



# STUDIO CITY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## Your Advocate for Studio City

January 2019

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019 The Studio City Cares Awards

Since 2008 Studio City Cares Awards have been awarded to those who have acted for the overall benefit of Studio City. The tradition of awards was started in 1998 when the precursor of the Cares Awards were given by the Civic Committee under Fran Quigley. SCRA is pleased to continue that annual tradition.

Excellence in Government to Todd Gilman who works in the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program in the City Attorney's office. Todd is tasked with Studio City and the broader North Hollywood area working with the community leaders and law enforcement for a better Studio City.



Excellence in Community Service to Jessica Fugate, Field Deputy for Councilmember Paul Krekorian. Jessica works directly with the SCRA and the SCBA and other community organizations to solve local problems big and small.

Excellence in Youth Development to Julian Bull, Headmaster, Campbell Hall. Julian is committed to the development of youth by setting the model and tone for those under his charge and encouraging community participation. Julian also devotes time to the improvement of Studio City.



Fran Quigley Award to Pastor Stephanie Jaeger. Stephanie's operation is a model for others who help those without homes providing food, clothing, finding permanent housing and a way to reestablish their identity and become part of the community. Stephanie is a valued asset to our community.

### BURBANK-GLENDALE-PASADENA AIRPORT AUTHORITY MEETING

A meeting was held December 6, 2018 with Sarah Paulson Sheehy, Senior Director Government & Public Affairs, at the Hollywood Burbank Airport. Four SCRA board members were present; the discussion focused on the following:

#### New Passenger Terminal

The present terminal is too close to a main runway and it is not in compliance with the safety regulations of the Federal Aviation Authority. Therefore a replacement terminal will have to be built in safer location with the old one being demolished. Presently there are 14 gates at the existing terminal and those gates will be replicated at the new terminal.

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### 2019: A NEW YEAR AND NEW BEGINNINGS

Happy New Year from SCBA. This year our focus will continue to be on the various medians all along Vineland Avenue stretching from Ventura Boulevard to Whipple Street. Last year, we were overly optimistic that we would complete two of the medians but that did not happen. Unfortunately, the 'wheels of city government' sometimes move slower than we would like. We continue to follow up with the city and plan to bring these two projects, the "Studio City Welcomes You" monument sign at Vineland and Whipple and the installation of three sculptures on another Vineland Median, to completion as soon as possible. In addition, we are in the very early stages of adopting two other medians along this stretch and will keep you updated

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## **(Airport, cont'd)**

No additional gates will be added: the total number will remain at 14 gates. 2 gates presently at the existing terminal are equipped to handle "state of the art" aircraft with 6 more of a similar nature scheduled to be upgraded over the next few years.

Construction of the new terminal is estimated to start in six years and 14 state-of-the-art gates will come on line at the new terminal. Passenger boardings are increasing but there should be no increase in number of flights as larger, more efficient and quieter aircraft are being introduced. The existing runways will be upgraded. No new runways will be built.

Public Input: Comments and questions from the public will be received through a series of meetings called Charrettes that will focus on the design elements of the replacement terminal and parking structures. Nine Charrettes are planned. Six in Burbank; one in Los Angeles, one in Glendale, one in Pasadena. Location, sequence and times to be announced later. Each Charrette will review the input of the prior Charrette before moving forward. The appointment of the facilitator for the Charrettes has been made. A report based on the Charrettes will be available to the public and will be sent to the architects.

The Environmental Impact Statement for the Terminal has been completed and the City of Burbank has relinquished its planning oversight for the new terminal. CEQA is completed and accepted. Soils testing of new location of terminal is completed. No risks to human health were found.

For information on the new terminal and to ask questions visit [BURreplacementterminal.com](http://BURreplacementterminal.com). This website will be updated periodically.

### **Airport Operations**

The Airport Authority does not schedule airline flights. This is a function controlled by the FAA. However, the Airport Authority works with the airlines to have them conform to the voluntary curfew that is from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Exceptions to the curfew are Cargo planes, private planes and other exceptions that are occasioned by flights delayed at other airports. By an act of Congress a mandatory curfew cannot be imposed by an airport. Some airports have mandatory curfews as they were grandfathered in before Congress acted to restrict mandatory curfews. Burbank conducted extensive surveys and efforts to have a mandatory curfew imposed but it was denied by the FAA.

### **Noise from jets taking off**

As explained, once the wheels of the aircraft are off the ground then the aircraft comes under the control of the FAA. Burbank Airport has no authority to make changes in flight patterns. It did send a letter to the FAA opposing the locations of the new waypoints and other concerns but it has done all it can within the limits of its authority. It will, however, continue to monitor the situation. Complaints are filed but more "weight" is given to <https://webtrak.emsbk.com/bur1> over the

Airnoise button. Unfortunately the wait time to lodge a complaint on Webtrak takes some time. Burbank claims that Airnoise complaint metrics are many but generated by only about 100 residents.

