

**Hillside Federation
January 16, 2024
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Video Conference
Minutes**

Agenda

I. Call to Order 7:02 pm

Meet the Candidate Series

- **Adrin Nazarian - LA Council District 2**
Adrin thinks that his strong points are experience, focus, integrity.
Adrin voted against SB 9 and 10 and spoke against SB10
Adrin said that he wants to focus on open space in the flat lands as well as protecting hillsides and ridgelines.
Glencoast by Sun Valley is the only hillside in CD2
Adrin said that he wants to support the Wildlife Corridor.

- **Jessica Caloza - CA Assembly District 52**
Jessica worked on the Obama campaign and as staff for Mayor Garcetti. She joined the Attorney General as the deputy Chief of Staff.
She served on the Board of Public Works for 3 years.
She forecasted the 38 billion dollar deficit at the state level.
In the last redistricting, Glendale was cut in half.

- **Anthony Portantino - Congressional District 30**
(home) 818 388 1264
Anthony followed Adam Schiff to Sacramento and wants to follow him to Washington DC.
Anthony did not support SB 50 and SB 35.
Anthony supported SB2 which strengthened safe storage laws.
Anthony wrote a bill on microplastics in drinking water.
Nickie Miner thanked Anthony for authoring SB411.

CD 4 Update – Mehmet Berker

Wildlife Ordinance Update: the ordinance is still with the LA City Attorney
There are 2 new field reps that will be covering the hillsides.
Ricky Angel will cover Encino and Reseda: ricky.angel@lacity.org
Sidney Liss will handle Studio City and Doheny Sunset Plaza: 213-573-3224
We are working on the Encino Hills traffic calming survey.

CD 5 Update – Haley Martinez

In Franklin Canyon we are working with MRCA and DWP

CD 11 Update – Michael Amster

- 1) CD11 worked on removing graffiti on the unincorporated portion of the Wilshire Boulevard underpass of the 405.
- 2) Two weeks ago CD11 promoted the curbside collection of Christmas trees through the Sanitation Department.
- 3) CD11 honored Dean Zimmerman in Council chambers; he recruited hundreds of new firefighters
- 4) CD11 is working on the Asilomar Bluffs in a stabilization project to stabilize the bluffs with concrete pillars inserted into the hillsides.

AD 51, ASM Rick Zbur – Joshua Marín-Mora – not available

II. Approval of Minutes – The minutes were approved as written.

III. Officers' Reports

- A. President's Report - Charley Mims

We're timely in getting the candidates on; we'll have one more "Meet the Candidates" with CD4 Candidate Ethan Weaver in February. CD 4 is now mostly in the hillsides.

- B. Operations/Treasurer Report - Don Andres
We kept the dues at \$150.00 for the last 12 years and continue the same for 2024.
We are coordinating the donation for the Jerry Daniel Overlook.
The Year-end 2023 Financial Report and proposed 2024 Operating Budget were reviewed and approved.
Tarzana Property Owner's Association has dissolved.

IV. Old Business

- A. Updated CEQA Thresholds and Methodology – Ellen Evans
The comment deadline has been extended
Jamie will write a letter for the Hillside Federation to review and approve.
Wendy asked if this has been brought to the Santa Monica Conservancy; there is a meeting Monday night.
Jamie Hall: "if you are lessening a standard, the Conservancy should write to the City saying they demand to be a trustee agency."
- B. Zoo Vision Plan (Lawsuit) – Marian Dodge
No update
- C. Harvard-Westlake River Park Project – Dale Fernandez, Alan and Beth Dymond
There will be a settlement conference at the end of the month to discuss the following.
 - To protect the last 16 acres of open space along the LA River:
 - To have only 1 sports field
 - To eliminate artificial turf
 - To remove the pool
 - To address migratory birds; if they tear down trees it has to be phased
 - To limit the amount of special events.

Now they have 2000 people at an event, twice a year, alumni fund raiser, non-athletic
Alan and Beth Dymond said that the lawsuit is asking for a writ of mandate in Superior Court, naming the City of Los Angeles and Harvard Westlake School and looking for a vacation of the final EIR.
Go to SaveLARiverOpenSpace.org for more information.
- D. Berggruen Institute Project – Steve Drimmer – not available
- E. Short Term Rentals – Ellen Evans
Going back to the Housing Committee
- F. Street Digital Ads (Kiosks, Billboards, etc.) – Marian Dodge
Wendy said the city had a PLUM hearing, adding a lot of new provisions to TCN. Wendy said it went to the City Attorney, went back to PLUM, went back to City Council where more provisions were added, failed in the 2nd reading, had reconsideration, filing lawsuit.
Wendy said we can support Citizens for a Better Los Angeles and Citizens for a Beautiful Los Angeles.

V. New Business

- A. N/A

VI. Adjournment at 8:47 pm

Next meeting:
February 20, 2024

Robin Goldberg
Secretary

Hillside Federation Attendees - 16 January 2024

Members

Stephen	Krawchuk
Linda	Rose
Mark	Stratton
Robin	Greenberg
Nickie	Miner
Robert	Schlesinger
Carolyn	LoBuglio
Wendy-Sue	Rosen
Steven	Kates
Krista	Michaels
Lois	Becker
Ellen	Evans
Charley	Mims
Don	Andres
Jan	Hohenstein
Jamie	Hall
Marian	Dodge
Ben	Nunemaker
Dale	Fernandez
Alan & Beth	Dymond
Linda	Othenin-Girard
Joan	Cashel

Officials and Reps

Michael	Amster
Mehmet	Berker
Haley	Martinez

Guests

Jessica	Caloza
Adrin	Nazarain
Anthony	Portantino

20 Member Associations

Argyle Civic Association
Bel Air Knolls Property Owners' Association
Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners' Association
Bel-Air Hills Association
Benedict Canyon Association
Benedict Canyon Association
Brentwood Hills Home Owners Association
Brentwood Residents Coalition
Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association
Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association
Canyon Back Alliance
Doheny/Sunset Plaza Neighborhood Association
Franklin Hills Residents Association
Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Association
Hollywood Dell Civic Assn.
Laurel Canyon Association
Los Feliz Improvement Association
Outpost Estates Homeowners
Save LA River Open Space
Studio City Residents Association
The Oaks Homeowners
Upper Nichols Canyon Neighborhood Association

CD11 - Field Rep
CD4 - Transportation, Public Space Deputy
CD5 - Hillside Deputy

Candidate, CA Assembly District 52
Candidate, LA City Council CD2
Candidate, Congressional District 30