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Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council Report  
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**I. Out of the Office**

- a. I will be out of the office from Friday, September 11, 2015 to Monday, September 14, 2015. If you have questions/concerns please direct them to Nicole Wells in our office.

**II. Councilman Buscaino's Homeless Forum**

- a. Thank you to those who attended this very important and very information forum at the Warner Grand Theatre on Thursday, September 03, 2015. Huge thank you to the panelists that came and spoke, Senior Lead Officer Deon Joseph, Greg Spiegel, Shari Weaver, Capri Maddox.
- b. To recap, Councilman Buscaino's action plan for the immediate future consists of:
  1. Because of the success of our LAHSA Emergency response team which came online at the at the beginning of the year and which is responsible for engaging and matching 76 people with housing options, I will be quadrupling our efforts! Previously we had a two man team. Starting immediately, we will have six interventionists doing the work. Additionally, thanks to support from Supervisor Don Knabe, we will be supplementing the efforts of the expanded Emergency Response Team by adding a two-member Mental Health street team that will engage and work with our homeless population.
  2. In addition to the continued quality of life car, LAPD will be adding a foot beat patrol in downtown San Pedro and on Gaffey St. between 1st and 14th streets.
  3. I have written a letter addressed to all of the Mayors in the South Bay including Long Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes, Torrance, Lomita, Carson and Gardena requesting their buy-in for shared responsibility to the homelessness issues. Like we are doing here in the Harbor Area, they need to step up their commitment to provide services and housing. We know that decentralization of services coupled with permanent supportive housing is the answer to solving this problem. It is not fair to the few communities in the County that house the majority of service providers. In the letter, I am calling for the creation of a special committee within the South Bay Council of Governments focused on homelessness that will

allow us to share experiences, ideas and best practices in our respective cities.

4. We know that permanent supportive housing is the correct path toward solving this issue. Currently my district has 311 supportive housing units that have recently become available OR are in the process of being built. They include: Vermont Villas, Blue Butterfly Village, 127th Street Apartments and El Segundo Apartments. Because I know that Permanent Supportive Housing is the right path towards a real solution, I will work towards promoting more public and private investment into Permanent Supportive Housing.
5. Because there is so much interest and passion in town about the issue of homelessness, I am launching the San Pedro Community Homelessness Taskforce which will be co-chaired by Ray Regalado, San Pedro resident and Senior Relations Specialist at Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations. In the next few weeks I will name the rest of the taskforce members from our community who will be responsible for shaping community standards related to dealing with homelessness. The first assignment I will give the taskforce is to create a plan for the coordinated consolidation of food banks in town. We learned tonight that the unintended consequences of the simple act of offering food may enable an individual to continue a negative spiral of substance abuse and illegal behavior. Food should be available to those in need, but it should come from professional sources that have an ability to offer additional services, making the individuals with the highest need more visible to those that can help.
6. CLEAN UPS: Many of you saw the video of the cleanup we did at Ante's Restaurant. That was a large and high profile encampment and that is why many of you already know about it. However, we do cleanups every Weekend. I will continue cleaning these encampments whenever and wherever they materialize. As we learned tonight, they are unsanitary, illegal, dangerous and are a magnet for drug dealers and rapists. Allowing encampments incentivizes the worst case scenario. Drug dealers and gangsters prey on these individuals.
7. Mayor Garcetti has publically stated that he will soon unveil his homelessness investment plan. Over the past eight months, we have illustrated a proof of concept, and are scaling our efforts. I know his plan will provide even more resources and I look forward to the plan's release and taking advantage of its offerings to help even more people come off the streets and into housing.
8. Lastly, at the Forum we heard that Harbor Interfaith Services work! We have seen and heard from their most recent clients, we have heard our panelist sing their praises. It is blatantly obvious that we should do all we can to help Harbor Interfaith scale their efforts. So

tonight, I am proud to promote the launch of the Harbor Interfaith Go Fund Me campaign. [www.GoFundMe.com/HarborInterfaith](http://www.GoFundMe.com/HarborInterfaith)

### **III. Neighborhood Council Requests**

#### **a. Lilyan Fierman Walkway**

1. I accompanied LANI/Studio 111 to the Bureau of Engineering to submit the B-permit application on 09/02/2015. BOE gave a conservative estimate of 4-6 for review of the B-permit.
2. The lengthy process is was due to the use of a paving material that has not yet been used on city property.
3. I emphasized that this is a very small project and we would like to see it delivered by March 2016 to correspond with the Grand Vision Foundation's event at the Warner Grand.