### **The Reauthorization Bill for FAA 2018 by Congress**

The following sections were revised to be part of the FAA mandate:

Sec. 174. Updating airport noise exposure maps.

Sec. 175. Addressing community noise concerns.

Sec. 176. Community involvement in FAA NextGen projects located in Metroplexes

Senators Feinstein and Harris responded favorably in support of SCRA's request for such similar amendments to the Re-authorization Bill.

Council Member Paul Krekorian will be involved in any decisions made as 25% of the Airport is in the city of Los Angeles in Council District 2. It remains to be seen if efforts by CM Krekorian, the city council, the City Attorney, retained council are successful in their requests to the FAA for extensions and Community Impact Reviews.

SCRA's position is that noise impacts created from jets departing Burbank should be shared overall.

## **WHY LOS ANGELES NEEDS A SUSTAINABLE URBAN FOREST NOW**

Trees offer many benefits, some of which are directly identifiable and quantifiable, and others that are personally experienced. They appreciate in value as do the benefits they provide as they mature: The return on investment of city's trees is an asset in the city budget. Other elements of the city infrastructure are carried as an expense but for every \$1 invested in a street tree, it calculates to a \$5.82 return in benefits.

Trees are an essential component in support of healthy neighborhoods and vibrant business corridors. Shoppers spend more, stay longer and will travel to shop in districts with high quality trees. Rising temperatures are amplified; (the urban heat island effect) that occurs as buildings, roads, and other infrastructure absorb and reflect heat. Strategically placed trees can save up to 56% on annual air-conditioning costs.

### **Where are the deficiencies in Los Angeles Urban Forests**

In a study conducted from January 2018 to November 2018 it was determined that trees are not valued in City Budget and Planning. Dedicated staff lack direction from City leadership, Historical and ongoing scattered approach has little follow through: the City's technological urban forest management tools are incomplete. The City lacks comprehensive urban

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forest planning and management guides; Band-Aid approach hinders more holistic planning leading to significant gaps in achieving sustainability.

### **What is being done about it?**

A tree inventory by professional arborists is a critical component of Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) and will cost approximately \$3 per tree. Recreation and Parks (RAP) has been awarded a grant to complete a current inventory of park trees. The 700,000 street trees not part of RAP can be inventoried for approximately \$3 million. The inventory will require a year or more to complete and therefore, must be initiated as soon as possible. Knowing the makeup of urban forest trees, their species, sizes, ages, locations, and conditions, along with detailed vacant tree space information, is critical to the Urban Forest Management Planning process.

### **Additional proposed City Council Action**

Los Angeles has the largest urban forest in the nation but we need to work to protect it, and value it as more than just a liability. Councilmember Davis Ryu is working on presenting three motions to reform our tree policies from top to bottom. These motions include changes to our protected tree ordinance, changes to our tree replacement program, and increased staffing at the Bureau of Street Services that will provide extra expertise and experience in urban canopy management and planning. Our diverse array of trees in Los Angeles provide shade, beautify our communities, and is the best tool to control climate change and cool our city. We need to step up now so we can ensure a healthy urban forest tomorrow.

*To view the full FIRST STEP Developing and Urban Forest Management Plan for the City of Los Angeles. Visit [studiocityresidents.org/our-community/parks-programs](http://studiocityresidents.org/our-community/parks-programs)*

## **FROM YOUR BOARD**

Board members Alan Dymond, Barry Johnson and Beth Dymond met with Sun Hill Properties Inc (Hilton) proposed expansion at NBCUniversal. NBCUniversal had the right to approve any expansion of the Hilton expansion. NBCUniversal and Hilton have come to an agreement and the addition to the hotel will be 17 stories which will create a total of 890 units between both structures. Parking was an issue which was settled with NBCUniversal however the SCRA was told at the meeting that the 500 new spaces would be stacked parking. SCRA is objecting to this type of parking and has notified NBCUniversal of its objection. Construction will begin mid to late 2020 and will take 15 to 24 months.

The SCRA board voted to support the efforts of UpRoarLA in its efforts to combat the noise affect by jets taking off from Burbank. A donation was made to their legal counsel to be applied to filing answers to the report that was presented at the Airport Authority NexGen departures and representation



## **TO THE MARKET**

Now that winter is here, it's time to enjoy the bounty that is local produce in California - broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, many of the root vegetables, and leafy greens like arugula, swiss chard and spinach.

