

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

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NWNA MEETING

Wednesday, May 22, 2019, 7:00 PM
Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall

11555 National Blvd., L.A. 90064

Guest Speaker: Mobility Deputy for
Councilmember Mike Bonin

Alek Bartrosouf

will speak about and field questions
related to traffic.

Concerned about our horrible traffic?

Now is the time to ask our Los Angeles Council Member's Mobility Deputy, Alek Bartrosouf, "what can the City of Los Angeles do to fix it"? In order to properly answer our questions, Alek requested that I send questions to him in advance of the meeting. I think that's a good idea. Comments/questions can also be made at the meeting. So, please send your traffic and other mobility-related comments and questions to me, so that I can send them to him, with plenty of time for him to review them.

You can remain anonymous or have me add your name to your comments/questions.

Most important is your presence at this NWNA meeting.

Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 PM at Saint Andrew's, 11555 National Blvd.

A good turnout by the community is important. It shows how many of us are concerned.

We are fortunate that Alek is able to attend and answer our questions.

These types of meetings can prove helpful to all of us.

Please don't delay in sending me your comments and questions.



Sunday, May 12

Thank you,

Martin Rubin, NWNA President

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MVCC Board Ignores Their Own 2014 Low Density Policy Statement

(See opposite page)

Votes 8 to 1 to Support the Development at Gateway and Barrington.



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VIA EMAIL

April 23, 2019

TO: Mike Bonin, CD11 Council Member

CC: Chad Molnar, Chief of Staff for Mike Bonin;
David Graham-Caso, Deputy Chief of Staff; Eric Bruins,
Transportation Policy Director; Alek Bartosouf, Transportation
Policy Deputy; Hannah Levien, Mar Vista & WLA Field Deputy
Len Nguyen, Planning Deputy

VOTE: The motion passed 8 to 1.

YES: Alpern, Liu, Roos, Kadota, Kamins,
Shure, Elster, Klos (8)

NO: Doyno (1)

ABSTAIN: Krupkin, Hanna, Tilson, Hruska.

Dear Councilmember Bonin:

At its regular meeting on April 9, 2019, the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) directed me to notify you that - by a vote of eight ayes, one no, and four abstentions - the council expressed its support for the proposed development at Gateway and Barrington.

It is my hope that you'll take this into account as you further consider this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Elliot Hanna, Chair
Mar Vista Community Council

Why our Zone 2 Director voted yes.

From MVCC draft minutes:

Kamins (our Zone 2 Director): She said she is a Zone 2 representative. She had heard that there had been some emails going around about Zone 2's not being represented in this discussion and that the board does not care about zone 2. But she wanted to assure the community that the board does care about Zone 2. The PLUM Committee has done amazing outreach work - Stacy Shure went to every house and left materials at all the doors that she knocked on. Kamins said that she had emergency surgery that morning under general anesthesia but she made sure to come into the meeting tonight to make sure the community understood that the board does care about zone 2. She lives two blocks from the project and would be as impacted as anyone else by it. But, she said development is coming to the area whether they like it or not and they have to be realistic and pragmatic. They cannot stop it, but they can mitigate it.

NWNA Officers' Public Comments - From MVCC draft minutes:

NWNA President Martin Rubin: He thanked the board for their service. He said in 2014 the MVCC board passed a policy motion that would not be supporting this sized development; it was against densifying the neighborhood. He urged the board to live up to their responsibilities. The development presentation may look good, but it did not show how the project would back up traffic or add to air pollution. He appreciated their outreach, but urged the board to speak for the community which he said did not want this densification.

NWNA Secretary Joan Winters: She said she was a longtime resident of North Westdale. She lived there since 1959. She said she was speaking on her own behalf but she had been the secretary of the North Westdale neighborhood Association for the past 6-7 years. She felt that role had given her a good insight into how her neighbors feel about things. She said that she is hearing from neighbors that they are concerned about quality of life issues. The development at Barrington and National has been a nightmare for her neighborhood. Homeowners are paying a lot of taxes to ensure they have a good quality of life in their area. They hosted Andrew Kratzner at their neighborhood association meeting and she told him 5 stories was too much. They have gotten over 20 comments today from residents who are concerned about the height of the project and the traffic it would generate.

