



# Mar Vista Community Council



**MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Tuesday, April 14th, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.  
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium  
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA  
90066

## MINUTES

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)  
Meeting called to order at 7: 09 P.M.  
Quorum present: Bill Koontz (chair), Bill Scheduling (treasurer), Mitchell Rishe (2<sup>nd</sup> vice chair), John Kutcha (2<sup>nd</sup> vice chair), Melissa Stoller (secretary), Sherri Akers, Ken Alpern, Valerie Davidson, Robin Doyno, Michelle Krupkin, Yvette Molinaro, Brad Wilhite
2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of March 2015 Minutes** (public comment permitted) (1 min)  
Corrections: change date to “March”; correct spelling of Ken Alpern’s name.  
Motion to approve as amended by John Kutcha, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sherri Akers. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
  - Mike Harriel, Southern California Gas Public Affairs Manager, response to MVCC’s 02/03/15 Methane Emissions letter:
    - Recent study (3/31/15 Environmental Science & Technology updated data released in 1990 and found 36-70% lower emissions than the federal study: 0.1 & 0.2%; this is among the lowest emission rates in country. See [methane.wsu.edu](http://methane.wsu.edu) for information about the study.
    - A voluntary emissions reduction program has yielded an 800,000 metric tons reduction over the last two decades
    - SoCal Gas regularly monitors emissions and investing \$6 billion to maintain and improve service over the next 5 years.
    - 87% of emissions are from agriculture and waste; 6% from gas lines.
  - Sherri Akers concurs that SoCal Gas is at forefront of efforts to reduce emissions
5. **Elected Officials and City Department Reports** (max 1 min. each unless waived by the Chair)
  - a. CD 11 – CM Mike Bonin, rep. by Field Deputy Len Nguyen [Len.Nguyen@lacity.org](mailto:Len.Nguyen@lacity.org)
    - Repaving of alley from Inglewood to Centinela is completed; no cement channel
    - Great Streets outreach: boards at Venice Grind are down; talking to Venice High School this week; will be at Farmers’ Market on Sunday, April 18; open house at Mar Vista Library on April 20, 6–8 P.M.
    - Re-landscaping at LADWP Distribution Station 59 completed.
    - Bike with Mike event on May 2, 9 A.M
  - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Lizka Mendoza, Director
    - Kids sports signups: Soccer, 563 kids; girls basketball, 81; baseball, 123, hockey still enrolling
    - Spring egg hunt attended by approximately 500 kids
    - Summer camp is June 9–August 4; parent night is May 20
    - Resilience by Design community meeting at the park with Mayor Garcetti on April 23
    - Young autistic teen abducted from the park was found in Culver City; older man arrested