#### **b. 8<sup>th</sup> Street Townhomes**

1. LaTerra Development has been focused and working on the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Townhomes project
2. The main priorities are to:
  1. Complete the value engineering to bring down the cost to construct.
    - a. As with all projects, the spread between the revenue and the costs creates the available cash flow to finance the project construction.
  2. To support the revenue assumptions using appropriate comps from the area.
    - a. Per LaTerra, this has proven to be more challenging than they expected, but is required by all capital providers to complete the construction and development financing for this project, and every project.

#### **c. Crack in the Warner Grand Theatre terrazzo**

1. The Warner Grand Theatre is a historic building and has to be repaired like for like, per historical structure guidelines – this makes the cost high. CD15 is working with the Grand Vision Foundation to see what can be done.

### **IV. Rancho San Pedro Feasibility Study**

- a. The consultant team comprising Economic & Planning System (EPS), CSG Advisors, and Quattro Design will carry out the feasibility study for Rancho San Pedro. EPS will be the prime consultant under this contract and has expertise in market & development feasibility while CSG Advisors will provide their expertise in financing and strategic planning. Quattro, a design firm, has expertise in zoning & regulatory planning framework and will prepare conceptual site plans of feasible options.
- b. **September Update:** The final version of the feasibility study should be completed by early October. We plan to present to the HACLA Board of

Commissioners and San Pedro community. We anticipate presentations taking place in October/early November.

**V. Legislative Update**

**a. Council, 09.08.15**

1. City Council considered a Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee Report relative to greater participation by Neighborhood Councils (NCs) in City Council meetings, and implementation of recommendations per review of the Plan for a Citywide System of NCs.
  1. Continued to September 16, 2015
  2. *CF 15-0389*
2. City Council considered a Motion (Huizar – Koretz) regarding a request for the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance to outlaw the use of smokeless tobacco at all venues in the City of Los Angeles where organized baseball is played.
  1. This Motion was amended to read as follows:
    - a. "...prohibit the use of smokeless tobacco products in all stadiums, sports fields, and playing areas within the City where all organized sports are played, either amateur or professional, including, but not limited to youth, school and park leagues.
  2. Approved unanimously
  3. *CF 15-0711*
  4. *See attached Motion*

**b. Council, 09.02.15**

1. Council considered the appointment of Mr. Matthew M. Johnson to the Board of Police Commissioners.
  1. Approved unanimously
  2. *CF 15-0881*
2. City Council considered a Planning and Land Use Management Committee Report requesting the City Attorney prepare and present an Ordinance regarding amending the LAMC to establish new regulations for backyard beekeeping on single-family residentially zoned properties.
  1. Approved unanimously
  2. *CF 12-0785*
3. City Council considered an Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness Report relative to the use of the Coordinated Entry System to improve the delivery of homeless services
  1. Approved unanimously
  2. *CF 14-0655*

**c. Council, 09.01.15**

1. City Council considered an Ad Hoc Committee on the 2024 Summer Olympics Report and Resolution relative to approving a

Joinder Agreement as a condition of the selection of Los Angeles as the bid City for the 2024 Olympic Games.

1. Approved unanimously, with the following amendments:
  - a. All agreements, obligations are made to fully protect the City's general fund, for the City to maintain control over decision making processes on city operations, facilities, quality of life, to require express authorization for any public fund commitments or financial guarantees for transparency.
  - b. Removes liquidated damages from the contract so that damages would be ascertained in arbitration.

2. *CF 15-0989*

**d. Council, 08.18.15**

1. City Council considered an Ordinance relative to amending and repealing several sections of the LAMC to strengthen penalties against tobacco retailers who illegally sell tobacco to minors and to support enforcement of the City's no-smoking laws.
  1. Approved unanimously
  2. *CF 13-1204-S3*
2. Councilman Buscaino introduced a Motion requesting that the City Attorney report on the *Planet Aid v. City of St. Johns* decision, which stated that collection bins are constitutionally protected free speech and cities cannot ban them, and on the enforcement of LAMC 56.11 (prohibition of storage of bulky items on public areas, and allows for removing them immediately) and 56.08e which prohibits placing obstructions on public rights-of-way and to recommend protocols.
  1. Pending before the Public Works & Gang Reduction Committee
  2. *CF 15-0980*
  3. *Please see attached Motion*

**e. Council, 08.11.15**

1. City Council considered the appointment of Mr. Joel Jacinto to the Board of Public Works Commissioners.
  1. Approved unanimously.
  2. *CF 15-0839*
2. City Council considered a Resolution to include in the City's 2015-16 State Legislature Program as a SPONSOR of SB 399 (Hall), which would authorize the City of Los Angeles to renew a franchise or permit on, or lease tidelands and submerged lands for additional terms to expand the potential economic opportunities promoting commerce, navigation and fishery at the Port of Los Angeles.
  1. Approved unanimously
  2. *CF 15-0002-S777*
  3. *Please see attached Resolution*