MVCC 2014 Low Density Policy Statement

JANUARY 16, 2014
VIA EMAIL



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To: The Honorable Mike Bonin, Councilmember, 11th District City of Los Angeles mike.bonin@lacity.org
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RE: **MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL LOW DENSITY POLICY STATEMENT: PROTECTING NEIGHBORHOODS**

Dear Councilmembers:

At the regularly scheduled meeting held January 14, 2014, The Mar Vista Community Council approved the following policy motion by a vote of 12-0-1

The Mar Vista Community Council believes clear and reasonable land use regulations, including definitions and performance standards [noise, traffic, parking, operating hours, and the like], are necessary for good governance, civil society, buffering of uses between zone classifications, proper code enforcement, neighborhood stability, public health, and public safety.

The General Plan of the City of Los Angeles specifically protects the residential character of low density residential areas as stated in the General Plan Framework Element Chapter 3 - Land Use Goals, Objectives and Policies Issue Two: Uses, Density, and Character:

"Single-Family Residential Overview

The Framework Element recognizes the importance of existing single-family residential neighborhoods and the need to conserve them. Traditionally, they have formed the fabric that has distinguished the City from other urban areas. Even with substantial growth, the single-family dwelling is still considered to be a major objective of most income and ethnic groups. These areas also afford added opportunities to take advantage of the variety of lifestyles such as water-oriented, rural/agricultural and equestrian-keeping special use neighborhoods"

And, additionally stated as:

"Goal 3B: Preservation of the City's stable single-family residential neighborhoods".

There exist substantial low density areas within the MVCC's boundaries. ANY prospective change to this General Plan Framework policy is a serious matter of public process and accountability to MVCC stakeholders.

Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council calls for full Environmental Impact Review in compliance with CEQA, to completely assess the impacts of any and all proposed ordinances, revisions, regulations, or plans which alter the above stated policy with regard to the character of the City's low density residential areas comprising over 65% of the City's land use--including complete analysis of fiscal impacts to vital City services and future burdens on the City's aging physical infrastructure.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the matter,

Sharon Commins, Chair
Mar Vista Community Council
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Mar Vista Community Council 2019 Election

For all 13 Board of Directors' Seats

Sunday, June 2 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium

11430 Woodbine Street, 90066

Eligibility to vote :

Stakeholders 18 years or older who live, work or own property within the stated geographic boundaries of a Zone.

NWNA has the same boundaries as Zone 2. Therefore we can vote for:

(1) Zone #2 Director; (6) At-Large Directors; (1) Community Director

Votes will be cast in-person on paper ballots.

Link to MVCC Candidate List:

[https://clerkappsele.lacity.org/nccandidates/?ncid=36&fbclid=IwAR1ewlQXlQB_4gr7LuPH_InvL01r6ZXeuKe_hyCO4yeG70ChFVESX_Xu2bM]

Link to MVCC Boundaries Map:

[<https://www.marvista.org/area-boundaries-and-map.php>]

MVCC Board of Director's Candidate Forum

Saturday, May 11, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

St. Bede's Episcopal Church

3590 Grand View Boulevard, 90066

The mission of the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC)

is to provide a forum for discussion of issues that affect the quality of life of MVCC Stakeholders, and to facilitate stakeholder communication and serve as the advocate for the MVCC area with officials of the City of Los Angeles and other governmental and non-governmental entities.

Marty Rubin

The Obvious Choice for Zone 2 - North Westdale Representation

- **Six years as President, North Westdale Neighborhood Association (NWN)**
- **Sixteen years of Directorship/Founder of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution (CRAAP)**
- **A Founder of the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) and active since its inception in 2001**

Who's fighting nonstop against overdevelopment, and for North Westdale?

Marty Rubin

Who works tirelessly with city, county, state and federal officials about SMO?

