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Land Use Voter Empowerment (LUVE)

The Land Use Voter Empowerment (LUVE) Initiative may well be the most important proposed action to save the quality of your life in Santa Monica. It will give residents control over developments that could make massive use of our water and jam our already crowded streets. Similar initiatives have worked in other California cities, and it can work here.

Later in this article, you'll see what's in the pipeline re ***Current Projects, Approved Projects, and Pending Projects.***

The LUVE Initiative would require "Major Development Review Permits" for most building projects above the city's Tier I height limit (32 feet). ***After going through the city's approval process, these larger projects would then be placed on a citywide ballot for voter approval.***

Every year, FOSP members tell us that they're concerned about traffic and over-development. For that reason, ***the FOSP Board voted on March 10th to support the LUVE Initiative***. The Ballot Title and Summary prepared by the City Attorney and the initiative are all posted at ***www.ResidocracyLUVE.org*** and at ***www.SMvote.org/BallotMeasures/***

Exempted from the voter approval requirement would be single family homes, 100% affordable housing projects, 100% moderate income housing projects, 100% senior citizen housing projects, projects consistent with the Local Coastal Program, and projects on about 87 sites listed in the city's Housing Element.

Signatures of about 6,500 registered Santa Monica voters are required to place the LUVE Initiative on the November ballot. You can sign a petition and/or pick up a petition to circulate at ***902 23rd Street*** (corner of 23rd and Idaho – use the side gate on Idaho) on **Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 PM**. Volunteers are also collecting signatures at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other locations around town.

If you have questions, or if you need someone to bring a petition to your home for you to sign, call ***310-453-0605*** or email ***LUVE@Residocracy.org***

Meanwhile, the Planning Department website includes the following information:

- ***Current Projects in Santa Monica:*** http://tinyurl.com/hxrk4cd
- ***Approved Projects in Santa Monica*** ("DA" stands for development agreement):
  - ➢ 1038 Bay St.
  - ➢ 1112 Pico Blvd DA
  - ➢ 1317 7th St DA / Mixed-Use Apartments
  - ➢ 1318 2nd St DA / Mixed-Use Project
  - ➢ 1328 22nd St / Saint John's Health Center Development Agreement Amendment
  - ➢ 1347 19th St
  - ➢ 1402 Santa Monica Blvd DA / Mini Dealership
  - ➢ 1554 5th Street / Courtyard by Marriott Hotel
  - ➢ 1560 Lincoln Blvd Mixed-Use Building
  - ➢ 1601 Lincoln Blvd / 1601 Lincoln Blvd. DA
  - ➢ 1602 Ocean Park Blvd Wireless Telcomm Facility
  - ➢ 1681 26th St AA / Pen Factory
  - ➢ 1731 20th Street Crossroads School Science Building
  - ➢ 1776 Main Street RAND DA Amendment
  - ➢ 1901 Main DA
  - ➢ 2200 Virginia Ave Pico Neighborhood Library
  - ➢ 2311 Lincoln Boulevard / American Tire Depot
  - ➢ 250 Santa Monica Pier

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Santa Monica Airport Update

Airport Park Expansion The future 12-acre expansion of Santa Monica Airport Park made progress in March with the removal of all of the airplanes that were previously parked on the southeast six acres of the Airport property. Nelson Hernandez, Senior Advisor to the City Manager for Santa Monica Airport Affairs, stated that, "Some aircraft have been relocated to other areas at the airport and others self-selected alternative locations. In either case, the six acres are now free of aircraft." Neil Carrey, President of the Santa Monica Airport2Park Foundation, noted that the six acre site "will soon be transformed into much needed future park space, including playing fields and possibly community gardens, for thousands to use."

Airport Leasing Policy On March 22, 2016, the City Council approved a new policy for the leasehold and license management of properties at the Santa Monica Airport, and it authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute leases with all new and existing tenants at the Airport in accordance with the new policy.

"By adopting the Airport Lease Policy, the City Council seeks to have an airport tenant mix that:

- ➢ Is harmonious with the nearby built environment by protecting the health and safety of Airport neighbors.