- Park security was switched from park police to LAPD; Lizka has been in touch with Senior Lead officer
- c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep by Joseph Galloway [joejdg92@gmail.com](mailto:joejdg92@gmail.com)
  - d. US 36 – Janice Hahn
  - e. CA Assembly 54-Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, rep by Scott Malsin [scott.malsin@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:scott.malsin@assembly.ca.gov)
  - f. Congressman – Ted Lieu, rep. by Robert Pullen-Miles [Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov)
  - g. CA Assembly 47
  - h. CA Assembly 62
  - i. 2nd Dist. L. A. County Board Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by KarlyKatona, [Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov)
  - j. Mayor of Los Angeles – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel Tamm [Daniel.tamm@lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.tamm@lacity.org)
6. **Presentations**
- a. California Common Cause presentation on campaign finance reform (10 min)  
Put over to next meeting
7. **Officers and Liaison Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker)
- Motion to move DWP Recycled Water Liaison report, followed by EAC report up in agenda by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Kutcha; motion carried unanimously.
- a. Chair-Bill Koontz
    - i. Appointment of Safety & Security Committee co-chair: Jeremy Pollack
      - Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa Stoller; motion carried unanimously.
    - ii. Update on ethics and funding training with possible motion to follow.
      - Should be up to date; DONE records haven't caught up
  - b. First Vice Chair – Mitchell Rishe
    - City Council considered resolution to put up no parking signs on Sepulveda; it passed on consent
    - Last week Jeremy Green organized a meeting with developer Crimson Holding regarding proposed condo at Boise & Venice: 5 stories, 50 units, 1.1 parking spaces per unit. Neighbors are asking for commercial on ground floor; developer's research finds this would not attract desirable tenants. Developer is not willing to negotiate or scale down.  
Comment by Sherri Akers: if she was a business, she would not like to be asked to cut back 20% on an investment she made
  - c. Second Vice Chair – John Kuchta  
Fixes to website are completed
  - d. Secretary –Melissa Stoller  
Will send Funding Request Form and Policy Motion templates to John for website
  - e. Treasurer-William Scheduling: NOTE: All funding motions must conform to all Empower funding guidelines and must be funded and paid in fiscal year 2014-15 or they will expire. All NPG and CIG grants approved by the Mar Vista Community Council are restricted funds according to Department of Neighborhood Empowerment regulations and must be used for the exact purpose approved by the MVCC. All Neighborhood Council Funding reports are available online at <http://done.lacity.org/onlinefunding/ncfunding.aspx>
    - i. **APPROVAL** of March MER  
Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa Stoller; motion carried unanimously.
    - ii. **REIMBURSEMENT MOTION:** MER postage  
Mar Vista Community Council approves reimbursing Bill Scheduling (not to exceed \$30) for the purchase of postage to mail MERs.  
Motion to approve by John Kuchta, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa Stoller; motion carried unanimously.
    - iii. **REIMBURSEMENT MOTION:** Great Streets printing  
Mar Vista Community Council approves reimbursing Michelle Krupkin \$31.17 for the photocopying of materials for a MVCC Great Streets survey authorized at the 11/12/2014 Board of Directors meeting.  
Put over to May BOD meeting

- iv. **REIMBURSEMENT MOTION:** BOD meeting printing  
 Mar Vista Community Council approves reimbursing Bill Koontz (not to exceed \$30) for the printing of materials for the December BOD meeting.  
 Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Krupkin; motion carried unanimously.
- v. **FUNDING MOTION:** MVNA Block Party  
 Motion to approve up to \$300 for the Mar Vista Neighborhood Association Annual block party on June 7, 2015. The money will be used for the rental of tables/chairs from Triple A Rentals.  
 Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Krupkin; motion carried unanimously.
- vi. **FUNDING MOTION:** Green Committee printing & supplies  
 The Mar Vista Community Council authorizes the expenditure of up to \$500 for Green Committee supplies and printing, budgeted as follows:
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| • Heavy duty display easel               | \$60  |
| • 100 sheets 8 ½ x 11 glossy photo paper | \$50  |
| • 100 sheets 5 x 7 glossy photo paper    | \$20  |
| • Printing                               | \$300 |
| • Misc. supplies                         | \$70  |
- Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Kuchta; motion carried unanimously.
- vii. **Funding Motion: Spring GGS Newsletter, creation of Green Garden Showcase map**  
 Tickled Plum, not to exceed \$500 (20 hours at \$25 per hour).  
 Motion to approve by John Kuchta, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Krupkin; motion carried unanimously.
- viii. **FUNDING MOTION:** CFLP class  
 Mar Vista Community Council agrees to co-sponsor the LADWP's California Friendly Landscape Planning scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 10:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M., at Mar Vista Public Library and approves the expenditure of up to \$200 for the purchase of food, beverages and serving supplies.  
 Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa Stoller; motion carried unanimously.
- ix. **FUNDING MOTION:** Resilience by Design community meeting  
 The Mar Vista Community Council agrees to co-sponsor with the Mayor's office and provide refreshments for a Resiliency by Design community meeting on April 23 with Dr. Lucy Jones and approves the expenditure of up to \$200 for refreshments for a projected attendance of 100.  
 Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Kuchta; motion carried unanimously.  
 Bill Koontz will send eblast.
- x. **FUNDING MOTION:** File of Life  
 File of Life (<http://www.folife.org/>) provides first responders with a more complete profile of a person in an emergency. It ensures that pets are not overlooked and left to starve when a patient is taken to the hospital. It gives responders complete and up to date information on meds, doctors, pharmacy and emergency contacts and is readily recognized. MVCC approves the purchase of approximately 1000 MVCC-sponsored File of Life refrigerator magnet card sets @ \$.76 each (not to exceed \$1,000 with shipping and tax).  
 Discussion:  
 - Other Neighborhood Associations are going in on the order. They're part of Department of Aging focused program to help seniors. MVCC can use as outreach material.  
 - Sherri Akers: would like to get for scam seminar  
 Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Kuchta; motion carried unanimously.
- xi. **FUNDING MOTION:** National Night Out at Venice High School  
 MVCC grants \$1,000 for equipment rental, publication printing, movie rights, and emergency kit equipment.  
 Discussion:

