

Hillside Federation Meeting
Tuesday, October 15, 2024
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Video Conference
Minutes

I. Call to Order - President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

Meet the Candidate Series

Candidate Jessica Caloza – Assembly District 52: Franklin Hills, Los Feliz, Mt. Washington Homeowners' Alliance, South Glendale, Northeast Los Angeles, Echo Park, Silverlake “our campaign came in first”; endorsed by the Los Angeles Times and the Sierra Club. Jessica is the daughter of a janitor and a nurse from the Philippines; if elected, she would be the first Filipino in the state legislature.

Charley: “do you support development in the hillsides?”

“do you support native indigenous plants and animals?”

Jessica: “we need to protect open spaces, native plants and native animals”.

Charley: “the Governor moved control over zoning to Sacramento with SB 9 and SB10.

Would you be willing to partner with the Hillside Federation to protect the hillsides?”

Jessica: “absolutely”

Charley: “The Burbank flight path was relocated in 2017. Would you be willing to lobby the FHA?” Jessica: “absolutely”

Candidate Laura Friedman - Congressional District 30, currently held by Adam Schiff; she is the Democratic nominee for that seat

Issues: biodiversity, fire issues, climate change

Laura ran for Congress because her work should be done at the Federal level: protections from toxic chemicals, legislation to ban pf from children's clothing; we need a federal government that keeps us safe

Charley: “if elected, how would you partner with us to protect open space connectivity?”

Laura: “I plan to continue my work on the open space”

Candidate Nick Schultz - Assembly District 44 –

The position is currently held by Laura Friedman. Nick had a conflict and was unavailable.

Here is the link to the video from Nick Schultz --- 818 806 9392 votenickschultz.com

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/106vavkpF6vsCHDoVM1Uk009jivjfQU9b/view?usp=sharing>

LA County 3rd District – Mandy Laflen - Comments sent in- 213 308 3963 lindseyhorvath.lacounty.org --- DSittig@box.lacounty.gov

On Tuesday, October 15th the Board of Supervisors adopted a Community Forest Management plan for Los Angeles County. Trees enhance and cool our neighborhoods, provide access to nature, and improve our air quality. Los Angeles will continue to invest in our urban tree canopy, an important climate adaptation tool. Link for more details:

<https://lacountycfmp.org>

The County's Chief Sustainability Office is holding community workshops pursuant to Supervisor Horvath's motion related to preventing the Goldspotted Oak Borer (GSOB), An invasive beetle species threatening oak trees: Monday, October 21st 6:30-9 pm at 22300 Devonshire St. Chatsworth, CA 91311

CD 4 Update – Mashael Majid – comments sent in

Wildlife Ordinance: the City Attorney's office has shared that they hope to transmit the Draft Wildlife Ordinance to PLUM/City Council as soon as next month.

The same goes for the Hollywood Community Plan Zoning Ordinance – it should be coming back to PLUM/City Council next month

3003 Runyon (APCSV-2016-4179-SPE-DRB-SPP-MSP-ZV-ZAD)

A letter of determination based on the South Valley Area Planning Commission's (APC) approval of the project was issued by the Commission Office on October 3, 2024.

The last day to appeal the South Valley APC's decision is October 18th.

We hope to bring back a final set of recommendations and instructions relating to improving enforcement for the Home-Sharing Ordinance before the end of the year.

CD 5 Update – Haley Martinez – Not available

CD 11 Update – Michael Amster

Residential home businesses are causing problems for the neighbors in Brentwood and Pacific Palisades

We are working with Urban Forestry on tree trimming

AD 51, ASM Rick Zbur – Robbie Staenberg- Robbie.staenberg@asm.gov

Robbie is a field rep for the Hollywood Hills and Santa Monica for Assemblymember Zbur
The regular ASM session is over; there is a California budget deficit affecting Cal Fresh and medical. The priority is housing and homelessness.

