



**Regular Meeting of the Board SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA
Wednesday, June 28, 2017 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

American Jewish University

15600 Mulholland Drive, Room 223, Main Campus, 2nd Floor, Bel Air, CA 90077

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1. **Call to Order & Roll**
2. **Public Comment:** BABCNC welcomes public comment on any topic not on the adopted agenda. Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes; comments limited to 15 minutes unless decided otherwise by Chair.
3. **Supplemental Motions & Resolutions: (Update, Discussion & Possible Action)**

S1. Ridgeline Ordinance

Motion: In light of the work that the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Land Use Committee has undertaken in cooperation with the Planning Department in connection with a proposed Ridgeline Ordinance, the Board respectfully urges Councilman Koretz to promptly coordinate with the Planning Department sufficient manpower and other resources to complete a Ridgeline Protection Ordinance for the Bel Air- Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council which will coincide with similar legislation currently existing in CD2, The Los Angeles North Zone (Mount Washington Area) and passed October 26, 2004 by County of Los Angeles, and reflecting the goal, and in line with the Councilman's initial proposals of 2011. Protecting the Ridgelines, Santa Monica Mountains North Area Implementation Program Grading and Significant Ridgeline Ordinance passed by the County Board of Supervisors on October 26, 2004, the ordinance applies where significant ridgelines have been identified in the unincorporated area that's covered by the North Area Plan (the unincorporated L.A. County areas of Santa Monica Mountains between Mulholland Highway and the 101 Freeway), which includes everything outside of the Coastal Zone in the mountains. This covers over 30 square miles of the Santa Monica Mountains. It does not cover the parts of the ridgeline in incorporated areas such as the City of Los Angeles.

The grading and significant ridgeline protection ordinance sets tougher restrictions on ridgeline development by requiring the following:

1. Any project proposing to disturb more than 15,000 square feet of soil per lot would require a public hearing and a Conditional Use Permit (CUP).
2. Any project proposing to move more than 5,000 cubic yards of combined cut and fill per lot would also require a public hearing and CUP. Before the passing of this ordinance, residents and developers could grade up to 100,000 cubic yards of soil per lot with only a simple grading permit that's issued over-the-counter, without public review.
3. No structure could be built within 50 vertical or horizontal feet of a significant ridgeline.

It also requires that grading activity be performed in a manner that maximizes preservation of visual quality and community character through design features that include but are not limited to: reduced structural

height, architectural design features of shape, materials and color that blends with the surrounding environment, and the use of indigenous vegetation for concealment.

“The Santa Monica Mountains are an asset for everyone. As California’s population continues to grow, the Santa Monica Mountains are the only place on the coast between Orange County and Santa Barbara that will still be open,” said Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky. The coastal range is a precious resource. “It’s absolutely ridiculous for us to squander this resource.”

Therefore, we are encouraging City Council District 5 to put forth the same initiative for the City of Los Angeles, and for the Santa Monica Mountains.

S2. Proposal from the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) calling for Transparency with the General Plan and Community Plan Updates

Motion: Whereas the city has for months been working on a plan behind closed doors for the overall vision and dreams for Los Angeles, the **General Plan**, which is to be presented to the public and Neighborhood Councils sometime this fall;

And whereas Mayor Garcetti has said, residents must have "a sense of ownership over the development of our communities," and City Councilman Jose Huizar, chair of the powerful PLUM committee, pledged to bring "accountability and transparency back into our **General Plan and Community Plan** processes";

And whereas Los Angeles is several years behind other Western U.S. cities in involving its citizens in a **General Plan Update** process that starts from the ground up;

And whereas public money and public interest are major factors in the earliest decision-making on our **General Plan Update** process, strategies, and dreams;

And whereas it is widely agreed the public cannot fully participate in **General Plan Updating** meetings, hearings and debates that unfold during the day downtown;

And whereas closed-door meetings on the fundamental debates and decisions about our dreams and goals for updating of the **General Plan** can only create more distrust and dismay over the city's broken planning system;

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) and Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council requests that now-underway and upcoming Planning Department Work Group meetings about our shared ideas and ideals for the **Los Angeles General Plan** and its many Elements be made fully transparent, be set at evening and weekend hours; be open to the public as of now; invite a representative from each neighborhood alliance; and in the case of the nearly completed Open Space Work Group, be expanded from the four meetings completed in closed-door sessions, to four extra meetings that follow the prescription in this paragraph.

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) and the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council further requests, in the same vein, that the Mayor's Planning Task Force and Transportation Infrastructure Steering Committee for the **General Plan** both be made fully transparent, be set at evening and weekend hours; be open to the public as of now; and expand their closed-door meetings to several additional meetings that follow the prescription in this paragraph.

4. **Adjourn**

5. **Next Meeting: Wednesday July 26, 2017 7:00 pm @ AJU (4th Wednesday)**

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