, parks, and daycare centers. The ordinance also prohibits encampments that block access to fire hydrants, loading docks, driveways, wheelchair ramps, and business entrances, or that make sidewalks inaccessible for the mobility impaired.



The City can begin to restore order to our streets and protect the unhoused from, especially hazardous circumstances. The new ordinance took effect at the end of August.

Currently, there are encampments along the freeway off-ramps and
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next to the chain-link fences. Luis Oliart, Chair of the Studio City Neighborhood Council Homelessness Committee, has been working diligently to house the homeless and clean up the encampments. Luis' weekly reports have been making a difference in servicing homelessness and cleaning up the streets. To reinforce Luis' work with the state, members are asked to file a report at csr.dot.ca.gov.

HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Cleanup and Outreach

If the encampment is on private property (i.e. shopping center parking lot), the City cannot enter the property. The owner of the property will have to post no trespassing signs and call the LAPD for enforcement.

Clean up of debris on the site is the responsibility of the property owner. If debris is on the public right of way, then the Department of Sanitation should be notified to do the cleanup. To notify them, go to LACitySan.org and choose the appropriate 'Service request'.

To request outreach for a homeless person, contact LA-HOP. LA-HOP is designed to assist people experiencing homelessness in LA County with outreach services. Visit lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop.

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY FOR 59 YEARS AND COUNTING...



BENEFITS OF YOUR SCRA MEMBERSHIP

- **'News & Notes' email blasts** cover breaking Studio City news, police advisories, community events, calls to action, and so much more. If you are missing out on these advisories, email us at SCRABoard@studiocityresidents.org and we will add you to our email mailing list.
- **SCRA's bi-monthly Community Meeting** returns with our first in-person meeting in over a year! This is your opportunity to voice your interests and concerns to our elected politicians, business leaders, school officials, and a variety of government departments or agencies. This month's meeting features California Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian.

GET TO KNOW OUR WEBSITE

In this issue, we are spotlighting:
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Visit studiocityresidents.org/our-community/community-organizations



TO THE MARKET

Fall is here and with it comes the holidays and apple pies. The Market has a wonderful variety of apples, in every shape and flavor, to please the most discerning palates.

Two new vendors have joined the Market this month. Vegano, makers of the most delicious vegan popsicles, is now near the children's section, by Radford. Flavors include Coconut Dream, Mango Chili, Cafe Choco Chip, Strawberry Lemon, Rocky Road, Matcha Me, and Mojito. The main ingredients are certified organic, Kosher, and non-GMO verified. But the proof of their awesomeness is in the taste. Stop by and try one or several.

Q Cute Bun specializes in savory and sweet bao, potstickers, and boba tea. The bao is available with bbq pork, chicken, or a mushroom cabbage vegan version. If the kids aren't into the savory, they will love the sweet ones with adorable animal faces. Find Q Cute Bun in the small parking lot, adjacent to the main Market.

There are many other worthwhile organizations in and around Studio City. You can find website links for them under COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS on our website: StudioCityResidents.org

ASK THE SCRA

One of the functions of the SCRA is to empower its members, who are the eyes and ears of the community. The SCRA can assist by providing opportunities to make all of Studio City a better place to live. Please send questions to scraboard@studiocityresidents.org.

Q: Can you please tell me what the open house sign ordinance is for Studio City?

SCRA: Local Residential Sign Ordinance Advisory

The Greater Los Angeles REALTORS® Covers the communities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood, and the unincorporated communities of Los Angeles County. Each municipality has its own laws pertaining to the use of temporary signs, included herein is the simplest interpretation of those laws

Only post temporary signs (directional or for sale) when you have an open house.

1. Always observe time and placement restrictions for signage.
2. Always obtain a property owner's permission before placing a temporary sign on someone's property- whether their property is residential or commercial.

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Conditional Use Permit

Property zoned Agricultural cannot be acquired by a private school as an "athletic and recreation" facility for the school. (Application on file, Page one.)

Local authorities, however, can issue a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for such purposes thereby avoiding the State's governing restriction. (Public schools are not bound by this restriction, apparently an exception for the greater good of the public.)

The new owners, 4141 Whltsett LLC, a limited liability company, could have rezoned the property to its original zoning thereby avoiding this restriction. It chose not to do so but instead apply for a Conditional Use Permit. One member of the LLP, Harvard Westlake, is handling the paperwork for the project.

SCRA, stakeholders in Studio City, and the surrounding Valley neighborhoods will not permit the CUP to be used as a means to circumvent the prohibition of a private school acquiring agriculturally zoned land. All will have a lot of say and will join in the conditions that govern the permit. In other words, conditions of the permit have to be with the full participation and agreement by both members of the LLC, the Stakeholders, and other nonprofits.

The Initial Study filed by the LLC with the Planning Department indicates certain elements of the project that are not acceptable to us. We have identified ten key elements that are troubling; we discuss them individually and in further detail on the SCRA website. To pull up the articles, go to www.StudioCityResidents.org, and enter HW SPORTS CAMPUS in the Search Box.

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) This report will be issued by the LLC. The EIR must analyze impacts to the Historic-Cultural Monument designation plus countless environmental impacts. e.g. Impacts by eliminating or restricting the use of the property. Removing certain athletic sports facilities that had been available to the public. Effect of extended hours of operation.

A Draft Environmental Report, DEIR, is expected at the earliest by the end of the year. Public opposition must be made within a specific time usually a thirty to ninety-day period. In the past with the assist of our councilmember, SCRA has always sought and obtained a longer time period.