AB2525 is sponsored by Karen Bass affecting the homeless living in RVs. The bill was written so that the city could rent space to RVs and signed by the Governor 2-3 weeks ago.

6500 people in LA are living in 4000 RVs.

22% of LA is unsheltered

The city needs additional places to store RVs

Assemblymember Zbur is the Chair of the Retail Theft Committee; his work led to 10 new public safety laws, and 9 bills helped to crack down on theft of stolen goods.

The climate bond affects areas in the hillsides; offshore wind planning.

\$81.5 million went to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

\$3.8 billion would be spent on water projects, half to improve equality, the remainder on protecting the state from floods and droughts and other activities restoring rivers and lakes. The rest of the money would be spent on extreme heat projects:

\$1.95 billion on natural lands, parks and wildlife projects, 1.9 billion on coastal lands, bays and ocean protection

II. Approval of Minutes - A vote was taken to approve the minutes as written. It passed.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report - Charley Mims

The P-22 Festival is this Saturday, October 19th from 11:00-3:30 in Griffith Park;
It's free, open to the public

B. Operations/Treasurer Report - Don Andres

There are 47 member associations; all dues have been paid; The Treasurer's Report was received and filed.

IV. Old Business – If No Update, please state just that

A. 3003 Runyon Canyon Road – Don Andres/Joan Cashel

The area planning commission approved the project with numerous variances and exceptions. If this project stands, it will make a sham of the hillside ordinance.

MRCA and SMMC are each submitting an appeal.

The South Valley Planning Commission appeal deadline is Friday, October 18. Since the Hillside Federation has opposed this project for several years, President Mims recommended that the HF appeal the project. There was no objection.

B. Updated CEQA Thresholds and Methodology – Jamie Hall – Not available

C. Digital Billboards (Lawsuit) – Wendy-Sue Rosen – Not available

D. Dodger Stadium Gondola – Marian Dodge – Not available

E. Zoo Vision Plan (Lawsuit) – Marian Dodge – Not available

F. Harvard-Westlake River Park Project (Lawsuit) – Beth Dymond

The CEQA hearing has been moved from November to December 10; with a Writ of Mandate; no jury

G. Berggruen Institute Project – Steve Drimmer – Not available

H. Short Term Rentals – Ellen Evans – Not available

V. New Business

A. Steve Twining noted that Plan Check LA is advocating draft #3

It goes to PLUM next; write to PLUM in support of Draft 3

Planning and Land Use Chair is John Lee

The highest power rates in the country are here because of our policy to go all electric.

VI. Adjournment 8:30

Next meetings

November 19, 2024

December – No meeting

January 21, 2025 – Insurance Brief Update – Rob Obedoza

Robin Greenberg

Recording Secretary

Hillside Federation Attendees - 15 October 2024

Members

20 Attendees

14 Member Associations

Stephen	Krawchuk	Argyle Civic Association
Linda	Rose	Bel Air Knolls Property Owners' Association
Robin	Greenberg	Bel-Air Hills Association
Nickie	Miner	Benedict Canyon Association
Eric	Edmunds	Brentwood Hills Home Owners Association
Krista	Michaels	Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association
Charley	Mims	Franklin Hills Residents Association
Don	Andres	Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Association
Jeff	Swofford	Hollywoodland Homeowners
Stephen	Drimmer	Mountaingate
Robert	Young	Oaks Neighborhood Association
Jay	Weitzler	Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
Joann	Deutch	Studio City Residents Association
Alan & Beth	Dymond	Studio City Residents Association
Joan	Cashel	Upper Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association

Officials and Reps

Michael	Amster	CD11 - Field Representative
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Robbie	Staenberg	Assemblymember Rick Zbur - Field Rep
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Steve	Twining	Chair Emeritus
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Guests

Jessica	Caloza	Candidate, CA Assembly District 52
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Laura	Friedman	Candidate, Congressional District 30
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