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AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Agenda - July 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm

via Video Conference

1. Call to Order

1. Guest Series: Getting to Know Candidates
 1. Rick Chavez Zbur – Candidate, CA Assembly District 50
 2. Hydee Feldstein Soto – Candidate, LA City Attorney
 3. Sam Yebri – Candidate, Council District 5
2. Guest: Brush Clearance Policies - Stefanie Bartron
2. Approval of minutes – Robin Greenberg
3. Officers’ Reports
 1. President’s Report – Charley Mims
 1. Membership Applications
 2. Treasurer’s Report – Don Andres
4. Old Business
 1. Mulholland Design Review Board Memorandum update - Don Andres
 2. SB 9 & 10 update - Don Andres
5. New Business
 1. Mount Saint Mary’s Expansion - Wendy-Sue Rosen
6. Adjournment

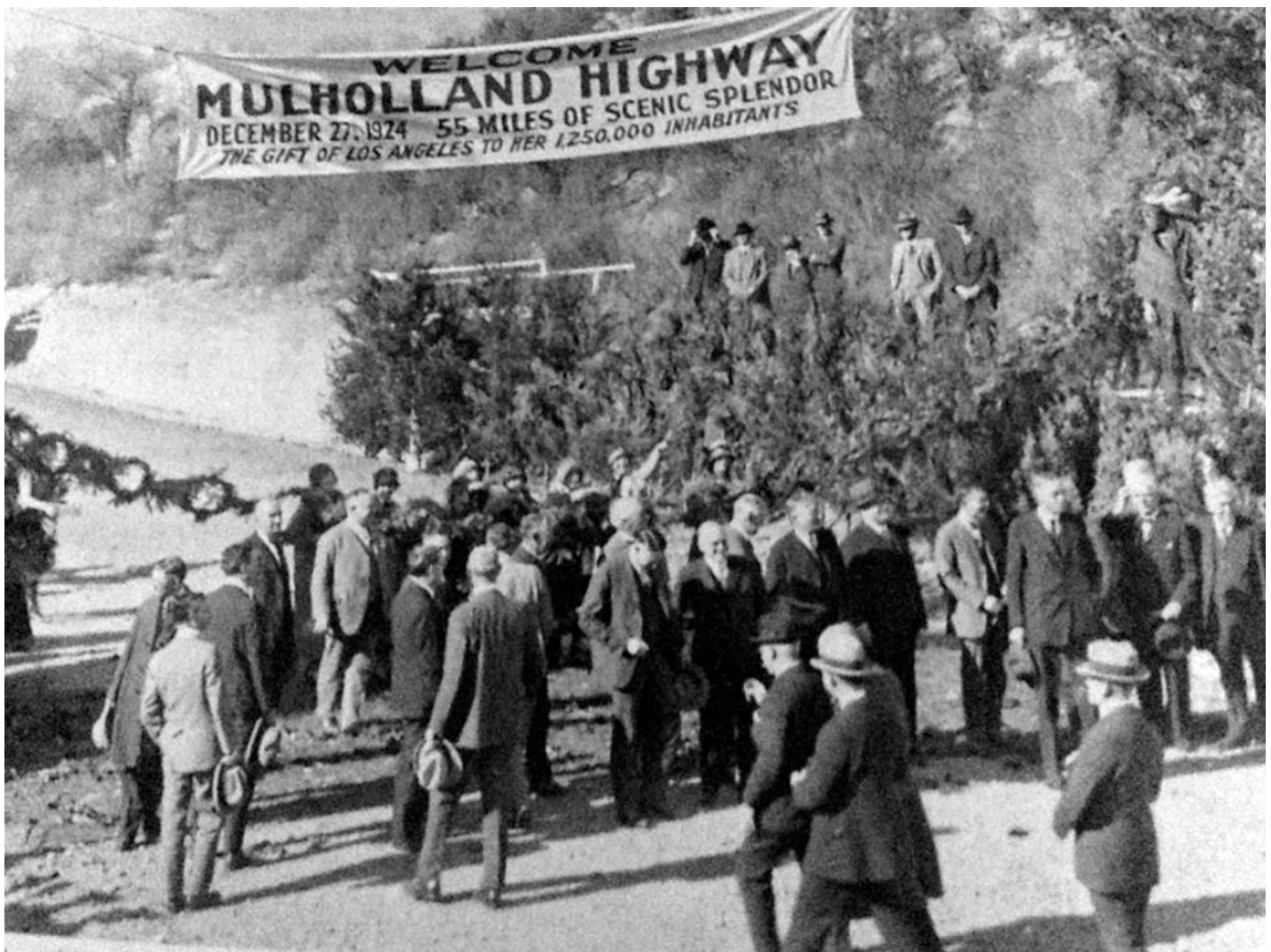
No meeting in August

Next meeting September 21, 2021

June 15, 2021 - Draft Minutes

NEWS

Watchdogs of the Mulholland Outer Corridor



Even though the Hillside Federation has taken legal action regarding the MDRB review restrictions of developments in the Outer Corridor, the recently revised restricted process is in effect within the City. The community can have access to Mulholland Outer Corridor Cases that are no longer under the MDRB Review process by the following instructions. We encourage you to use these methods to monitor proposed Mulholland Outer Corridor developments in your neighborhoods

