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SCRA COMMUNITY MEETING

*Bridges Academy
Tuesday, January 11, 2022*

Guest Speaker: Councilmember Paul Krekorian

Studio City's council district has been split in two. Councilmember Krekorian now shares representation of Studio City with Councilmember Nithya Raman. The SCRA has asked councilmember Krekorian to speak about the split council districts going forward, the homeless issue, Universal Metro development, and update us on Burbank Airport noise.



SCRA is continuing to conduct our Community Meetings, live and in-person at Bridges Academy. 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. We are working to bring you better sound quality in the gym.

UTILITY BOX ART PROGRAM LAUNCHED IN STUDIO CITY

The Studio City Business District (SCBD) along with Councilmember Paul Krekorian's office, LA City Council District 2, has launched a program to beautify the LADOT utility boxes. This program is being rolled out first in the SCBD which includes Ventura Blvd from Carpenter to Coldwater, Laurel Canyon just north and south of Ventura Blvd and Ventura Place. The SCBD created a committee of community members who received over three dozen submissions in response to the prompt: "It Happened Here in Studio City". Ten submissions were selected. All the boxes will be painted and then graffiti proofed. The SCBD clean team will remove any graffiti that appears on the boxes.

The first few boxes have been painted - you may have seen them already:



<< **Ventura and Laurel Canyon**



Ventura crosswalk at Peet's Coffee >>

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CBS STUDIO CENTER SOLD

ViacomCBS has entered into an agreement to sell its CBS Studio Center on Radford to Hackman Capital Partners, the same firm that purchased the CBS Television City property in 2019. ViacomCBS will be leasing back existing office space at the CBS Studio Center through at least June 2022 and will eventually move to the ViacomCBS office building near the corner of Sunset and Gower in Hollywood.



KCBS and KCAL will continue to be based at the Radford Studio Center, as will productions such as ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT, THE TALK, BIG BROTHER, and other series that currently shoot on the lot.

(Art, cont'd)



<< Ventura and Fairway



Ventura and Whitsett >>

All ten winning designs and more photos can be seen at: www.studiocitybusinessdistrict.com/UtilityBox

FROM YOUR BOARD

Background: Decennial Redistricting

City council districts are redrawn every 10 years. In response to the unsatisfactory result of the redistricting commission to divide Studio City Neighborhood Council into two council districts, the board of the SCRA passed the following motions.

Motion: *The Board of the Studio City Residents Association (SCRA) requests Councilmember Paul Krekorian to make a Motion requiring all future Decennial Redistricting to require all Neighborhood Councils be represented by only one councilmember. If necessary to reach this goal, council districts could be up to 15% more (or less) of the median council district instead of the current 10% more (or less).*

Background: Ventura/Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan

The Ventura/Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan is a zoning regulation tailored specifically to the uniqueness of the Boulevard and its proximity to the Santa Monica Mountains. The Specific Plan corridor spans over 17 miles in length, includes more than 1,200 acres of land, and regulates over 4,300 individual parcels of land. It comprises parcels that front Ventura Boulevard as well as some adjacent boulevards.

Motion: *The Board of the Studio City Residents Association (SCRA) requests Councilmember Paul Krekorian to make a Motion to require the 17 1/2-mile Ventura-Cahuenga Specific Plan to be part of at least four council districts for all future Decennial Redistricting. This Specific Plan is for the premier boulevard of the entire Valley and should be under the watchful eye of more than just two council members.*

On another matter, the SCRA Board allocated funds to purchase toys for the December toy drive of the North Hollywood LAPD. Thank you board member Lana Shackelford for purchasing the toys and delivering them to the Farmers Market collection box.

Studio City Cares Awards: The board agreed to name and award the recipients throughout the coming year. In the past, our January meeting was typically when we presented these awards.

The SCRA Board is thankful that we are again meeting in person at Campbell Hall.

BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE

Meg McDonald Seltzer, SCBA President

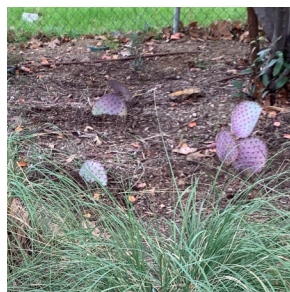
Happy New Year from the Studio City Beautification Association and welcome to 2022.

We're happy to share with you in our first of the year Beautification report, some good news about a major end-of-the-year beauty treatment at The Oasis Pocket Park (across the street from Marshalls) and a blossoming association between SCBA and the prestigious Descanso Gardens.

In November we took advantage of donated Prickly Pear Cactus cuttings from Descanso when they were performing their seasonal maintenance.

We haven't used Prickly Pear in our adopted sites before but thought they would be ideal for The Oasis. There are three different species represented in the cuttings: one local to the Santa Monica Mountains and environs and the other two to the Mojave area. These three different species will be a good test of how plants adapted to hotter and drier conditions will perform in our uncertain climate.