- Will be 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in August. Is community/police outreach; location moves all around Pacific Division from year to year. It brings the community together, promotes community/police partnerships.
- Don't yet have final approval from school.
- Bill Koontz: attracts people we don't usually see
- Sarah Auerswald: outreach opportunity—school starts a week later

Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Kuchta; motion carried unanimously.

- f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison - Linda Guagliano
 

Last meeting was March 18<sup>th</sup> LAPD representative Martin Boccacio attended. North Westdale traffic mitigation : 3 way stop at Stoner & Gateway to be installed. Next meeting is May 20; agenda closes the Saturday before

Farmers' Market signs are not yet changed to 5:00 P.M.

Martin Boccacio put speed trailer on Palms between McLaughlin & Sawtelle; recorded average speed of 34 MPH

Discussion: Questions about one-way sign at post office exit; who put it up? Linda doesn't have information; Ken Alpern will put on agenda for T&I meeting.
  - g. DWP MOU Liaison- Myra Boime
 

Bill Koontz attended meeting. Discussion of feasibility of desalinization feasibility. Rate Payer Advocate spoke about goals and achievements, is working on better outreach, sitting in on OneWater meetings, reviewing DWP activities.
  - h. DWP LANCC Liaison-Open
 

Bill Koontz attended meeting. Herb Wesson spoke: new chair of Education & Neighborhoods committee; promised many things, rollover funding; took questions

Overlay on top of bylaws is coming out in May
  - i. DWP Recycled Water Liaison-Christopher McKinnon [www.ladwp.com/recycledwater](http://www.ladwp.com/recycledwater)

Investigation of toilet to tap progressing
  - j. Fall Festival Liaison-Albert Olson/Yvette Molinaro
 

Yvette can't help this year. Looking for volunteers—reach out to Albert Olsen if interested.

Meeting April 15 at Albert Olsen's
  - k. City Budget: John Kuchta
 

Jay Handel's podcast for City Budget Advocates has lots of numbers
  - l. Recode LA: Sharon Commins
  - m. Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce: Sarah Auerswald
 

State of City address called out Mar Vista; Status Quo provided food

Bowlero is open. Sweet Lucie's ice cream might open by May 1. Curious Palate sold to another restaurant owner who's extending patio, adding more seating; French menu

Tax Day mixer at Louie's. Regular Chamber meeting is Thursday morning.
  - n. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance: Sherri Akers
 

Attended mayor's press conference and got a shout-out about the Green Garden Showcase. Supposed to partner with mayor on outreach.

Community outreach meeting on May 16; topic not announced

Rapidly got information about Distribution Station 59 out to other NCs
8. **Zone Director Reports** - may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; Public comment permitted)
- a. Zone 1 – Ken Alpern
 

Received the usual reports of robberies. 1<sup>st</sup> Expo train went west; tentative opening April, 2016; they're scrambling to get more cars
  - b. Zone 2 – Brad Wilhite
 

North Westdale Neighborhood Association: Karen Bass and Mike Bonin attended special meeting on April 8. Association elections are May 22.

French Immersion Program starting in fall at Richland.
  - c. Zone 3 – Bill Scheduling

HERO--Hilltop Emergency Response Organization formed. Hilltop Neighbors Association annual election of officer is April 16.

