

Minutes of SBRA Annual General Meeting Held on October 28, 2021 via Zoom

Meeting started at 6:30 PM

Alisa Morgenthaler, President of SBRA provided opening remarks; talked about speakers and mentioned there would be a question and answer period. She announced that the following persons had been elected by the Board of Directors to be officers for 2022:

Alisa Morgenthaler - President
Elyse Arbour - First Vice President
Lauren Cole - Second Vice President
Susan Hirsch - VP of Communications
Pamela Brown - VP of Community Safety
Adrienne Bacci - Secretary
Melissa Spagnuolo -Treasurer

She proposed a slate of the following Board members in addition to the officers. They were Len Blum, Marilyn Krell, Toby Muresianu and Armando Pandola and asked for a motion to approve the Board of Directors for 2022. The motion was introduced and seconded by SBRA members. She then asked for the SBRA members to cast their vote on the motion by clicking the ballot which appeared on their screens. The motion carried. After thanking the persons responsible for the AGM, providing additional information on SBRA, requesting dues payments from members, and announcing that members would receive surveys, she turned the virtual podium over to Toby Muresianu who introduced the speakers and moderated the program.

Toby Muresianu moderator for evening, introduced the speakers,

Matt Kirk gave his contact information and talked about crime statistics for the previous year. He stated that crime was generally down, but that there was an increase in mail and package theft. He suggested lapdonline.org to report theft, or 310-444-0701 to reach front desk police station.

Sheila Kuehl, L.A. County Supervisor

talked about homeless at the San Vicente encampment being housed by the end of October.

Kimberly Barnette, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (“LAHSA”)

spoke about the clean-up of the homeless encampment on San Vicente. She talked about creating a task force to place veterans in permanent housing and accessing benefits.

Ted Lieu, U.S. Congressman

talked about building for veterans/West LA VA, CTRS program, tiny shelters, safe parking, VA Welcome Center, Medical Center, developments in Washington DC, the America Rescue Plan, Kids School, and various bills (i.e. infrastructure, universal preschool, family focus program, Build Back Better Act; Money for transportation initiatives, and funding for environment).

Dr Steve Braverman, Director of V.A. Greater L.A. Healthcare System

recommended vaccine boosters; talked about housing being renovated for homeless vets, options to San Vicente encampment, CTRS program, West LA Campus Improvement Act, enhanced use lease, and renovating buildings for housing.

Doris Goldstein, BCC Transportation Chairperson

talked about improving San Vicente to make it more pedestrian friendly. She stated that the Westside Cities Counsel approved 2.5K funding for San Vicente walkability enhancement (e.g., curb extensions)

Geoffrey R. Deedrick, LA County Sherriff

spoke about the clean-up of the San Vicente encampment. He stated that San Vicente outreach providers team had intervention training between many departments, that all homeless persons were assigned a placement and that there will be an ongoing general cleaning and county maintenance effort.

The e-mail addresses for **Noah Fleishman**, Mike Bonin's Field deputy for Brentwood Pacific Palisades, and **Fernando Morales**, Sheila Kuehl's District Director for West/Metro LA, who attended the meeting, were provided to SBRA members.

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Ben Allen, CA State Senator

talked about recovery, grants and tax cuts for businesses, pandemic relief, investments in health and education; market staying strong was why they secured record amounts from federal reserves, ERAP, rental assistance program, transportation projects and initiatives, bills for hospices, arts programs, conservatorship issues, climate change, reduction of plastic pollution, offshore drilling, environmental protection, and electric charging.

Mike Bonin, L.A. City Councilmember

talked about his homeless program - hotel to permanent housing done by St Joseph Center and LASA in Venice and stated that he was looking to do this in other parts of the City.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with a Question and Answer period moderated by **Lauren Cole**.

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