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- 2500 Broadway / Yahoo (Colorado) Center Development Agreement Amendment
- 2624 Arizona Ave
- 2800 Olympic Blvd AT&T Antenna
- 2834 Colorado Ave / Colorado Creative Studios Development Agreement
- 2913 10th St.
- 2930 Colorado Ave / Village Trailer Park
- 2950 31st Street AT&T Antenna
- 315 Colorado Avenue / Macerich Cinemas
- 3204 Lincoln Blvd
- 401 Broadway DA Modification
- 415 Palisades Beach Road Back on the Beach
- 430 Pico - CCSM Affordable Housing Project / 430 Pico–CCSM Project
- 501 Colorado Ave / Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton
- 701 Marine St
- 702 Arizona Ave Mixed-Use Apartments
- 710 Wilshire Hotel

Pending Projects in Santa Monica:

- 101 Santa Monica Blvd DA / Ocean Avenue Project
- 1131 Arizona Ave / New Acute Rehabilitation Center
- 1133 Ocean Ave / 101 Wilshire Blvd / Miramar Hotel Mixed-Use Project
- 1134 Euclid Street
- 1143 Lincoln Blvd / 1443 Lincoln Blvd.
- 120 Colorado Ave / Hotel Project by the Pier
- 1211 12th Street / Turtle Villas
- 1235 5th St DA
- 1238 7th Street
- 1301 4th St / 4th/5th & Arizona Project
- 1318 4th Street (Arclight Cinemas DA) / Arclight Cinemas (1318 4th Street)
- 1318 Lincoln Blvd DA / Mixed Use Residential
- 1325 6th St DA / Mixed Use Residential
- 1415 5th St DA / Mixed Use Residential
- 1425 5th St DA
- 1431 Colorado Ave DA / Colorado at 15th Street
- 1437 5th Street
- 1441 Lincoln Blvd. - LUXE / Mixed-use Project
- 1437 Lincoln Blvd.
- 1530 Santa Monica Blvd DA / Toyota Dealership
- 1613 Lincoln Blvd / Lincoln Collection
- 1637 Lincoln Blvd / Lincoln Collection
- 1641 Lincoln Blvd / Lincoln Collection
- 1650 Lincoln Blvd Development Agreement
- 1660 Lincoln Blvd Development Agreement
- 1738 Berkeley Street Wireless Telcom Facility
- 1802 Santa Monica Blvd Mixed-Use Project
- 1900 Pico Blvd.
- 2002 21st Street Virginia Townhomes
- 2041-2115 Colorado Avenue Mixed-Use Commercial
- 2121 Santa Monica Blvd / Providence SJHC South Campus Master Plan / PSJHC Phase Two on North and South Campuses
- 2300 Wilshire Blvd Mixed Use
- 234 Pico Blvd Mixed-Use Project
- 237 Palisades Beach Road Rear Setback Variance
- 2800 Wilshire Blvd Fresh and Easy Market
- 2848 Colorado Ave / Roberts Center
- 2919 Wilshire Blvd. DA Project
- 3008 Santa Monica Boulevard
- 3032 Wilshire Blvd
- 3100 Main Street
- 401 Montana Ave Garden Learning Center
- 500 Broadway / 5th and Broadway
- 501 Broadway DA
- 525 Colorado Avenue DA
- 530 Pico (Le Meridien Hotel DA Amendment)
- 601 Colorado Avenue
- 603 Arizona Avenue
- 802 Ashland Avenue/ 2919 Lincoln Boulevard

Downtown Community Plan: www.DowntownSMPlan.org

Section 9.10.040: "Projects that proposed 100,000 square feet of development or more will be processed as a development agreement….The maximum height for the Downtown is 84 ft. Projects that have submitted applications and gone through ARB concept review as of the effective date of this Plan may be considered ***up to an absolute height limit of 130 ft***. The number of projects throughout the life of the DCP eligible to develop ***beyond 100,000 square feet*** within the Downtown Community Plan boundaries is limited to the four established large sites identified in Table 2.2." These four sites are:

- 4th & Arizona (a project on city-owned land proposed at 12 stories/148 feet, 420,000 square feet).
- 1133 Ocean Avenue (Miramar Hotel hotel/condo expansion, proposed at 21 stories/320 feet, 658,940 square feet)
- 101 Santa Monica Blvd. (hotel/condo project proposed at 22 stories/255 feet, 338,695 square feet)
- 710 Broadway (Vons grocery store on Lincoln at Broadway)

Artist renderings of three of these are posted at www.ResidocracyLUVE.org/Why-Luve.html and they add up to about 1.4 million square feet.