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3. Never place temporary signs in the medians or rights of way - meaning along the streets or sidewalk - and observe Americans with Disabilities Act regulations.
4. Decrease visual clutter by "piggybacking" off of other directional signs, placing your directional signs only when your directions divert from other directions.

collector streets. Gardeners should clean the gutters and not blow leaves out onto the street (this is actually illegal). At this point in time, there doesn't seem to be a push from neighborhoods to have posted "No Parking Street Sweeping" days. As to more income for the City, they don't even make an adequate attempt to collect fines now... the City is missing out on millions of dollars of uncollected fines.

Los Angeles City

- Open House - 2 square feet per street frontage
- Directional - Not specifically detailed
- Other-See municipal code for details

Q: We have lived on Farmdale in Studio City since 1968. As long as I can remember, we have never had street cleaning services that are provided to other neighboring cities. I know that it would mean posting no parking signs but I think it would still be of benefit. People would get used to parking restrictions and it could bring the city income from those who choose to ignore the signs.

SCRA: Over time, we had street cleaning every week, then every two weeks, then once a month, and then not at all. Now, the city street sweeps primarily major streets and

Q: A member asked if Studio City Beautification could do something about the mini weed forests that were growing along Moorpark and Tujunga. The weeds had grown to about 3-4 tall at each corner.

SCBA: SCBA Board member Andy Epstein reached out to Councilmember Paul Krekorian's office and a city crew removed the weeds.

Q: I am writing in regards to the late-night and early morning noise coming from CBS Studio. It's been going on for weeks now. Huge semi-trucks crossing the Radford Bridge - that sound is the most jarring, the constant sound of compression release, crew hammering, yelling, you name it. They're even working on Sunday mornings now before 7 am! In a video I

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took at 6:30 AM you can hear another neighbor yelling at the crew - this is getting pretty frustrating. I'm sure the crew is just doing what they are supposed to do. Can you please advise if there is a plan to change the hours of operation so all of us are not constantly being woken up at all hours?

SCRA: Film LA was contacted and informed us that their jurisdiction does not include "on lot" production. SCRA contacted CBS and received this reply: "Thank you for your email and bringing this to our attention. We will address it with our clients renting that stage." SCRA will follow up with our member.



SPORTSMEN'S LODGE HOTEL Phase 2

Sportsmen's Lodge Owner LLC filed an application with LA City Planning Department to demolish the Sportsmen's Lodge Hotel and build a mixed-use (Residential and Commercial) complex which includes an 8 story tower with a

maximum height of 94 feet, 520 family units which include 78 as affordable units, and 37,043 square feet of commercial use with 1,395 parking spaces.

Sportsmen's Lodge property is located within the Ventura/Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan. Sportsmen's Lodge is requesting a 'height' waiver from 30' to as high as 94'. Other waivers requested are "Floor Area Ratio" from 1.0:1 to 2.83:1; a 0-foot side yard where the requirement is for a 10' side yard.; and waivers on the underground parking.

Also, the tree removal question was left blank on the Environmental Assessment form of the application.

In September, SCRA reported another large project called Sunswept on Ventura Blvd, located just east of Coldwater. Both the Sunswept and Sportsmen's projects, if approved as submitted, will exceed the Specific Plan height limits and will have a significant impact on the area. The SCRA supports compliance with the Ventura/Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan and will strongly oppose any height waiver.

VOLUNTEER!

Do you have some free time? Why not consider spending that time volunteering with us?

The Studio City Residents Association (SCRA), Save LA River Open Space (SLAROS), Studio City Beautification (SCBA) are all volunteer-based organizations. Volunteer opportunities are many, but right now our greatest need is in the area of social media. (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter)

SCRA advocates for and enhances the quality of life in Studio City. The SCRA's volunteers educate our members and create a platform for the interests, concerns, and passions regarding the Studio City community.

SLAROS is dedicated to preserving the last significant Los Angeles river-fronting open space in the San Fernando Valley as a recreational open space, open to the public.

SCBA is dedicated to the beautification and improvement of our community by transforming public spaces from eyesores to mini-parks and gardens, adopting medians and parkways, adding "Welcome" signs, and planting trees.

If you are interested in joining us in any or all of these organizations, email us at: SCRABoard@studiocityresident.org.

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Hello Again.

The SCRA Member Discount Card is back! This year, **more than ever**, we are proud to come together as a community to support our local businesses. When you renew your membership, you will receive your new Member Discount Card that is welcomed at these local businesses:

- April Davis Investigations
- Arnold's Copy & Print
- Auto Plaza
- BLVD Hotel & Spa
- Ceremony
- Charlies' Shoe Repair
- Classic Toys
- Creation Station Studio
- City
- Eye Candy Optometry
- Gangadin
- Gisele Tune
- Habit
- James Thomas Stained Glass
- Kit Kraft
- La Knitterie Parisienne
- Matthew's Jewelry Store
- Mister O's
- Panache Boutique
- Rain Bar & Lounge
- Sportsmen's Lodge
- The Village
- Viteilo's Restaurant
- Wild Flora



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Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021

AGENDA

- **7:00 p.m.** Meet and Greet with your neighbors
- **7:30 p.m.** Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian
- Q&A

MEETING LOCATION

Bridges Academy - GYM
3921 Laurel Canyon Blvd
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Free parking in school lot.
Enter on Maxwelton.

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