There are many ways to get case data that does not require DRB through [Los Angeles City Planning](#) website:

[Map view](#) - Visually see where the filed cases are located. Scroll down to interactive maps and zoom into Mulholland. **Cases you are interested in are without the "DRB" suffix.**

[New case filings by Council District](#) - Mulholland cases have an "MSP" suffix (i.e. Case #: DIR-2021-681-DRB-SPP-MSP is a Mulholland case). **Again, the cases without a "DRB" suffix are the cases you are interested in.**

[Recent case filings](#) - Applications filed within the last two weeks. Look for the MSP suffix.

[Completed cases](#) - Updated weekly.

[Receive a by-weekly report](#) - Sign-up and monitor bi-weekly activity

Email the MDRB's principal city planner:

Blake Lamb, Principal City Planner

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JUST SAY "NO!" to 9, 10 and 478

REVIEW OF SB 9 & SB 10



Typical Neighborhood After SB 9 & SB 10

This is NOT ACCEPTABLE, even with local agency approval.

United Neighbors Vision



From Councilmember Paul Koretz, Fifth District

IT'S NOW OR NEVER!

Are we going to stand idly by and let the Big Developers convince the state legislature to destroy our single-family neighborhoods, create parking nightmares and make it even harder to solve the homelessness crisis than it already is?!

For the third year in a row the state legislature is considering bills that let developers destroy thriving single-family and low-density neighborhoods to build luxury apartments without yards or garages. Most importantly, these bills do so without actually addressing the real need Los Angeles and the rest of the state have for genuine affordable housing.

UNLESS WE MAKE A STAND NOW AND CONVINCING OUR ASSEMBLYMEMBERS TO OPPOSE THEM, THESE BILLS ARE GOING TO PASS IN THE COMING WEEK OR TWO!

SB 9, SB 10 and SB 478 promote the failed theory that dense, pricey housing will eventually help the poor. But it never does. Trickle-down affordability has failed everywhere it's been used as an excuse to build new luxury housing. Prices, displacement and homelessness just increase and cities that already are among the most expensive in the world become even more expensive. With all that evidence, only people trying to pull the wool over our eyes claim that building new, overpriced housing is going to magically create affordable housing.

IT'S TIME TO TELL THEM WE'RE NOT BUYING THE LIE!

Here are the bills, all of which could be voted on by the full Assembly as early as this Monday:

SB 9: This divisive bill, the worst of the three, has died in two previous iterations in past years. It destroys single-family zoning in California, presenting a threat to seven million homeowners and 21 million residents in those homes. SB 9 allows four market-rate homes where one now stands, and six units when developer/investors use a trick that is hidden in SB 9. No public hearings are allowed. No affordable units are required. No open space is required. Required parking for the market-rate and luxury units it incentivizes is woefully inadequate. This will victimize any neighborhood where a developer can afford to buy property without doing one thing to legitimately solve our housing crisis.

SB 10: This bill, this year's version of similar past bills which barely failed, was approved by the state Senate in May, but not before Senate Majority Leader Bob Hertzberg's withering criticism of it as a "gun" and not a "tool." SB 10 allows city councils to override zoning and CEQA, to allow 10- unit projects with four "granny flats," again with no commitment to affordability. These 14-unit

projects are allowed in almost all neighborhoods with no hearings. It undoes voters' 110-year-old right to self-determine land use policies, letting any city council undo voter-approved land protection — like height limits on commercial towers on our major boulevards. It allows cities to upzone Very High Fire Severity Zones for 14-unit projects if, for example, they're anywhere near a bus line.

SB 478: This bill allows a developer to build 14 luxury housing units — 10 units plus four granny flats — on any multi-family street, or in any mixed-use district. Cities would be banned from imposing any local standard, such as a yard, that precludes a building size based on a 1.25 floorarea ratio and, yet again, it requires no affordable housing. It will discourage the retention of trees and open space, thus contributing to destructive climate change. It replicates a “missing middle” density policy which has failed in other cities such as Seattle, Toronto and Vancouver, where all housing has simply become less affordable. And it applies to all “urbanized areas” and “urban clusters,” which encompasses even modestly-sized cities such as San Fernando and Culver City, and prohibits unique towns, villages and cities from doing their own planning.

WE ALL HAVE TO TELL OUR ASSEMBLYMEMBERS “HANDS OFF OUR LOCAL CONTROL!”

We're ready to be partners in solving the state's housing crisis, but let us figure out what works best in our own neighborhoods and communities and then provide legitimate tools and incentives to help us do it.

