

Hillside Federation Newsletter July 2019



California Legislature Creates Website for Comment Submissions

The California legislature recently introduced a “Position Letter Portal” for advocates to communicate with committees as bills move through the state legislative process (<https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/>). Comment letters submitted through the portal can be seen by the bill author’s staff and members of the committee hearing the bill. The Hillside Federation recommends all our member organizations register and use the portal system and encourage their own members to do the same.

Users submit a one-time registration, requiring name and email (address and phone are optional) to obtain a username and password. Registrants then must log in and change the temporary password they receive before the end of the day. The registration process takes only a few moments.

As a test of the portal, Federation members could submit comments in support of AB1788 (which bans second generation anti-rodenticides statewide, and first generation anti-rodenticides on state-owned lands), pending in the Senate. See the fact sheet at Poison Free Malibu’s website: <https://tinyurl.com/yyfl2xll>. Note that organization comments must be submitted with a signature on organization letterhead.

Agenda

July 16, 2019

7:00 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church of Studio City
12355 Moorpark Street, Studio City

I. Call to Order

Guest: LAPD Office of Emergency Services -
Officer Davis, Officer Feher

II. Approval of minutes

III. Officers’ Reports

A. President’s Report - Charley Mims

B. Treasurer’s Report

IV. Old Business

A. 1400 Linda Flora update - Robin
Greenberg

B. Kite Hill (1446 W. Avon Pl) update

C. Protected Tree Ordinance update

D. AB 1788 Rodenticide ban update

V. Adjournment

Next meeting September 17, 2019

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.*

Hillside Federation Agenda
June 18, 2019
Unitarian Universalist Church of Studio City
12355 Moorpark Street

I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

The May minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report - Charley Mims

SB50 is not dead. SB 592, the gut and amend bill - We are researching to have more information to report at a future meeting

Fire Safety: Be Ember Aware - Marian Dodge

Assemblymember Laura Friedman held a town hall with a lot of good information about what to know and be aware of in cases of fire. A handout was provided with lots of very useful information and tips to protect and harden your home against embers. Please share the information with your groups.

Steve Twining suggests requesting funds from your councilmember for pool pumps for fire stations in your area.

B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

All bills are paid. The annual Holiday Party will be Thursday, December 12, 2019.

IV. Old Business

A. AB 1788 Rodenticide ban update - Gerry Hans

The bill has passed three Assembly committees and the full Assembly and has moved on to the Senate. It goes to the Senate Environmental Committee tomorrow. Good news so far; they have kept it as currently written.

B. ADU Ordinance - Charley Mims

The Planning Dept. made changes and have weakened it by dropping the fire severity or hillside exemptions. They may ban ADUs in certain hillside areas in Community Plans. We need to continue to apply pressure to have hillside area exemptions since some councilmembers want ADUs in their area.

V. New Business

A. Helicopter Complaint System - Gerry Hans

The website and phone complaint system has been active for six to eight years. Los Angeles Area Helicopter Noise Coalition (LAAHNC) has been working since 2012 to document the noise problem. The FAA declared significant progress, but there was almost none. The complaint system has been shut down since July 2018. FAA refused to renew funding for the system. LAAHNC is asking LA County to fund the a newer, more robust system for about \$50,000 / yr.

MOTION: As FAA no longer will support a local helicopter noise complaint system, the Hillside Federation requests the continuation of a countywide helicopter noise complaint system funded by Los Angeles County. The motion passed.

C. Aerial Tram in Griffith Park - Alix Soubiran (FHRA)

Alix listed several concerns about an aerial tram in the park: destruction of habitat, change the beauty of the view, commercialization of the park.

Announcements

A. Berggruen Institute / Retreat - Patricia Bell Hearst Approval for a 28-house building project is going to City Council on June 25. Berggruen has hired Steve Soboroff as a lobbyist.

B. Guest speakers for SOHA - Jay Weitzler

The company that is bidding to build a Monorail over the 405 will be presenting their idea.

C. Burbank Flight Paths Suellen Wagner

Meetings have been held in regards to the FAA mishandling of NextGen roll out and impacts on major metro areas around the country. CM Krekorian spoke on behalf of his constituents and is requesting city funds for possible litigation.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Stephen Benson
Secretary

Members in Attendance:

Argyll Civic Assn	Stephen Krawchuk
Bel Air Hills Assn	Robin Greenberg
	Steve Twining
Bel Air Skycrest POA	Mark Stratton
Cahuenga Pass POA	Krista Michaels
Canyon Back Alliance	Lois Becker
Doheny-Sunset Plaza NA	Ellen Evans
Franklin/Hlwd Bl West	Don Andres
Franklin Hills Res Assn	Charley Mims
Kagel Cyn Civic Assn	Kit Paull
Lake Hollywood HOA	David Benz
	Sheila Irani
Laurel Canyon Assn	Cathy Wayne
LFIA (Los Feliz)	Dennis Chew
	Marian Dodge
Oaks HOA	Gerry Hans
Residents of Bev Glen	Stephen Benson
Save Coldwater Canyon!	Heidi Mackay
	Suellen Wagner
Sherman Oaks HOA	Jay Weitzler
Studio City Res Assn	Joann Deutch
Upper Nichols Cyn	Joan Cashel

GUESTS:

Chair Emeritus	Patricia Bell Hearst
Franklin Hills Res	Alix Soubiran

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 www.hillsidefederation.org) and send it to RFA@hillsidefederation.org along with supporting documents no later than 10 days prior to the meeting. This will help you organize your presentation while providing the necessary information to allow the Federation to consider your organization's request.

Save these dates for
Hillside Federation meetings:

August - no meeting
September 17
October 15
November 19

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TREASURER	Brentwood Residents Coalition	N. Beverly Dr./Franklin Canyon	Jerome C. Daniel
Don Andres	Cahuenga Pass Property Owners	Oak Forest Canyon Assn.	Patricia Bell Hearst
SECRETARY	Canyon Back Alliance	Oaks Homeowners Assn.	Alan Kishbaugh
Stephen Benson	Crests Neighborhood Assn.	Outpost Estates Homeowners	Steve Twining
	Doheny-Sunset Plaza NA	Residents of Beverly Glen	CHAIRPERSONS IN MEMORIAM
	Franklin Ave./Hollywood Bl. W.	Save Coldwater Canyon!	Brian Moore
	Franklin Hills Residents Assn.	Shadow Hills Property Owners	Gordon Murley
	Highlands Owners Assn.	Sherman Oaks HOA	Polly Ward
	Hollywood Dell Civic Assn.	Silver Lake Heritage Trust	
	Hollywood Heights Assn.	Studio City Residents Assn.	