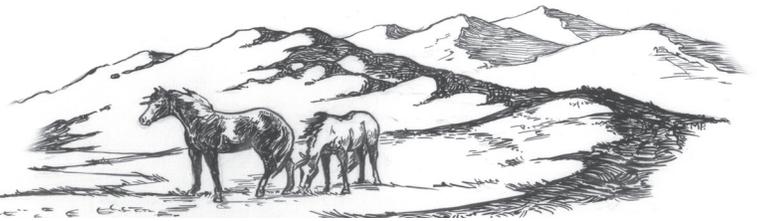


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Redistricting Nightmare of Shadow Hills **By Tina Eick, SHPOA Board**

As a result of the latest census data and the Voting Rights Act, the City of Los Angeles is in the process of redesigning the council districts (15) so that each district will have 260,800 residents (with a plus or minus of 5%) for each district. This formidable task is conducted by the Redistricting Commission, with positions appointed by the city council members and mapping experts. There have been many meetings in the past month to allow public testimony and map designing by the Commission. As of this date, there have been more than 12 maps (A-L) up for consideration. The Commission voted to preliminarily adopt version K2.5 and has now commenced to amend that map to correct the many concerns from residents throughout the City.

SHPOA has attended every meeting to give our input and express our strong concerns for the map designs for our community. Initially (9-13-21), Shadow Hills was divided into 3 separate council districts. As of this writing, Shadow Hills has since been divided into 2 separate districts! This irrational decision has been met with fierce opposition from many members of our community, along with members from our foothill neighboring communities of La Tuna Canyon, Sunland-Tujunga and Lake View Terrace. The Redistricting Commission K2.5 Final Map rejoins a large portion of Shadow Hills with Lake View Terrace, Sunland-Tujunga, La Tuna Canyon and Sylmar into CD7. Irrationally, the K2.5 Final Map severs the west side of Stonehurst Ave. and most of the streets west of Stonehurst Ave. (on the west end of Shadow Hills) and places them in CD6 in the Industrial area of Sun Valley. How can these neighbors ever hope to get adequate representation if they have been summarily cut off from their own community?

On Saturday, October 16, there was an additional meeting to consider the outpouring of concerns from communities throughout the City of Los Angeles as well as from our own commu-

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November 16th - 7:00 pm

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 - * LA City Redistricting Update
 - * SB 9 & 10 Update
 - * SHPOA Election
- www.Zoom.us

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nity. Our goal continues to be to readjust the district lines to include our entire community of Shadow Hills and put it back in CD7 in order to continue working with our neighboring communities of La Tuna Canyon, Sunland-Tujunga, Lake View Terrace and Sylmar in our common goals of protecting and preserving our equestrian lifestyles and fire and evacuation plans and protections.

The following was our last letter (which is now out of date) to the Redistricting Commission before its final map approval, outlining our concerns and recommendations:

October 15, 2021

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

My name is Tina Eick. I am the President of the Shadow Hills Property Owners Association, SHPOA, which is a volunteer group representing the community of Shadow Hills since 1964.

After attending the Redistricting meeting on October 13, it became quite clear that we need to be more specific in describing the areas which have been removed from the community of Shadow Hills and which must be returned to the community of Shadow Hills - and CD7. The following streets have been severed from Shadow Hills and placed in CD6:

Currently Map K2.5 indicates that the west side of Stonehurst Ave. south of Clybourne and the residential streets of Peoria, Elinda,

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Hershey and the south side of the west ends of Art St. and N. Clybourne have been put in CD6. This irrational and some say punitive decision comprises the removal of an approximate 69 residential equestrian-keeping homes out of the community of Shadow Hills and into the Industrial zoned areas of CD6. Clearly, the Redistricting Commission must redraw the map to include these streets back into the community of Shadow Hills so that their common rural interests and equestrian lifestyles will be better protected and preserved.

Currently Map K2.5 indicates that only the following streets will remain in CD7: The west side of Stonehurst Ave. from Art St. to Clybourne Ave., both sides of Stonehurst Ave. north of Clybourne Ave, Wealtha, Allegheny, Dronfield, Fenway, Bromont, Hershey, Stonehurst Place, the north side of the west end of Art St. west of Stonehurst, both sides of McBroom from the horse tunnel to Sheldon, the north side of McBroom from 10875 Wheatland Ave. back along McBroom going west to the horse tunnel, including the streets off Wheatland Ave. north of McBroom: Mahoney off of Wheatland, North Horse Creek Ave., Lost Trail, N. Lost Trail Ave., W. Meadow Ridge St., W Oak Mountain Place, Coal Canyon Rd. and W. Shadow Hills Ave. The rest of Shadow Hills (which is the major portion of the Shadow Hills community) has been divided up and placed in either CD2 or CD4.