"SMa.r.t Thinking" (Santa Monica Architects for a Responsible Tomorrow) columns published in the Santa Monica Daily Press are posted here: http://tinyurl.com/hsonga7

"Santa Monica Forward" columns published in the Santa Monica Daily Press are posted here: http://tinyurl.com/hxvqoyq

Pico & Cloverfield For those of you who have asked about the construction project on the NE corner of Pico and Cloverfield (2121 Cloverfield), according to a July 2015 article in the Santa Monica Daily Press, it may become a "value-oriented 365 by Whole Foods Market….The new stores are expected to heavily feature Whole Foods store-brand products and to be competitive with stores like Trader Joe's."

Public Safety

"If you see something, say something!"

- Police Department: www.SantaMonicaPD.org
- Crime Mapping: http://www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/santamonica
- Report an in-progress, life-threatening emergency: Call 9-1-1
- Request non-emergency police service: Dispatch (non-emergency) 310-458-8491
- Patrol Supervisor (Watch Commander): 310-458-8427
- Neighborhood Resource Officers: http://santamonicapd.org/nro/
- Neighborhood Resource Officer for Sunset Park: Officer Erik Milosevich – Erik.Milosevich@smgov.net – 424-200-0687
- Crime Prevention Coordinator for Sunset Park: Myesha Morrison – Myesha.Morrison@smgov.net – 310-458-8421
- Neighborhood Watch: http://tinyurl.com/hts2eob

Do You Use Public Transit?

The City of Santa Monica is gathering information from residents and workers in Santa Monica about public transit options they use today and what options they might use in the future. Please take a few minutes to take this survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSM4CSMPRE

Landscaping Rebates

Landscaping rebate information is posted at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/OSE/Rebates/Rebates.aspx

Santa Monica is committed to helping everyone save water during this statewide drought. The rebate covers three components: your yard, your parkway and harvesting rain water. The rebate can help you claim up to $8,000. Call 310-458-8972 or email savewater@smgov.net. Applications that are approved must complete all work and pass the final inspection no later than May 1, 2016.

Some plants are not eligible for rebate. The ***"Do Not Plant List"*** includes invasive plants such as Calla Lily, English or Algerian Ivy, Foxglove, Mexican Feather Grass, Pampas Grass, and Pride of Maderia. http://tinyurl.com/zb2d494

Vanishing Santa Monica

FOSP member Karen Croner is starting a project called "Vanishing Santa Monica," inspired by Vanishing New York (http://vanishingnewyork.blogspot.com/), to remind people of the wonderful small businesses, buildings, etc., that are vanishing due to rent hikes and redevelopment. She's looking for losses from our city in the last fifteen years or so. If you have information to share, please contact Karen at KCroner@me.com

Poll Workers Needed

If you are concerned about fair and accurate elections, here's your chance to help. Sign up to serve as a poll worker for the June 7th Primary Election.

Recruiting poll workers in Santa Monica has been dismal lately. It's a long day, ***starting at 6 AM and ending about 9 PM***, but you can split the time with a friend, as long as you agree to serve the whole day if your partner doesn't show up. You need only be ***18 years of age***, a ***resident of California***, and a ***U.S. Citizen*** or ***legal permanent resident*** (green card).

The stipend is between $80 and $175 for working on Election Day and attending training. To sign up, go to www.lavote.net and click on "Voting and Elections," or call 800-815-2666, Option 7.

There are more than 90 polling locations in Santa Monica, and each needs five poll workers. Our California election laws encourage all citizens to vote. ***But that won't happen if the polls don't open on time or operate correctly, due to poor staffing***. You can help by working at a polling place on June 7th.

Useful Bits of Information

Permanent Prescription Drug Drop-Box Unwanted prescription drugs can be safely disposed of 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at the Public Safety Building main entrance, 333 Olympic Dr. (north side, between 4th Street and Main Street)

Household Hazardous Waste Call 1-800-714-1195 for free curbside pickup. A list of items that are accepted and not accepted is posted athttp://tinyurl.com/hvjvq2v

Unwanted Paint Free disposal seven days a week at the Sherwin-Williams Paint Store, 816 Pico Blvd.