Prickly Pear also provides a habitat for birds and other critters and will help to secure hillsides from erosion when the rains do return. We've started with about thirty cuttings in total, and have planted many of them close together for color and planted others as a group in areas where we have experienced illegal camping and partying. We think the sturdy nature of the plants and the spines will deter unwelcome use of the site.

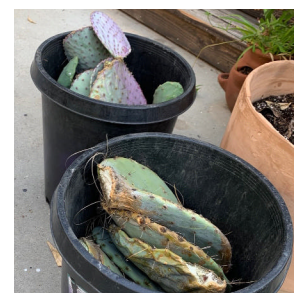


Our initial assessment has been positive and we have since received another donation from Descanso and will use those additional cuttings to fortify and expand what we have already started at The Oasis.

This marks an interesting and exciting new chapter in our use of native plants and the development of lower maintenance plantings which will cost less moving forward and allow us to move onto additional sites for beautification.

To see more about SCBA beautifying our community, visit studiocitybeautification.org To learn more about Descanso Gardens, visit descansogardens.org

Stay safe and see you in the neighborhood.



A WELL-DESERVED AWARD FOR PATTY KIRBY



The SCRA has strongly supported the Police Activity League Supporters (PALS) which is an all-volunteer organization. East Valley PALS had their 53rd Annual Community Partnership Luncheon with awards given for outstanding service to the community.

Patty Kirby has been a Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) member since 2014 and Chairperson of the Emergency Preparedness and Neighborhood Watch Committee. Patty is well known in the community for her tireless work to Save Studio City Golf and Tennis Club along with her work on the Studio City Neighborhood Council Public Safety Committee.

PALS awarded Patty the 2021 CPAB of the Year Award for her outstanding service to our community. Congratulations Patty.

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY FOR 59 YEARS AND COUNTING...



BENEFITS OF YOUR SCRA MEMBERSHIP

- **SCRA Member Discount Cards** are mailed approximately 7-10 days after membership renewal or upon joining. We have over 30 businesses participating in this program, don't miss out on all that Studio City has to offer. See the back page of this newsletter for a quick list of participating businesses. Use the QR code to get further information on the discounts they offer.
- **Digital Newsletter option available** You can Opt-in to receive the Digital version of our newsletter, just email us at SCRANewsletter@studiocityresidents.org and we will add you to our digital mailing list.

GET TO KNOW OUR WEBSITE

In this issue, we are spotlighting:
STUDIO CITY CARES AWARDS.

Visit studiocityresidents.org/about-us/studio-city-cares-awards

Each year the Studio City Residents Association Board has recognized outstanding service to the community with the presentation of the Studio City Cares Awards. Starting in 2022, we will be awarding these awards throughout the year. More information and a look back at past recipients can be found under **STUDIO CITY CARES AWARDS** on our website, StudioCityResidents.org.



TO THE MARKET

The Studio City Farmers Market is pleased to announce donations to several wonderful organizations this year.

Donations in the amount of \$5000 each were made to the following organizations: Careers through Culinary Arts Program - a workforce development nonprofit that provides underserved teens a pathway to success. C-CAP provides culinary, job, and life skills to over 20,000 middle-and-high school students annually. Helping Hands Project, a fund of the LA Valley College Foundation, provides assistance to students experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. A food pantry on campus provides meals as well as toiletries, clothes, blankets and so much more. Adopt a Senior Program sponsored by the Studio City Chamber of Commerce. Senior citizens living below the poverty line are provided with necessities during the holidays. \$5000 worth of toys were purchased for toy drives sponsored by the office of Councilmember Paul Krekorian, State Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian, and the LAPD NOHO PALS program.

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: When, if ever, will the lights on Ventura Blvd at Rhodes Ave and Berry Dr. be installed?

SCRA: These two intersections, Rhodes Ave at 12300 Ventura Blvd and Berry Dr. at 11400 Ventura Blvd., have been fully funded for years but work is continually being delayed with one excuse after another. Both of these intersections are extremely dangerous. There



have been pedestrians hit at Rhodes and Berry Dr. and there are dangerous left turns onto Ventura out of the hills at Berry Dr.

The good news is that both intersections are now being worked on albeit at a snail's pace. The work at Rhodes is waiting for handicap ramps to be installed. And work at Berry has all but stopped. (The ribbon cutting was scheduled for last September!!!) The council office has stated that they will again try to push these projects to completion.

Q: We're having a lot of construction on Sunday, so I've had to call the police. Would you put something in the newsletter saying that construction workers on a Sunday in the City of

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(Ask SCRA, cont'd)

Los Angeles will be fined and the police will respond to a call. It is very noisy. Monday through Saturday and it is very nice for a quiet Sunday.

