

**Hillside Federation
Newsletter
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**California Senate President
Pro Tempore Kevin de León**



The Hillside Federation is proud to honor Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León at our annual holiday party this year. Senator de León represents Senate District 24, which includes a large swath of Los Angeles from Eagle Rock to East Los Angeles to Arlington Heights and East Hollywood, among many others. Senator de León was elected to the State Assembly in 2006, and elected to the

Agenda
December 10, 2015
6:30 pm

Holiday Party

I. Eat

II. Drink

III. Be Merry!

Mulholland Tennis Club
2555 Crest View Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90046

Hillside Federation mission: *To protect the property and the quality of life of the residents of the Santa Monica Mountains and other hillside areas of Los Angeles and its environs, and to encourage and promote those policies and programs which will best preserve the natural topography and wildlife of the mountains and hillsides for the benefit of all the people of Los Angeles.*

State Senate in 2010. He was elected President pro Tempore in June 2014, the first Latino to hold that position in more than 130 years. Prior to holding elective office, Senator de León was an educator and community organizer,

Senator de León's legislative agenda has consistently championed the environment and environmental issues. As a freshman assemblymember, Senator de León authored Assembly Bill 31, which allocated park bond funding for new parks and recreational facilities in underserved communities, resulting in 126 park projects throughout California. De León has been a leader in the development of the Los Angeles State Historic Park. In the Senate he authored Senate Bill 783 in 2013 to raise visibility for investment in local, regional, and state park infrastructure.

In 2012, Senator de León co-chaired Proposition 39, the California Clean Energy Jobs Act, convincing voters to close a

corporate tax loophole that generates billions of dollars to fund more than 40,000 California jobs to improve energy efficiency and expand clean energy generation in schools.

This year, Senator de León introduced SB 350, which will increase California's renewable energy mix to 50 percent and double the energy efficiency of existing buildings, both by 2030. The provisions will combat dirty air and fight climate change and create a cleaner electric energy grid. Federation President Marian Dodge was on hand to witness Governor Brown sign SB 350 into law at Griffith Park in October. Senator de León also introduced a bill to require public employee pension funds to divest from coal and to increase the state's climate pollution reduction target to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

The Hillside Federation is very proud to honor State Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León for his commitment to the protection of the environment.

Fed Up With Helicopter Noise?



Now you can do something about it.

The Los Angeles Area Helicopter Noise Coalition has submitted four petitions to the Federal Aviation Administration that will reduce helicopter noise.

We need your support for the petitions – so the FAA and elected officials know that the public wants to stop helicopter noise.

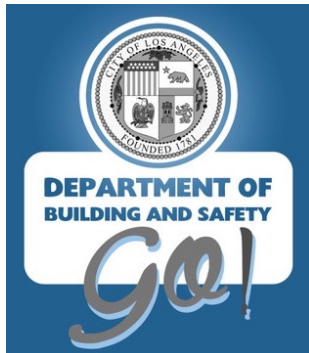
Go to LAHelicopterNoise.org/Mobilize/ and support the petitions. It's easy!

Complain about every helicopter that disturbs you! Go to LAHelicopterNoise.org/Complaints/ to see how.

If We All Work Together, Today Can Be the Beginning of the End for Helicopter Noise in Los Angeles County!

Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety Introduces Smartphone LADBS Go App

LA's Department of Building and Safety introduced a smartphone app for iPhone and Android. The app will provide important LADBS Service Center information including locations, directions, and hours of operation.



The app will also provide wait times so that visits to the service counters can be optimized. App users can check out permit information and status, clearances, and pending inspections. LADBS Go also allows builders of in-progress projects to call for inspections. Perhaps most important for community members and advocates, the app allows potential violations to be reported, including the option to include a smartphone photo of the alleged violation.

For more information, including links to download the app, visit <http://ladbs.org/LADBSGo/>.

Bringing an Issue to the Federation

If your organization would like to bring an issue to the attention of the Federation, please complete a Request for Action form (available at the website www.hillsidefederation.org) and send it, along with supporting documents, to president@hillsidefederation.org no later than 7 days prior to the meeting. This will help you organize your presentation so that our meetings can flow efficiently, while providing the necessary information to allow the Federation to consider your organization's request.

City Planning Schedules Hearings for Proposed BHO / BMO Updates

The Department of City Planning's proposed amendments to the Baseline Hillside Ordinance (BHO) and Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (BMO) have been scheduled for public hearings. Two hearings occurred on December 2nd and 3rd. The remaining two are scheduled for December 15th (at Ronald F. Deaton Civic Auditorium, 100 W First Street) and December 16th (Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center, Conference Rooms 1a & 1b, 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard). Both run from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The code amendments would establish new regulations for properties already subject to the BHO and BMO. In general, the amendments would remove numerous loopholes that caused the existing code to be ineffective in protecting single-family residential neighborhoods from out-of-scale development.

The purpose of the hearings is to obtain testimony from affected and interested persons before Planning makes its recommendation to the City Planning Commission. Many of our member organizations are impacted by one or both of these amendments. We encourage you to learn more about the proposed amendments and provide your feedback to the City Planning Department.

A copy of the draft code amendments is available at http://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/baseline/bmo_bho.pdf. A City Planning Q&A page is available at <http://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/baseline/QandA.pdf>.

NPS Confirms Death of Mountain Lion Due to Rodenticide Poisoning

The National Park Service confirmed on November 11 that the death of the mountain lion designated as P-34 was due to ingestion of rat poison. P-34 was the first mountain lion since 2004 to be conclusively shown to have died from rodenticide exposure, according to an article published in the Los Angeles Times. (available at: <http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-1111-poisoned-puma-20151112-story.html>). NPS Wildlife Ecologist Seth Riley reported that P-34 had been exposed to five anti-rodenticide compounds.

Second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides were banned for use by members of the public in July 2014. Farmers and pest-control companies are still permitted to use them. Jonathan Evans, the environmental health legal director for the Center for Biological Diversity, an Oakland nonprofit, says that recent wildlife deaths demonstrate that more rodenticides need to be banned and alternative pest control measures adopted.

The Center for Biological Diversity

maintains a web page with recommendations for safe and non-toxic prevention measures at <http://tinyurl.com/jr8j4uq>. Federation member CLAW also maintains a recommendation page at <http://tinyurl.com/o6fkxjh>.



National Park Service

Bel-Air Association Correction

In the November newsletter we reported that the Bel-Air Association had recently joined the Hillside Federation. In fact, as one of the original eleven members of the Hillside Federation the Bel-Air Association actually *re-joined*.

Thanks to Chairperson Emeritus Jerry Daniel for providing the historical correction, and a warm welcome *back* to all of our friends at the Bel-Air Association.

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