Community organizations and individual residents of Los Angeles who are as concerned about what kind of communities these bills will produce as I am MUST contact your Assemblymembers as soon as possible, preferably on Monday before the bills are voted on by the full Assembly. Encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. There are enough legislators representing parts of L.A. to defeat these bills, but they won't do it unless they hear from all of us NOW and OFTEN.

JUST SAY “NO!” to 9, 10 and 478. Do it for your quality of life, and for everyone's!

To learn more about SB 9 and SB 10, please visit unitedneighbors.net.

Legal Donation Request

From Charley Mims, President

As many of you already know, we have very serious concerns with the LA City Director of Planning's recently stated policy of exempting Non-Visible projects in the [Mulholland Scenic Parkway](#) from the standard Design Review Procedure and hearings before the Mulholland Design Review Board. The policy change subverts the purpose and intent of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan (MSPSP) as envisioned when the City Council adopted the Specific Plan in 1992, and the City Planning Commission's adoption of the Design and Preservation Guidelines in 2003. This change in policy will impair public notice and public participation rights in the vast majority of MSPSP cases. It will result in the immediate degradation of the scenic qualities, ecological capacity, wildlife corridors, and watershed health of the Santa Monica Mountains. Furthermore, it sets a dangerous precedent for the City of LA to unilaterally change its policies without regard for public opinion -- our quality of life is in jeopardy!

Several organizations including the Hillside Federation have appealed this policy change. LA City has refused to acknowledge those appeals which left us no recourse but to retain counsel, John P. Given, Esq., to legally oppose this policy change. This opportunity to reestablish the proper public comment and review process is a significant legal undertaking. We are, therefore, asking each of our Hillside Federation member associations to donate a minimum of \$500 at this time and hopefully more to successfully correct this injustice. Please contact your respective organization's board at your earliest convenience to support this important effort. The timing is important -- we have an anonymous donor that is **matching the first \$5,000 of donations** received for the Legal Fund!

Donations

The Hillside Federation is a **tax-exempt non-profit 501(c)3 organization** - donations may be tax deductible and contributors should consult with their tax advisor. Making a donation can be made in three ways:

1. Writing a **check made payable** to the **Hillside Federation** and designating in the memo area: **Legal Fund**. Checks should be mailed to our Federation Treasurer at the following address: Don Andres, HF Treasurer, P. O. Box 27404, Los Angeles, CA 90027
2. Making a donation with a **credit card** via our [website](#) – Simply click on the **Donate Button** at the bottom of the home page under **Donation Options**, and follow the instructions. Please indicate that the **Legal Fund** should receive your donation.
3. Making a donation from your **Donor Advised Fund** via our [website](#) if you already have such a fund.

ABOUT THE HILLSIDE FEDERATION

The Hillside Federation is a public benefit non-profit 501(c)(3) organization *founded in 1952*. Our mission is 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.

Organizations

Argyle Civic Association
Beachwood Canyon NA
Bel Air Association
Bel Air Hills Association
Bel Air Knolls Property Owners
Bel Air Skycrest POA
Benedict Canyon Association
Brentwood Hills HOA
Brentwood Residents Coalition
Cahuenga Pass POA
Canyon Back Alliance
Crests Neighborhood
Dixie Canyon Association
Doheny/Sunset Plaza NA
Franklin Hills Residents Association
Franklin/Hollywood West Residents Assn
Highlands Owners Assn
Hollywood Dell Civic Association
Hollywood Heights Association
Hollywoodland Homeowners
Holmby Hills HOA
Kagel Canyon Civic

Lake Hollywood Homeowners
Laurel Canyon Association
LFIA (Los Feliz Improvement Association)
Mt. Olympus Property Owners
Mt. Washington Homeowners Alliance
Nichols Canyon NA
North Beverly Drive/Franklin Canyon
Oak Forest Canyon Homeowners
Oaks Homeowners
Outpost Estates Homeowners
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn
Residents of Beverly Glen
Save Coldwater Canyon!
Save Our Canyon
Shadow Hills Property Owners
Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association
Silver Lake Heritage Trust
Studio City Residents Association
Sunset Hills Homeowners
Tarzana Property Owners
Torreyson-Flynn Association
Upper Mandeville Canyon Association
Upper Nichols Canyon NA
Whitley Heights Civic Association

Bring 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](#) 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.

SUPPORT US

We're fighting to protect the Santa Monica Mountains, hillside areas of Los Angeles and its environs and we can't do it without you. In order to do the important work we do, we rely entirely on support from people like you!



Jerry Daniel Memorial Fund

In honor of his great achievements, the Hillside Federation has established the Jerry Daniel Memorial Fund to provide resources to help maintain and improve the Jerry Daniel Overlook on Mulholland Drive above the Hollywood Bowl, as well as resources for other environmentally sensitive efforts in his memory.

Please support the Hillside Federation's mission and **DONATE** today!

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