SCRA: From the Los Angeles noise issue guidelines. Except as otherwise provided, a person, on any Sunday, or at any other time between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. the following day, shall not perform any construction or repair work of any kind upon any building or structure, or perform any earth excavating, filling or moving, where any of the foregoing entails the use of any air compressors; jackhammers; power-driven drill; riveting machine; excavator, diesel-powered truck, tractor or other earth moving equipment; hand hammers on steel or iron, or any other machine, tool, device or equipment which makes loud noises to the disturbance of persons occupying sleeping quarters in a dwelling, apartment, hotel, mobile home, or other places of residence.

12.08.670 - Violation-Penalty

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or be imprisoned in the County Jail for a period not exceeding six months or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such. (Ord. 11778 § 2 (Art. 8 § 803), 1978: Ord. 11773 § 2 (Art. 8 § 803, 1978.)



BREAKING NEWS - BURBANK AND VAN NUYS JET NOISE

In December, the SCRA filed with the 9th Circuit Federal Appellate Court its support for Save Our Skies Los Angeles petition seeking relief from the noise generated by flights in and out of Burbank and Van Nuys airports.

Briefly: What is being sought from the court? Step 1. For the Court to hear the Petition seeking relief for Review. If so, Step 2. Find that the FAA's approval of the HARYS and SLAPP departure procedures was arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with law and direct the FAA to revert to pre-SoCal Metroplex conventional departure routes.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Alan Dymond

Happy New Year and thank you for your membership. Your membership motivates us to keep Studio City a great place to live.

In 2021 Council District Boundaries were redrawn. A board of commissioners drafted and recommended the revised districts to the Los Angeles City Council. Redistricting took effect on January 1, 2022.

Public comments had been taken virtually by the Commissioners. Each speaker was allocated one minute to comment but zoom sessions were cut off when the Commissioners closed the session. Many people were not heard. Nevertheless, the proposed Council Districts were submitted by the Commissioners to the City Council.

Studio City Council District 2 is now divided between Councilmembers Paul Krekorian and Nithya Raman. Councilmember Raman will now be our Councilmember overseeing the Harvard Westlake proposed development at the Studio City Golf and Tennis Club, the Specific Plans for the Ventura Boulevard, and the Mulholland Parkway Scenic Parkway.

When it is time to revise the boundaries of the council districts, SCRA believes an independent board of Commissioners should be appointed and seated. Los Angeles County supervisorial redistricting is being carried out by 14 independent citizens. So why not the same for our city of Los Angeles?

The November 9th Community Meeting was well attended in person, finally! Proof of vaccination was required, although members and attendees provided proof without even being asked. Our guest speaker was Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian, and our LAPD Senior Lead Officer Shawn Smith also gave an update. We plan to continue with in-person meetings, with all appropriate protocols and are attempting to improve the sound system for our January 11, 2022, meeting at Bridges Academy.

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Los Angeles Director of Planning wants to make changes to the Mulholland Scenic Parkway.

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is the principal state planning agency for the Santa Monica Mountains, which includes the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan. The Director of the Los Angeles Planning Department has proposed that any development in the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan should be excused from public hearings before a Design Review Board, however, this is contrary to what is mandated by the Specific Plan. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Principal State Agency for the Santa Monica's, opposed the Planning Director's proposal by sending a letter to the Mayor and the Los Angeles City Council.

SCRA supports the Conservancy and joins in its position that the change sought by the Department of Planning will impair public notice and public participation. It will result in the immediate degradation of the scenic qualities, ecological capacity, and watershed.

Any changes to the Specific Plan will require approval by the city council. On November 8, 2021, a motion was presented by council members Bob Blumenthal, Mike Bonin, Nithya Raman, and Paul Koretz. The motion was seconded by CM Krekorian. If passed, Planning is to report within 90 days with an analysis as is specified in the motion.



The MRCA letter and the motion are both posted on the SCRA website. I highly recommend reading the council motion, especially the last three paragraphs. Should the council pass the motion, Planning must respond within 90 days with an analysis addressing these last three paragraphs. I would encourage others to call their council members to lend support to the motion because the Santa Monica's are for everyone in every council district.

The Mulholland scenic parkway was adopted in 2003 because of efforts by many, including our earlier members and other concerned citizens. Any decision to change what is best for our Santa Monica's and what is best for us, is the function and authority of the city council and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, not the planning department.

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SCRA IN-PERSON COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

AGENDA

- **7:00 p.m.** Meet and Greet with your neighbors
- **7:30 p.m.** Councilmember Paul Krekorian.
- Q&A and Senior Lead Officer Shawn Smith will be available.

MEETING LOCATION

Bridges Academy - GYM
3921 Laurel Canyon Blvd
Studio City, CA 91604

Free parking in school lot.
Enter on Maxwelton.



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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:

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