Westdale (Melissa Stoller): uptick in burglaries; two pit bulls on leash attacked a small dog and the dog's owner.

d. Zone 4 - Michael Millman

e. Zone 5 - Michelle Krupkin

Burglaries.

f. Zone 6 - Valerie Davidson

Burglaries; residents are taking photos of suspicious looking cars parked on streets.

A lady tripped on broken sidewalk and broke her hip

Sprinklers are watering sidewalk.

9. **Committee Reports & Consent Calendar** - Action items included, which may include motions to refer items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable(public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker unless waived by the Chair); items may be received and filed by consent if no discussion or public comment

Green Committee Agenda didn't get posted on website. Motion by Bill Scheduling to take off consent and refer back to Green Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Alpern; motion carried with one abstention (Melissa Stoller). Ken Alpern pulled AIP motion from Consent Calendar. Remaining motions passed unanimously on consent.

a. **Executive & Finance Committee** - Bill Koontz, Chair

b. **GGs 2015 AD HOC Committee** - Shelley Wiseman, Chair

Melissa Stoller asked for Garden Showcase volunteers.

c. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** - Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs

d. **Green Committee** - Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz and Sherri Akers, Co-Chairs

i. **Policy motion: MVCC Methane Resolution**

WHEREAS, Los Angeles has one of the most substantial greenhouse gas footprints in the world. NASA has found that we also have one of the worst methane footprints around: 61% higher than previous estimates, which is a serious problem since methane is even more effective at trapping heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles is suffering on the front lines of global warming. the City is into year four of the worst drought in recorded history, which scientists are now saying has been exacerbated by climate change, and, as of the March, 2015, Metropolitan Water District board meeting the Sierra Nevada snowpack has nearly vanished and the State and the City are likely headed for serious water rationing; and

WHEREAS, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory has launched their Megacities Carbon Project to measure multi-year emission trends of carbon dioxide, methane and carbon monoxide attributed to Los Angeles and other megacities; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, by the adoption of this Resolution, THE MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL HEREBY SUPPORTS Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz's motion calling on our City departments to come up with a specific and detailed plan to address our methane problem.

THE MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL ALSO URGES the City Council of Los Angeles to take a global leadership role as we inventory our methane leaks, eliminate them where appropriate and capture methane where possible to create a renewable energy source.

Referred back to committee.

ii. **Policy Motion: Animal product greenhouse gas**

WHEREAS, the livestock industry has an enormous the greenhouse gas footprint. Approximately 51% of global greenhouse gas emissions can be attributed to raising livestock and their natural byproducts, including an inordinate amount of methane. A recent study at Oxford University found that if we cut our meat intake by half, we can cut our carbon footprint by more than 35%; stick to

sustainably raised fish and we can cut it by nearer to 50%; go vegan and the difference can be 60%; and

WHEREAS, these numbers inspired our country's foremost nutrition advisory panel, the U.S. Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, to take a stand and recommend that Americans eat more plant-based foods and fewer animal-based foods; and

WHEREAS, we could all reduce greenhouse gas emissions immediately, today, if we simply, completely, stopped eating meat which would also have enormous benefits in water use reduction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Mar Vista Community Council hereby urges the City of Los Angeles to embark on a public service education campaign to encourage residents to reduce the consumption of animal products to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and utilize Mar Vista to develop the program and pilot the campaign.

[Referred back to committee.](#)

iii. **Policy motion: Resolution opposing Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery crude by rail operation**

The proposed Phillips 66 oil train offloading facility in San Luis Obispo County would bring nearly 3 million gallons of toxic crude oil per day into California. These mile-and-a-half long oil trains carry oil in unsafe tank cars through communities and over precious watersheds.

