

SOUTH SHORES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2024, SUMMER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Call to Order: President Richard Scandaliato called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

Introduction of Board Members and Committee Members – Richard Scandaliato, President; Dave Billings, Vice President; Jerry Gaines, Secretary; Tim Tymczyszyn, Treasurer; Gordon Thomas, Membership and Sidewalk Brigade; Richard Welsh, Social Chair; Rian Ward & Erin Soto, Meet and Greet; Vern Hall; John Lang, August Cami, and Teri Pierce. (Brian Ward & Vern Hall absent).

Resident Members Bob Genest, (Cyberwatch), Ed and JoAnn Storti, (Welcome Wagon), Anita Manilla (Socialbles), and Bob Chiuruzzi (4th of July celebration) served as leaders to SSCA various activities and events.

General Membership – Some 140 members were in attendance.

Thanks – Appreciation is given to the Elks General Manager Oscar Zelaya and Banquet Manager Jeanna Fraticelli for supporting the membership meeting.

Business Updates:

Tim Tymczyszyn presented the Financial Report for SSCA, John Lang reported on LA City Zoning efforts by United Neighborhood, and Bob Genest reported on local crime activity and shared a way to thwart electronic code capturing by car thieves.

Guest Speakers:

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn (Local resident member) discussed county efforts addressing the homeless issue and recent landslide activity in Rancho Palos Verdes. She noted that two county ballot propositions **Prop A** (Homeless Funding –designed to address homelessness with a ½ Cent Sales Tax on purchases (except groceries), replaces the existing ¼ sales tax due to expire in a year; and **Prop G** which would expand the current five-member Board of Supervisors to nine members to enable a more diverse make up from 10 million residents. It also creates an Ethics Commission and an elected County Executive. Members are urged to study the two propositions before the November 5, Election.

Los Angeles City Council Member Tim McCosker Discussed several issues focused on city wide topics as well as local concerns. There is a shortage of staffing for LAPD with recruiting to compete with other options for candidates. Pilot studies for responding to mental health calls with specially trained staff using designated vans show positive results as to usual first responder units answering emergency calls. The *One Five Street Cleaning program* addresses blight regularly. Work is being done to provide irrigation to coastal land by Western Ave. and Paseo del Mar so landscaping can be completed. The Councilman is working with the developer building a drive-thru coffee shop at 25th and Western Ave. to supervise with community members the conditions placed on the project by the City. A recent traffic study did not support adding a traffic signal and 25th Street and Moray. He noted that the **City Charter Reform Proposition HH** at the November 5 Election calls for one member on the Harbor Commission be from San Pedro and one member from Wilmington.

California State Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi (66th Assembly District) discussed efforts being made to address homelessness as well as a rise in property crimes throughout the state. He noted that. The legislature continues to seek a balance in determining where a conservator form of approach can be established for people struggling with mental health and being a threat to their own safety. Many have concerns about constitutional rights being addressed to homeless people and in their ability to identify with the reality of their state of mind.

Proposition 36 is focused on revising the Proposition 47 classification of property crimes. There are new bills just signed by the Governor focused on the same subject. Voters are asked to choose what legal provisions best address the issue associated with mental health and accountability for those involved in such crimes. The Assemblyman in effect was learning more about the South Shores residents given the neighborhood was placed in the new 66th Assembly District due to redistricting recently. He has been a Torrance area representative for several years. His staff will continue to work with Cal Trans on our request to lower the speed limit on the southern portion of Western Ave.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Next meeting: October 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elks Club

Jerry Gaines, Secretary