How did this happen? There is not another community in Los Angeles with more common interests or lifestyles than in Shadow Hills. People move here to have chickens, rabbits, goats and horses - among other animals. We are not wealthy; we are hard-working "week-end farmers" who enjoy the rural atmosphere, unique to our community. Shadow Hills has existed for well over 70 years as an equestrian, agrarian community and we, the residents, have recognized that we must continually persevere to promote and preserve our uniqueness - if we are to survive in the City of Los Angeles.

Additionally, it is critical that our community of Shadow Hills remain connected to our neighboring communities of La Tuna Canyon, Lake View Terrace and Sylmar. As we all share the same lifestyles, history and community concerns regarding the preservation of horse keeping and fire protection, it would be a rational decision to keep these foothill communities together in CD7 to better advocate for these unique communities. The Foothill Trails Neigh-

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It's never too late to renew your SHPOA membership. In fact, if you pay in November or December, your dues are good for those two months PLUS all of 2022. No time to mail? Send an email to Jo Rich at membership@shpoa.us and SHE WILL COME PICK UP YOUR CHECK! We know times are tough and we appreciate your commitment to paying your annual dues. More than ever, your dues help us pay for insurance, website, outreach email (Daily Fodder), meeting expenses (virtual or in person), the newsletter, and more. Please spend the less than 2 minutes it will take to fill out the form (to the right) and write a check for \$25 today (that's 7 cents a day!), or renew online via Paypal or by credit card at www.shpoa.us and click on the "Online Member Payment" button.

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borhood Council (FTDNC) exists to represent these specific communities. If the communities are divided into different districts, the FTDNC would no longer be an effective representative with the City of Los Angeles.

We urge you to reconsider Map K2.5 to redraw Shadow Hills to its former entire geographically compact community - as it is currently in CD7. And we also implore you to keep the entire foothill communities of La Tuna Canyon, Shadow Hills, Lakeview Terrace and Sylmar united in CD7 to better protect and promote our very unique and common interests.

Finally, I am concerned that it appears that the Commission is now only considering input from the Web Feedback site. Please consider ALL the input from the citywide communities, including emails, letters, phone calls and public testimony in your decision-making process. To do otherwise would be an egregious mistake.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Tina Eick, SHPOA President

As the process of redistricting continues, please refer to the Daily Fodder (SHPOA's free informative email run Monday-Friday; anyone may subscribe) for continual updates. To subscribe, go to www.shpoa.us and in the middle of the homepage is an area to sign up. Alternatively, email shpoa@shpoa.us and ask to get on the email list. Daily Fodder is also published on SHPOA's Facebook page.

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Shadow Hills Property Owners Association



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- ✓ Support equestrians and equestrian organizations
- ✓ Advocacy with government and law enforcement agencies
- ✓ Assisting families impacted by fires or other natural disasters

Protect Public Safety, the Environment and Property Values

- ✓ Initiate Neighborhood Watch groups
- ✓ Liaison to local police and fire departments
- ✓ Assist animal health and care
- ✓ Reduce speeding, unsafe driving and trash truck traffic
- ✓ Community beautification and clean-ups
- ✓ Partner with real estate community
- ✓ Leading the fight to defeat the high speed train proposals

Promote Shadow Hills

- ✓ Market unique lifestyle and real estate properties
- ✓ Conduct SHPOA membership drives
- ✓ Hold general member meetings with guest speakers, helpful information and entertainment
- ✓ Bi-monthly newsletter
- ✓ Daily email outreach and information
- ✓ Website information
- ✓ Special events and signage

**Recap of the September 14, 2021
SHPOA General Meeting
By Lynne Toby and Tina Eick, SHPOA Board**

The Shadow Hills Property Owners Association (SHPOA) held its Zoom General Meeting on September 14, 2021. Many residents zoomed in to hear Eve Sinclair, Area Director for Councilwoman Rodriguez, speak on various local issues. Area Director Sinclair discussed the following:

Traffic Safety: These issues include measures to control speeding on Wentworth and Sunland Boulevard. She announced the new equestrian/pedestrian HAWK beacon traffic lights which have been installed on Wentworth. These new lights will help riders and hikers to safely cross Wentworth at Wheatland Ave. and at MaryBell Ave. The lights will turn solid red in 15 seconds and will stay red for 60 seconds when the crossing button is pushed. The change was implemented a few weeks ago and is working fine.