Marty Rubin

Who attends more committee and council meetings than anyone else in Zone 2?

Marty Rubin

Who can you count on to be there for you in debating and representing North Westdale on planning, homelessness, and transportation issues?

Marty Rubin

**Vote June 2, 2019 for
Marty Rubin as Zone 2 Director**

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066**

**Marty Rubin
The One You Know, and the One You Trust**

This ad was prepared and paid for by Ken Alpern, Co-Founder of the MVCC, who has worked closely together with Marty Rubin on the Expo Line, fighting overdevelopment, creating the bylaws and organization of the MVCC, fighting for the election of the late Bill Rosendahl to become CD11 Councilmember, connecting Metro Rail to LAX, opposing Santa Monica Airport incursions into Mar Vista, promoting safety and security for Mar Vista, and more projects than Ken can possibly count.

**Dear Neighbors,**

I am announcing my candidacy for the Mar Vista Community Council's (MVCC) Board of Directors, (BOD) Zone 2. I believe I can best represent the interests of our North Westdale neighborhood. By representing Zone 2 (the same boundaries as North Westdale) I can help more with addressing all our neighborhood's issues.

There is a lot of information about the June 2 MVCC BOD election throughout this special 8-page edition of our NWN Newsletters. I am honored by Ken Alpern's compliments and his generosity in placing a full-page ad (our first full-page ad) in this May edition. Ken has served on the MVCC BOD over the years, longer than anyone. I hope to fill his shoes on the board, now that he is termed out. I ask that you help me serve you even better by voting for me on June 2 at the Mar Vista Recreation Center.

All four NWN officers are set to continue for another year.

On a lighter note, the NWN will hold its 6th annual Fall Block Party on September 21. You will be informed more about this in the coming newsletters. Let me know if you are interested in volunteering to help.

***All neighbors:** Please drop me an email with your contact information for important and timely updates.*

Thank you!

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June, 2019 Newsletter Submission Deadline: May 24, 2019

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We continue to be threatened by dark clouds of over-development. Not only by our City, but much worse, by California with Senate Bill 50. The Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously 12-0 AGAINST the terrible gentrification law, SB 50, being peddled by state Sen. Scott Wiener. City Councilman Paul Koretz slammed the widely-ridiculed SB 50 as "trickle down economics" that would gentrify much of Los Angeles and force the city's large working class further away from their jobs. Koretz said Wiener's vision of erecting 6-story to 8-story buildings in thousands of low-rise and single-family residential areas is focused on the wrong questions and wrong answers.. Wiener "has called single-family homes immoral" and his bill would destroy yards and space to raise a family in L.A., Koretz told the packed and cheering Los Angeles City Council chambers.

However SB-50 continues within CA Senate committees.



Northeast corner of National/Barrington before (November 2017) and how it looks today.

Photos by Martin Rubin

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Saturday, May 04 & June 01 - 6 PM

MVCC Airport Committee Meeting
Saint Andrew's Library Meeting Room

May 11— 1:00 - 4 PM

MVCC Board of Director's Candidate Forum
St. Bede's Episcopal Church 3590 Grand View

May 14 / June 11 - 7 PM

MVCC Board of Directors Meeting
Mar Vista Recreation Center

Wednesdays, May 22, June 26, 7 PM

NWNA Meeting - Saint Andrew's

Tuesday, May 28, 7:30 PM

MVCC Community Plan Sub-Committee
Saint Andrew's Narthex area

Sunday, June 02 - 10 AM to 4 PM

MVCC BOD Election - Mar Vista Recreation Center
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More Demand For Homes!

Google just leased 584,000 square feet at Pico, between Westwood and Overland (the Westside Pavilion).

Let's Do The Math! $2+2=4$

Google campuses across the country average 65 engineers and staff per 10,000 sq.ft. of space. Although, the numbers aren't out, my simple elementary school math tells me to expect approximately 3,796 new faces here on the Westside, most of them coming from outside locations. What do you think that means to rentals and property values?

Call Me to Discuss the Best Approach
to Capitalize on this Significant
Game Changer!



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