Stop Junk Mail Register at http://tinyurl.com/zqda4pt

Recycling guidelines http://tinyurl.com/h9efmtj

Save the Date!

FOSP Annual
General Membership Meeting

Saturday, June 25 – 1:30 PM
Mt. Olive Church parish hall,
14th & Ocean Park Blvd.
Guest speaker: Rick Cole, City Manager,
City of Santa Monica

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- Maintains a sustainable Airport Fund that is independent from the General Fund and other subsidies.
- Comports with any applicable legal requirements and protects the City's rights that relate to leases at the Airport.
- Continues to provide opportunities for arts, education, and culture, including, but not limited to, the Artist Space Program administered in conjunction with Cultural Affairs Division.
- Establishes practices and procedures for evaluating potential leasehold interests, and for lease management and administration.
- Fosters uses and practices that are sensitive to the environment and protect the health of Airport neighbors and users and protect the City from future environmental damage exposure."

Santa Monica Airport Litigation Detailed information is posted here: http://tinyurl.com/h69j8hh

City of Santa Monica v FAA in the matter of title to the airport property The City filed a lawsuit against the FAA in October 2013 regarding title to the Santa Monica Airport property and for relief from the claim by the FAA that the City must operate the Airport in perpetuity. A district judge ruled in favor of the FAA and granted an order to dismiss the lawsuit in October 2014. The city appealed and on March 11, 2016, oral arguments were heard before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. According to the *Santa Monica Lookout*, Judge Jacqueline Nguyen asked how the United States can claim the right "to repossess the land in perpetuity when it didn't own the land in the first place?"

National Business Aircraft Association (NBAA) v City of Santa Monica An FAA Part 16 Grant Assurance Litigation Case – In December 2015, an FAA Director determined that the grant assurances expire in 2023 rather than 2014. The City filed an appeal in January 2016.

National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) Part 16 In February 2016, the NBAA filed another Part 16 Complaint against the City regarding various allegations.

Justice Aviation In February 2016, the City filed a tenant eviction lawsuit against Justice Aviation. In response, Justice Aviation filed a Part 16 Complaint as well as a federal lawsuit and request for injunctive relief.

Airport Art Walk The 10th Annual Airport Art Walk on Airport Avenue took place on March 12. It featured more than 60 open artist studios with art and ceramic demonstrations, theater, art workshops, and live music.

Airport Commission The next meeting is scheduled for April 25 at 7:30 PM in City Hall. Agendas and reports are posted at http://tinyurl.com/znogpxj

For ***noise complaints***, call 310-458-8692 or email Noise@smgov.net. Report ***helicopter complaints*** at www.heli-noise-la.com or 424-348-4354. ***"No Jets"*** yard signs are available at NoMoreJets@gmail.com. You can also print out a window sign at http://bit.ly/1yNoC0Q.

Additional information about Santa Monica Airport: www.smgov.net/departments/airport.org, www.CASMAT.org, www.friendsofsunsetpark.org/airport/, http://opa-sm.org/airport, http://airport2park.org/, www.jetairpollution.com, https://www.facebook.com/ItsOurLand, www.facebook.com/NoMoreJets, www.facebook.com/groups/SMOfuture/

Election Information

The last day to register to vote in the June 7 Presidential Primary is May 23. You can register online (or re-register if you've moved) at http://registertovote.ca.gov/

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2016 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name(s) _____

_____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Today's date _____

I will help with:

____Airport Committee
____Annual Meeting
____Crime/Safety/Graffiti
____Emergency Preparedness
____Membership Committee
____Neighborhood Mailings
____Planning and Development
____Santa Monica College
____Traffic, Parking, Pedestrian Safety
____Website/Internet

Membership Dues:

_____$30 Regular Household Dues
_____$50 or $100 for Sponsor
_____$10 Minimum Household Dues
_____Additional Donation

(Please check):

_____New _____ Renewal

Please make check payable to "Friends of Sunset Park," and mail to: FOSP, P.O. Box 5823, Santa Monica, CA 90409

What I like best about living in Sunset Park: _____

My greatest concerns are: _____

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