Additionally, the council office has requested and received the funding to put up a similar equestrian/pedestrian light at Johanna and Sunland Blvd. The installation of these new lights will help to protect our residents ... for which we are very grateful.

Homeless: The district is participating in Project Room Key. It prioritizes people living in encampments, near freeways and those over 65 for housing. The brushy lot near the Osborne exit received a multi-jurisdictional response and housed approximately 30 people from the site. A few remain and "No Trespassing" signs have been installed. Those remaining will be escorted off the property if they don't leave. The area was cleaned out, trees trimmed and fencing installed. A permanent supportive veteran housing program is being considered by the City. Also, the CARE team was cut during budget cuts but funding has been restored so services are being provided 5 days per week. This allows the Dept. of Sanitation to post notices regarding clean-ups and storage of personal possessions.

Following Area Director Sinclair's lively and informative presentation, Ms. Sinclair fielded many questions from our residents:

Resurfacing Streets: Stonehurst Ave. and Helen were completed in 2020. The numerous concrete streets on the west end of Shadow Hills cannot be fixed because (1) they are designated as Historical Preservation Overlay Zones; (2) as well as the cost to replace concrete

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**SB 9 and SB 10 Update
By Tina Eick, SHPOA Board**

As you may know by now, Governor Newsom signed SB9 and SB10 in to law last month. Both bills have drastic ramifications for single family residential properties throughout the state of California. The rationale was by allowing single family residences to be divided into multiple dwellings, the affordable housing issue would be resolved. However, neither bill mandates affordable housing so what really happens is the dismantling of single family neighborhoods by developers in order to sell new homes at market prices.

The Shadow Hills Property Owners Association (SHPOA) has joined with one of the largest statewide community groups, United Neighbors, in order to work together to protect and preserve our single family neighborhoods. The goal of United Neighbors is to keep local zoning and land use issues at the local levels so that we can participate in the decision making process to ensure that planning issues require accountability from developers.

At this point United Neighbors is creating a Legal Committee in order to coordinate and follow the many lawsuits which are a result of this legislation (SB9 and SB10). One lawsuit against SB10 has already been filed on the basis that it violates the State Constitution. Other individuals and local municipalities are preparing suits against SB9. The newly formed Legal Committee will keep us informed as to the status of these lawsuits and how we as a community and as individuals can get involved.

At the same time there is a state initiative being filed to amend the state constitution to keep zoning and land use planning at the local city levels. This initiative will be ready for signature gathering by early this November. The goal is to get the initiative on next year's November 2022 ballot. This initiative would supersede SB9 and SB10 ... and save our single family neighborhoods. If you are interested in helping with the signature collecting, please refer to our Daily Fodder website, write to shpoa@shpoa.us and ask to be put on the email list.



**Slate of Candidates for SHPOA 2022 Board
By Jacqy Gamble, SHPOA Board**

November is election month for next year's SHPOA Board members. While you are probably sick from hearing so much election babble, this is an annual event we go through every year here in Shadow Hills. The following

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people are nominated for the elected SHPOA Board positions for the upcoming year:

- President - Tina Eick
- Vice President - Jacqy Gamble
- Executive Secretary - Owynn Lancaster
- Recording Secretary - Owynn Lancaster
- Treasurer - Michael Stein
- Membership - Jo Rich

Most of these candidates are incumbents and are willing to continue for the next year. However, we do need more help. If you are interested in being on the SHPOA Board, we can certainly make room for you. The election will be conducted as part of the November 16th SHPOA Zoom meeting. Please contact Tina Eick, board@shpoa.us if you are interested. Terms are only for a year, so the commitment is relatively short.

The SHPOA Board also has Committees that have appointed positions.

Appointed Committee Positions

- Land Use - Lynne Toby, Tina Eick, Owynn Lancaster, Jacqy Gamble
- Special Projects-Events - Azalia Snail
- Traffic Safety Chair - Carlos George
- Newsletter Editor - Tina Eick
- Newsletter Layout - Cindy Bloom
- Newsletter Advertising - Michael Stein
- Daily Fodder/Lost & Found Pets - Susan Wong
- Equestrian & Trails - Rosey Payne
- Historian - Gerardo Barrientos
- Webmaster - Michael Stein
- Neighborhood Watch Coordinator - Vacant
- Hospitality - Vacant

A good way to get involved in SHPOA is to become part of a committee. If you want to have an impact on zoning issues, land use, neighborhood communications or crime prevention, please get involved in SHPOA.



