

Hillside Federation Newsletter February 2020



Election Season Begins

The California primary election is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2020 as part of “Super Tuesday.” In addition to presidential primary elections, there are primary elections for numerous federal, state, and local officeholders, and state and local measures.

The Los Angeles City Council race for Council District 4 between incumbent David Ryu and challengers Nithya Raman, Sarah Kate Levy, and Susan Collins is among the local races. A debate between these candidates is being hosted by Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association Wednesday, February 19 at 7:15 pm at Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks. It will be moderated by KTTV Fox 11 anchor Phil Shuman. If no candidate receives 50% of the vote, the top two finishers will face off in the runoff during the general municipal election in November.

Member Orgs Reminder to Pay Dues

Member organizations have all been emailed dues notices and are reminded the \$150 payment is due by March 1. Please bring your dues payment to the February meeting, mail a check to Treasurer Don Andres (7470 Franklin Avenue, LA, CA 90046-2242), or pay online at www.hillsidefederation.org (look for the “Pay Now” link at lower right beneath the Annual Membership Dues heading.) *Thank you!*

Agenda

February 18, 2020

7:00 pm

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

I. Call to Order

Guest: Fernando Morales (Sup. Kuehl)

II. Approval of minutes

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report – Charley Mims

B. Treasurer's Report – Don Andres

IV. Old Business

A. Burbank Flight Path – Suellen Wagner

IV. New Business

A. Sidewalk Repair Program EIR /
Preserving Street Trees – Diana Zogran

B. Studio City ADU project - Aris Kakkis

C. CF 20-0002-S20 to protect SoCal
mountain lions

VI. Adjournment

Next meeting:

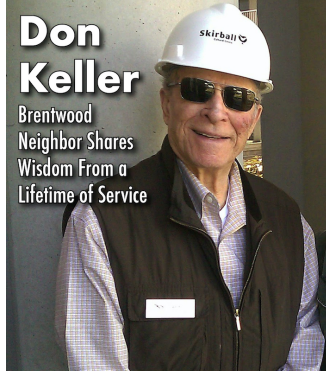
March 17, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

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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 Brentwood Rep Don Keller Celebrates 90th Birthday

Don Keller, a longtime Hillside Federation representative for Brentwood community



group Canyon Back Alliance, recently turned 90, and was featured in Councilmember Bonin's (CD 11) January newsletter. (Available at <https://tinyurl.com/w69ou9w>).

The newsletter interview focuses on Don's many years of public service, including 24 years as a Brentwood Homeowners Association board member (13 of them serving as vice president), service on Brentwood Community Council (co-chairing BCC's first Land Use Committee), volunteering with planning advocacy organization Brentwood Residents Coalition, and a legal fight with Canyon Back Alliance that preserved more than 400 acres of hillside open space and two important hiking trails.

Happy Birthday, Don, and thank you for your decades of service on behalf of Brentwood and the City's hillside areas!

SB 50 Fails on CA Senate Floor

State Senator Scott Wiener's proposal to increase housing production by allowing mid-rise apartment buildings near transit and fourplexes in most residential neighborhoods without respect to local zoning died on the Senate floor on January 29. Concerns about SB 50's failure to sufficiently address affordable housing while taking zoning decisions away from local governments caused nine LA area senators to abstain or vote no. The bill failed by only 3 votes.

For more information, see the Los Angeles Times story from January 30, available at: <https://tinyurl.com/vnocfy4>.

Mountain Lion Headlines

On February 10, the Los Angeles Times reported that a young collared lion (P-56) was lawfully killed in late January after repeatedly attacking sheep. (See <https://tinyurl.com/tc2te5j>.) A depredation permit was issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to allow the lion to be put down after efforts by the landowner failed to dissuade the lion from attacking his livestock. The efforts included moving his animals to a more protective pen, using hot-wire fencing, motion-activated lights, and using guard dogs.

The same day, the Times reported a lion spotted in a Simi Valley back yard was captured and relocated by the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. (See <https://tinyurl.com/qt9ffe2>.) This is not an uncommon occurrence in Simi Valley, where numerous lions have recently been captured and relocated.

On February 12 the Times reported that LA Councilmembers Koretz and Ryu proposed ending issuance of depredation permits for mountain lions. They presented a resolution (CF 20-0002-S20, see <https://tinyurl.com/vq5w3pk>) to end the practice, now pending before the Council's Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Also February 12, the Times reported that "several cougar clans in Central and Southern California may warrant listing as threatened under the state Endangered Species Act." (See <https://tinyurl.com/qkjbz97>.) Mountain lions are not endangered but connectivity issues caused mainly by geographic isolation due to freeways, along with loss of habitat and harm from anticoagulant rodenticide use. The California Fish and Game Commission is expected to make a decision by mid-April.