After all the holiday parties and festivities, the farmers market is the perfect place to regroup and get back on track with healthy eating. That goes for everyone in the family, including its youngest members. Tummy Thyme features a wonderful array of foods for babies from five months to toddlers. Unique and savory ingredients guarantee that little ones will not get bored, and will expand their palates to make them more adventurous eaters as they get older. Stop by for a sample - Tummy Thyme is near the Radford side of the Market, on the north side of the street.

New to the Market in January is Divinity Creations - makers of great tasting and fresh poke bowls. Using seafood from Fisherman's Catch, a long time Farmers Market vendor, the poke bowls will feature a variety of toppings and sauces. Stop by and visit them in the middle of the Market on the north side of the street.

in any negotiations with the FAA in any settlement negotiations. .

The Hillside Federation (SCRA is a member) passed a motion to write to the FAA requesting that the FAA complete an environmental Impact study report on the effects of the noise and fumes over our towns, mountains, schools, homes and parks.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL UPDATE**

*Membership expiration date missing from the November Newsletter label.*

The November 2018 SCRA newsletter stated that "In a couple of weeks the SCRA staff will update the SCRA database removing members who have not renewed for 2018-2019." Members were directed to check the mailing label on the newsletter for their membership expiration date.

Unfortunately member's expiration dates were missing on the mailing label leaving members with no way to check membership status.

Please be apprised that memberships will remain in force until two weeks after the January Newsletter is mailed with the correct expiration date on the label.

– SCRA Board of Directors

# CONGRATULATIONS TO CONNIE ELLIOT

Connie is a long time board member and secretary of the SCRA and the SCBA. Connie was honored at the 2018 Police Activities League's (PALS) annual fundraiser. Connie received the "Member of the Year" award for her service to PALS. In presenting the award Connie was commended for her years of support to the PALS organization as a board member and for hands on help at PALS functions or events. Connie also serves on The Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB). We are very proud of Connie and congratulate her on this honor.



## LOS ANGELES PARTY HOUSE ORDINANCE: CALL 877-ASK-LAPD

The "Party House Ordinance" for Los Angeles in effect from April 15 2018 gives the Los Angeles Police Department a tool to curb repeat offenders through the use of escalating fines. A party can be unruly any time of the day or night for "Loud or Unruly Conduct".

Loud or Unruly Conduct includes any of the below activities at a residence OR within 500 feet of a residence.

Loud noise; Obstructing street or sidewalks; Public intoxication/drinking in public; serving alcohol to minors; Assault; battery; fights; domestic violence; disturbing the peace; sale of alcohol without a license; litter; trespassing; public urination

The fines are applied against the owner (absentee or not) and the party host. The ordinance includes fines up to \$8,000 and requires those who violate the ordinance to post a public notice for 30 days notifying neighbors of their unlawful conduct. It penalizes both party hosts and homeowners, which is meant to dissuade property owners from renting out their homes to professional party-throwers and reduce the likelihood of future violations: this ordinance reduces the burden on law enforcement who are called repeatedly to break up parties at the same addresses or by the same organizing entity.

Residents who have had to endure unruly, out of control - mostly commercial - parties in neighborhoods all across Los Angeles but particularly in the Hollywood & other Hillside communities now have a resource.

The new law allows for escalating fines on party hosts and homeowners to ensure that hosts who throw unruly parties in multiple homes are increasingly cited for multiple offenses, and that property owners remain culpable for renting out their homes to party house operators. The fines are:

- " \$100 for the first violation;
- " \$500 for the second violation;
- " \$1,000 for the third violation;

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as these projects take shape over the ensuing year. The long-range plan is to adopt and 'beautify' the Vineland medians stretching all the way from Ventura Boulevard to Whipple Street!

Were you lucky enough to get a succulent last year? We so enjoyed meeting and talking with all who stopped by our booth at one or both of last year's events, so much so that we are planning on having a couple more succulent 'giveaways' this year. Be sure to follow us on Social Media for information on all upcoming events. You can find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/studiocitybeautification](https://www.facebook.com/studiocitybeautification), and on Instagram and Pinterest at [studiocitybeautificationassoc](https://www.instagram.com/studiocitybeautificationassoc).

As we begin to think about our spring gardens, we urge you to 'Plant Right' and help prevent the spread of invasive plants. Now is the perfect time to increase your knowledge of invasive plants in California and learn how to become part of the solution. In previous newsletters, we defined and identified invasive plants. If you missed those articles, you can find copies of last year's newsletters in our archives on the SCRA website at [studiocityresidents.org/about-us/newsletter-archives](http://studiocityresidents.org/about-us/newsletter-archives). Also, for more detailed information, we encourage you to visit [PlantRight.org](http://PlantRight.org).

The SCBA is an ALL volunteer organization dedicated to the beautification and improvement of our community, and we are always welcoming of volunteers who can help us in our efforts. Won't you join us? If you are interested in joining our volunteer team, please email your contact information to: [studiocitybeautificationassoc@gmail.com](mailto:studiocitybeautificationassoc@gmail.com).