**Hobo Chaplain
By Marlene Hitt, Resident**

It was on Thursday, July 24, 1958 that the Record-Ledger newspaper carried this story: "In the year 1917 a County Court Judge so decreed that a boy of 17 must vacate home - never to return. That boy was Edward L. Gilmer" born in 1900, who then lived on Oro Vista in Sunland.

"Edward's life had been one of destiny. Four times he faced death - once by poisoning, once from third-degree burns, once when an explosion

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is exorbitant. Councilwoman Rodriguez is still working to get more in the budget for other streets such as Janetta, Nohles, Orcas and Hillrose. She can only get a set number of streets resurfaced each year.

COVID: Sunland/Tujunga has one of the lowest vaccine rates in the city. The Sylmar Recreation Center has vaccines Tuesday-Saturday, along with free testing. She's looking to get more testing at Hansen Dam.

Peak Wildfire Season: We're in it now and everyone should get their brush and property managed.

RYLAN Project: Ready Your Los Angeles Neighborhood is ongoing and more people should get involved.

Hansen Dam has extended the swim hours until the end of October.

Operation Bright Spot: How does it work? This is a weed and trash abatement program for certain areas. Neighbors can report blighted areas to have additional cleaning teams come out for specific locations. OBS targets certain commercial corridors. Clean up is also done by Graffiti Busters. Report situations to 311 or the Councilwoman's office. LACC Conservation Corps Green Team cleans up bridle paths. Also, the MROD volunteer corps perform clean-ups upon request. Street sweepers are only allowed on posted streets so calls to the council office for special cleaning is necessary.

New Laws for the Homeless: Why does the city store and not dispose of their personal property? That is the current policy for cleaning up sites. The homeless response is a work-in-progress. The city can prohibit camps if housing is offered, The city is short on available beds. The Sylmar Armory has housing for 85 women and is at 50% capacity. Per a court ruling, all personal property must be stored, even couches. Item size doesn't matter.

Council Redistricting: What's going on? How do we become part of the discussion? This process isn't happening through the Council Offices. It's an independent Redistricting Commission of representatives from every district and those selected by the city. They are having current community meetings. The initial round is completed. Draft maps are forthcoming. Not too many people support changing the boundaries. Everyone can participate in the process. Please refer to www.shpoa.us or to Daily Fodder for the most up-to-date information.

Party Houses: One specific house was mentioned. How do we handle noise and parking complaints? We are not sure if the house is owned or rented.

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Call LAPD – non emergency. The police don't staff this desk on Friday or Saturday nights. They usually only respond to early-day noise complaints. Contact Senior Lead Officers Contreras or Wall. They will need the address and details. If the house is an Airbnb, call 877-ask-lapd.

Air Traffic: The City of Burbank is suing the FAA over the change in landing and take-off routes from the airport. Safe Skies and Quiet Skies are neighborhood organizations that are fighting the changes. The FAA did not follow protocol when changing the routes. Planes are coming in lower and slower over Shadow Hills. If you are having an issue with drones, report it to LAPD.

Speed Signs: Gerardo Barrientos discussed having speed signs showing the driver their speed on Sunland and Wentworth. Area Director Sinclair reported that two of these signs are going in on Wentworth and we are waiting to get one on Sunland Blvd. The City is currently researching the correct location. It will likely be at the beginning of Sunland Blvd. Tierra Del Sol is a 25 mph zone. Their stop light changes to red when traffic is going too fast.

Drag racing: This issue is being address at the Council level. We need more police presence for stops. There is a partnership between LAPD and Traffic Enforcement to contain street racing. Additionally, there is a program with LAPD allowing civilians to "ride out" in police cars and observe their processes. If you know where a speeder lives, provide their address to LAPD and they will receive a warning letter.

Outreach Organizations: Making It Happen accepts donations, clothes, food, etc. Their information will be provided in the Daily Fodder. Shadow Hills doesn't have many in-vehicle living situations but Area Director Sinclair will investigate any complaints and keep us posted. The Outreach Teams are working on safe parking locations. They've put 180 individuals into permanent supportive housing in two years. They have a rapid re-housing program which helps fund first and last month rental payments. Let the outreach people know where the homeless are located and they will begin the process.