WHEREAS, the US and Canadian rail companies are common carriers, meaning they are required to carry whatever product shippers wish to put on the rail lines resulting in a 4,000% increase in crude by rail being carried on the rail lines in the past 3 years,

WHEREAS, this increase in Crude By Rail transportation has resulted in several disasters in the US and Canada (Lac Megantic, Quebec, Casselton, North Dakota, Hammond, Indiana, Aliceville, Alabama, Lynchburg, Virginia as well as four in the last weeks) which have resulted in the loss of human life and billions of dollars of damages to communities and their surrounding environment,

WHEREAS, the people of Los Angeles are concerned with the increase in oil-train traffic through many densely populated areas and the risk it poses to our city of almost four million people due to the Phillips 66 oil train off-loading facility expansion in San Luis Obispo County,

WHEREAS, the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) concludes that the proposed Phillips 66 rail spur would cause significant and unavoidable rail accident hazard risks along the main rail line that could result in oil spills, fires, and explosions near populated areas,

WHEREAS, the transport of crude oil by 100-car 1.4-mile long unit trains to the Santa Maria Refinery would occur on the Union Pacific railroad tracks through the City of Los Angeles from the Port of LA or Colton toward San Luis Obispo County, creating even more diesel pollution in already disproportionately impacted communities,

WHEREAS, our current rail system is designed to connect residents to their destinations throughout Southern California, not to move large quantities of hazardous materials like crude oil,

WHEREAS, an analysis of potential blast zone radii of rail lines carrying toxic and volatile crude from the San Fernando Valley all the way through South LA and the Harbor Area would impact homes, schools, parks, and businesses located adjacent to the tracks,

WHEREAS, the same blast zone map indicates the risk to a significant stretch of the Los Angeles River destined to receive \$1 billion in local, state and federal investment over several years to overhaul much of an 11-mile soft-bottomed stretch of the river between Griffith Park and downtown,

WHEREAS, previous rail car derailment explosions in North America have demonstrated most emergency responders, including those in the City of Los Angeles, do not have sufficient equipment and supplies, such as fire suppression

foam, to adequately respond to a catastrophic explosion of a rail car derailment explosion,

WHEREAS, the RDEIR does not evaluate the relative air quality or greenhouse gas emissions for the Los Angeles region,

WHEREAS, the Mar Vista Community Council sees impacts to our local and regional community from trans-shipment of tar sands crude through our communities as vital to our interests, taxing emergency responders and harming regional air, land and water quality resources,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mar Vista Community Council asserts the only San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission action that would avoid this public safety risk to Los Angeles County and beyond is denial of the project,

THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Mar Vista Community Council requests the City of Los Angeles City Council write a letter of opposition to the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission to deny this project a permit until such time as it can be proven to be safe.

Referred back to committee.

e. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Michelle Krupkin, Co-Chairs

f. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** - Steve Wallace & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs, Michael Millman Vice-Chair & T&I

i. **Policy motion: Cost of building permit appeals**

City shall revise appeals process for Building Permits. Appeals of DBS determinations shall be done via the same simple process as appeals of Planning Dept. and Planning Commission determinations with similar fees. DBS “appeals” shall not be treated as a new case with public notification and CEQA requirements, because it is an appeal. An appeal is not a new proposed development project; it is an appeal of an already filed development project.

Passed unanimously on consent.

ii. **Policy motion: Support for Council Files 15-0020 [Collecting Fees Related to Condition Compliance] and 15-0135 [Planning's CCU Fee Ordinance to support MViP Monitoring, Verification & Inspection Program]**

MVCC supports Council Files [15-0020](#) and [15-0135](#)

(<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/>) asking that the Planning Department report back in 45 days on the best practices of other jurisdictions, including the County of Los Angeles, to ensure proper resource allocation for condition inspections and enforcement AND further asks that the Council instruct the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney and any other appropriate City department, bureau, or agency, to work cooperatively to propose a method by which inspection fees related to condition compliance are required and collected by the City prior to the release of any final approval of a projects.

Passed unanimously on consent.

iii. **Policy motion: Streamlining community improvement projects (Council File 14-1624)**

MVCC requests the Department of Public Works, with the assistance and cooperation of the Department of Transportation, City Planning, City Attorney, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst, be instructed to prepare and present a report setting forth ways and means by which the City of Los Angeles may best serve community organizations seeking to undertake community improvement projects. The report should include but not be limited to a discussion of the following key elements: establishing a single point of contact for inquires and technical assistance; identifying efficiencies and streamlining of all existing processes and permits; resolution of liability responsibilities which can hinder volunteer efforts; and outreach strategy for stakeholder input.