Hillside Federation
January 21, 2020
Draft Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Charley Mims called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

The November 2019 minutes were approved as corrected.

III. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report - Charley Mims

Charley thanked Don Andres for all the work he did organizing the Holiday Party. The Federation received a thank you note from honoree Controller Ron Galperin.

A judge has ordered that Hadid's project at 901 Strada Vecchia be torn down because its foundation is inadequate.

The Vacation Rental ban may be loosened to allow people who own a second home to rent it out.

Detached ADUs will be prohibited in hillside areas and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones unless all of the following conditions are present: 1) automatic fire sprinklers are provided; 2) at least one off-street parking space is provided; and 3) the lot fronts a street improved to a minimum width of 20 feet.

There will be a District Attorney candidate forum on January 29 downtown.

Jay Weitzler announced a CD 4 candidate forum in Sherman Oaks on Feb. 19.

Chair Emeritus Jerry Daniel is not doing well.

B. Treasurer's Report - Don Andres

The Federation's annual Holiday party cost \$8500 for 98 guests who ate dinner. The Federation shared the cost of \$636. Don Andres, John Given, Charley Mims and Andrea Lesky-Torelli donated the wine. Wendy-Sue Rosen brought table decorations and served as official party photographer.

Don presented the 2019 Year-end financial report.

MOTION: Wendy-Sue Rosen moved that the Federation accept the financial report. The motion passed.

Don has filed required reports and returns to the IRS, the California Franchise Tax Board, and CA Attorney General.

Don presented the 2020 Budget.

MOTION: Wendy-Sue Rosen moved that the Federation adopt the 2020 Budget. The motion passed.

Six member associations have already paid their dues for 2020.

IV. Old Business

A. SB 50 Revised

Sen. Weiner claimed he made changes to make it more palatable; however those changes were minimal. Two years for cities to adopt their own plans is too short a time. Sen. Tony Atkins pulled it out of Portantino's Appropriations Comm. We should call for local control, affordability, and cite the hazards of increasing density in VHFSZs.

MOTION: Wendy-Sue Rosen moved that the Federation reiterate its position opposing SB 50. The motion passed.

B. Burbank Flight Path — Suellen Wagner

The new FAA NextGen flight paths go over hillside communities. LA City Attorney Mike Feuer has filed a lawsuit to force the FAA to revert to previous paths. The FAA has ignored

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.

complaints, but finally admitted it changed the paths.

Now the FAA is telling the community that they must come up with a solution. The new flight paths have numerous health consequences: lower flight path means more particulate matter; residue on pools and roofs; noise impacts on people and wildlife. They have formed a Task Force made up of 4 City Council members, 4 from Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena. LA City Council has hired a consultant to study the noise.

Jay Weitzler says Valley Village Assn. has a slightly different position. The FAA is capitalizing on neighborhood disagreements.

C. Getty Fire Update — Wendy-Sue Rosen

A tree branch fell on a DWP line and sparked the fire. DWP is being sued. 10,000 people were evacuated. 745 acres burned. The clean up is continuing. A large number of fire resources were assigned to protect major institutions at the expense of saving residences. Fire insurance rates in the area have risen. The area is now subject to landslides if it rains. Much of the cost of fighting the fire was covered by state and federal funding.

V. New Business

Announcements:

Charley Mims - Franklin Hills got a concrete street repaired with funding from Councilmember David Ryu.

Don Andres - Our February speaker will be Fernando Morales from Supervisor Kuehl's office.

In April Fernando will report on the homeless issue.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Dodge, Acting Recording Secretary

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Argyle Civic Assn | Stephen Krawchuk |
| Bel Air Hills Assn | Robin Greenberg |
| | Steve Twining |
| | Wendy Morris |
| Bel Air Skycrest POA | Mark Stratton |
| Brentwood Hills HOA | Carolyn LoBuglia |
| Brentwood Res Coalition | Wendy-Sue Rosen |
| Cahuenga Pass POA | Krista Michaels |
| | Steven Kates |
| Canyon Back Alliance | Lois Becker |
| Franklin/Hlwd Bl W | Don Andres |
| | Yvonne Hessler |
| Franklin Hills Res Assn | Charley Mims |
| Hlwd Dell Civic | Mary Ledding |
| Kagel Canyon Civic Assn | Kit Paull |
| LFIA (Los Feliz) | Marian Dodge |
| Oak Forest Cyn Assn | Bruce Hollihan |
| Save Coldwater Cyn | Suellen Wagner |
| Sherman Oaks HA | Jay Weitzler |
| Tarzana POA | David Garfinkle |
| Upper Nichols Cyn | Joan Cashel |

GUESTS:

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| Chair Emeritus | Patricia Bell Hearst |
| Mountaingate | Kay George |
| Green Dream Campaign | Molly Basler |

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TREASURER Don Andres			
SECRETARY			