SB9 and 10: Where are we? The Councilwoman does not support these two state bills. We must retain our special zoning for equestrian neighborhoods. The land use and zoning process should be left to the local jurisdictions. We agree that the state has no business

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Día de Muertos or Day of the Dead!
By Eva Lund, Director for Special Spirit

Fall is coming and we start November off with the Day of the Dead! This is the time to gather family around to honor and remember the loved ones we lost. It is believed that the souls of the dead return to visit us. The Aztec honored their death with fiestas and rituals during the harvest season; they viewed death as the beginning of the cycle of seasons and life. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought one of life's certainties to the forefront, death. Accepting our mortality can however be positive, it allows us to consider what really is important in our life. I personally feel that the pandemic made me realize that my animals, family, and friends are what truly matters. We fear death as something very sad and unhappy. I think the fear is the emotion caused by the anticipation of unhappiness. In Sweden we do "Death Cleaning," so the surviving member does not have to clean up after us. The pandemic made me start this process. This is a good thing! During the last couple of months, we have had our own fair share of tragedy and death here at Special Spirit. We lost a total of 13 animals. Firstly, one of our mares lost her child. We lost our beloved Alpaca, Groot, due to health conditions we were not aware of. We also lost our beloved chicken Dolly, our peacock named Billy and several baby chicks. Giselle our Hanoverian mare, pregnant by the great stallion Contefino, lost her four-month-old baby. The cause of the miscarriage: a 25 mm glass marble placed in her uterus. This is apparently a practice for some performance mares, one I have never heard of. The theory? The marble would act like an embryo and trick the mare's body into thinking she was pregnant, thus eliminating estrus and "heat-cycle" related behaviors. The glass marble is very hard to detect on ultrasound, and should prevent the mare from getting pregnant, at least now we know she can get pregnant, maybe we try again..., but it was a huge loss. Our beautiful little chocolate colored Alpaca Groot, passed away at West Coast Equine Hospital from an intestinal infection we were not aware of. They did everything to make him better but to no avail. Rufus, his brother, is lonely so we are now in search of a companion Alpaca for him. Our friendly hen, Dolly and several chicks were taken by a coyote. This is part of the circle of life, especially when we live in the coyote's former habitat. Still a big loss and very sad. The tragic passing of Chief, Debra's beloved horse, was severely unexpected. Chief has been part of this family on and off since 2009. Chief was a stunning paint, with a huge personality. Ranch

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visitors were always drawn to his magnificent beauty and charm. A huge loss that made a hole in our souls. Our thoughts are with Debra in this devastating time. Through all this tragedy we are set back mentally, physically, and financially. Any help of any kind is appreciated. But, here at Special Spirit, we do not give up, onwards and upwards ... We are now planning for future programs and events. In our new studio we will be offering music and drumming lessons. We are again open for farm tours, birthday parties, and other gatherings and events. We had a successful screening of a pilot in August,

utilizing the newly acquired projector and portable pizza oven. Special Spirit is now offering Walk and Talk Riding aimed to stimulate socializing skills for our neuro-diverse population along with the fun of being on a



Dolly the Chicken being held lovingly

horse. Holidays are in our immediate future we plan to be open for day camps during the break and starting next year an after-school program will be available during the week, incorporating animal care, horsemanship, arts and crafts, gardening and much more. Special Spirit wishes you all a Happy and Safe Holiday Season! Quote from Winnie the Pooh: "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." For any ranch related inquires please contact Oliver at: oliver@specialspirit.org.



Assemblywoman Rivas' Equestrian Safety Bill Signed Into Law
Reprinted from Assemblywoman Rivas' Website

SACRAMENTO – Today [September 16, 2021], Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assemblywoman Luz Rivas' (D-San Fernando Valley) Assembly Bill (AB) 974, enacting it into law. AB 974 is a constituent-led measure that improves the safety and visibility of equestrian riders and their equines while on paved

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highways.

“I am privileged to have worked closely with leaders in my community to enact this law and improve traffic safety laws for equestrian riders throughout the state so we can prevent future tragedies from occurring,” said Assemblywoman Luz Rivas. “The idea for this legislation came from my community after an unfortunate horse and vehicle accident occurred in my district. If we can prevent even one injury because of this new law, then our efforts will have been worth it. I want to thank Governor Newsom for signing this bill into law and I congratulate all of our local activists and leaders who made this possible.”