Passed unanimously on consent.

g. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Brad Wilhite, Co-chair Sara Roos, Co-Chair

Two motions didn't make it on to agenda:

- Grandview and McBride (special ed) merged; needs playground equipment.
- Venice High School requested ink for their new wireless printer.

Mandarin Immersion Program meeting will be loud

Venice High School students arrested for sexual misconduct. Spirit campaign: all community groups are asked to show explicit support and funding to recognize kids that have conducted themselves well. Hoping to bring in kids to BOD meeting, present certificates.

- Rob Kadota suggestions: Youth Service Luncheon – will send invite to Sara; participate in National Night Out; YMCA Youth in Government
- Bill Scheduling: Neighborhood Council voting age is 16; should reach out to kids
- Ken Alpen: would like non-voting student representative on BOD
- MVCC: other NCs don't allow anyone who shows up to vote, have specific membership

- h. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Valerie Davidson, co-chair Martin Rubin, Co-Chair  
i. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota, Chair

i. **Administrative motion: Zone Safety Director Program**

Establish a Safety Zone Director program to strengthen and build a public safety network of volunteers that works with local organizations to support neighborhood watch programs, disaster preparedness, risk reduction and safety initiatives.

Passed unanimously on consent.

- j. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs  
k. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sarah Auerswald, Co-Chair, John Kuchta, Co-Chair  
• Meeting April 22; looking at website vendors is on the agenda  
l. **Elections and By-laws**- Bill Scheduling, chair  
m. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin, chair  
n. **Aging in Place Ad Hoc**- Sherri Akers, Co-chair, Robin Doyno Co-Chair

AIP is cohosting Senior Scam Stopper Seminar with L. A. County Board Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas on May 21.

i. **Policy motion: Support of Senate Bill 128**

The Mar Vista Community Council supports the passage of SB128. Specifically, this bill will allow terminally ill patients the right to obtain a prescription from his or her physician for medication to be self-administered. It requires two physicians to confirm a prognosis of six months or less to live, a written request and two oral requests to be made a minimum of 15 days apart, and two witnesses to attest to the request. The two physicians must also ensure that the patient has the mental competency to make health care decisions for him or herself.

The Mar Vista Community Council also urges the Los Angeles County District Attorney to deprioritize prosecution of physicians and family members supporting death with dignity decisions of terminally ill, mentally competent individuals. Currently five states — New Mexico, Vermont, Montana, Oregon and Washington — have passed Death with Dignity policies to expand end-of-life options for competent, terminally ill patients.

If the L.A. County District Attorney were to deprioritize the prosecution of physicians and family members supporting Death with Dignity options, it would ensure terminally ill individuals the right to preserve their dignity and manage their medications as they see fit through end of life. The L.A. County District Attorney's recognition of the medical practice of aid in dying would also grant physicians medical legitimacy in honoring the wishes of their patients to have a dignified end of life.

Discussion

Joe Barnes, Compassionate Choices

- Modeled on Oregon law--no evidence of abuse
- Cause of death: will be listed as the illness, not suicide



- Councilmember Koretz publically supported, has introduced language in support but hasn't reached floor
- Opposition: some in Catholic Church are against (some support), some in disability community are against (and a lot support)

Sherri: Akers: 23 at AIP meeting voted unanimously in favor; it is difficult to quality a prescription.

Motion to approve by Sherri Akers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Alpren; motion carried with two abstentions (Ken ALpren and Bill Scheduling).

10. **Discussion Calendar**

11. **Unfinished Business** - Action items held over from previous meeting (Public comment permitted)

12. **New Business** -(Public comment permitted)

13. **Grievances**, if any, received

14. **Future agenda items**

Series of meetings for Mandarin Immersion Program; it will be coming to BOD with a motion.

CEQA meeting coming up; after that meeting, need BOD special meeting (comment period ends 5/11—day before next regular BOD meeting)

15. **Public Comment**

16. **Adjournment 9:27**

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 P.M.

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