Did you know that we are one of the most active programs in the City of Los Angeles? It's true and we could not have done it without your very generous support. Our work is far from finished and your tax-deductible contribution would allow us to continue our valued work. To contribute online, please go to [www.StudioCityBeautification.org](http://www.StudioCityBeautification.org), OR You can make checks payable to: Studio City Beautification, P.O. Box 1374, Studio City, CA 91614.

Happy New Year!

- " \$2,000 for the fourth violation;
- " \$4,000 for the fifth violation;
- " And \$8,000 for the sixth and subsequent violations

Calls are recorded even if they are not treated as "priority" calls at the moment.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

## SCRA OFFICERS FOR 2019

Any person residing in the household of a Regular or Senior Member may nominate a member in good standing as an officer of the SCRA by filing a petition bearing original signatures of a minimum of twenty-five (25) members in good standing and an acknowledgement signed by the proposed officer with the Association's office no later than December 1, 2018.

No such petition has been filed at the Association's office by a candidate seeking election as an officer of the SCRA therefore the nominating period is closed.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The SCRA Nominating Committee nominations for officers of the association for the year 2019 stands and so will be duly appointed at the Annual General Meeting as follows.

President, Alan Dymond: Vice President, Barry Johnson:  
Treasurer, Charles Blakeslee:  
Secretary, Connie Elliot.

The office of Administrative Vice President is a SCRA board appointment. Claudia Freedle is so appointed to this office.

The nominating committee wishes to thank the past officers for their work over the past year.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** by Alan Dymond

*Named after the Roman god Janus who is usually depicted as having two faces, January can be time for review of past events and a look at the future: a time of transition from the past and continuation into the future. Or, put another way, what is seen when we check the rear view mirror to see where we've been and how might this effect where we might be going?*

*Last year the Weddington Golf and Tennis property changed hands from the Weddington family who, generously, to say the least over the years, were an integral part of public life here in the Valley. Last year Harvard Westlake acquired the property for school purposes, an event viewed with mixed feelings by those who worked so hard to keep the property open to the public as envisioned by the Weddington Family. It was a blessing that finally after so many years (18) this property would not be subject to rezoning for condominium developments. But then, how will access, interests of the public and concerns of surrounding neighborhoods be incorporated, agreed upon and folded into the plans of Harvard Westlake.*

*Harvard Westlake has met and talked with SCRA/SLAROS over the past months and their architect, Gensler Associates. SCRA was informed that Harvard Westlake has retained Mia Lehrer architects to work together with the Gensler.team. SCRA/SLAROS looks forward to more discussions with Harvard Westlake in the new year.*

*On another issue still open is the parking structure and related sports field on Coldwater Canyon as proposed by Harvard Westlake. SCRA opposes this project because many members, their neighbors and others will be heavily impacted by such a development. Actions by the SCRA, e.g. speaking at public hearings, legal research etc. that has been timely reported to our members. To date, no further movement has taken place. SCRA will continue to monitor.*

*Burbank Airport. At the time of going to press, just before our printer shuts down for the Holidays, there is no clear path how exactly it will proceed administratively. Other reliable sources may release current status as will the SCRA upon confirmation. In the meantime the SCRA calls for an Environmental Impact Statement drafted by the FAA with the ultimate goal that the NexGen flight control system incorporates the principle that no one neighborhood should bear the brunt of the noise generated by jets taking off from Burbank.*

*The Southeast Valley Community Plans Update is in the works. The SCRA sent a letter requesting the Planning Department to consider including the multi-family residential properties and commercial properties sections from the 2008 Studio City Overlay. The SCRA has requested that multi-family residential properties and commercial properties in Studio City mirror the zoning that is in place in Valley Village as to height and floor-to-area ratio.*

*In another matter, the Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association (SOHA), reached out to SCRA to join a unified Valley-wide effort to address the reintroduction of California Senate Bill 827 that purported to alleviate the affordable housing shortage in California by allowing four to five-story apartment buildings in single family neighborhoods. SCRA opposed the original bill while understanding the need for affordable housing. SCRA has accepted SOHA invitation to join and will be part of the process.*

*Alan Dymond*

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Claudia Freedle, Admin. Vice President  
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Charles Blakeslee, Treasurer

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**SCRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, Jan 8, 2019**

**NEW MEETING LOCATION:**

**SPORTSMEN'S LODGE  
Events Center  
12833 Ventura Blvd.  
Studio City, CA 91604**

**AGENDA**

**7:00 p.m.** Refreshments/meet your neighbors.

**7:30 p.m.** Installation of officers;  
Studio City Cares Awards

**One-time only VENUE CHANGE**

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