On an evening in October 2019, a vehicle struck two individuals riding their horses in the City of Lake View Terrace. The crash killed the two horses and left the riders in critical condition. Neither the riders nor their equines had been wearing reflective gear or lights at the time. The accident prompted a community town hall that served as the impetus to update rider safety laws for the state.

“AB 974 is a big victory for equestrian communities in Assembly District 39 and the state, and a great step towards making our roads safer for riders,” said Gina Cruz, Chair of the Foothill Trails District Land Use Committee. “California has the second largest population of horses in the entire country, and it’s important that we take these steps to keep riders safe, and protect our equestrian heritage. Tremendous thanks to Assemblywoman Luz Rivas for championing this legislation and to Governor Newsom for signing AB 974 into law.”

AB 974 increases the safety and visibility of our young riders and horses by requiring minors to wear a helmet when riding on a paved highway. Additionally, all riders or their equines must wear reflective gear or lights beginning at sundown.

“I am so pleased with the passing of AB 974 for the safety of our equestrian communities across the state of California,” said Cheri Blose, Sylmar Neighborhood Council Equestrian Chair. “This bill, what it supports and stands for, is a long-needed safety measure. It brings awareness to our neighbors and communities that equestrian safety and rights on the roads are important not just for the people within the equestrian life, but for the drivers on the roads with us. I would like to especially thank Assemblywoman Luz Rivas for her forward-thinking on this matter, listening to what our community needed, and her steadfast championing of this legislation, and my thanks to Governor Newsom for signing AB 974 into law.”



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**Foodware Accessories Upon Request Only?
By Elektra Kruger, Resident**

While theoretically recyclable, single-use plastic foodware accessories such as utensils, straws lids, stirrers, etc. generally are not. Due to their small size, these items fall through or off processing equipment at automated Material Recovery Facilities (Recycling Centers) which are in use in Los Angeles making use of this process economically infeasible and physically impossible so these items add to the plastics crisis polluting our oceans, rivers, streets, parks; and further clog our already overfilled landfills. Most plastic does not go away, instead breaks into smaller microplastics that can be thought of as food particles starving or choking marine animals. Plastic waste appears to have reached every corner of the Earth having been detected in melting Artic Sea ice and at the deepest point of the ocean floor. Plastic also poses significant risks to human health with a recent study estimating that an average person could be ingesting approximately 5 grams of these microplastics every week in various food products – the equivalent of one credit card. Microplastics have been discovered in such things as drinking water, salt, honey, beer, etc. The Foodware Accessories Upon Request Ordinance would require restaurants and other food service providers to supply disposable foodware accessories such as utensils, straws and condiment packages for take-out or delivery orders only upon the request of the customer. Six Neighborhood Councils filed Community Impact Statements in favor of the Upon Request Ordinance with none in opposition. First consideration of the On Request Only Ordinance was approved in City Council on April 23, 2021, approved by the Mayor on May 3, 2021. The Ordinance to the effect of Foodware Accessories to be available only upon specific request was finalized on June 14, 2021. Beginning November 15, 2021, a large food or beverage facility shall not provide any self-serve/self-service Disposable Foodware Accessories dispenser or even to offer Disposable Foodware Accessories to dine-in customers or take-out customers unless the customer specifically requests them of his/her own accord. A drive-thru, take-out or delivery customer may however be asked whether they wish to be provided with these accessories.



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killed two men standing beside him, and again when, employed in the jewelry industry, he was the target of jewel thieves who killed his body-guard. Physically handicapped, near penniless and wearing a shabby suit of clothes, he faced the world alone. In his hand he clutched a little black book - his Mother’s Bible.”

He quickly learned the ways and means of the beggars of society but cared for no part of it. His mother had taught him what was right. He chose to become a hobo but what a queer lot of people he found them to be. However, most of them were clean, decent, honest, and did have moral standards. His mother’s prayers had been that someday, somehow, her son would become a minister of the Gospel.

In the fall of 1917 he had a dream which convinced him to become the preacher his mother dreamed of, and he began a ministry of millions of miles and hundreds of sermons. Edward became in time the only boy-hobo-preacher ever recorded to date. For 11 years he was the preacher of God’s church in the hobo jungles. (He never had a building, but willows, tin cans and a campfire.) He worked extra hours so that the needy would have food. For his many acts of love and mercy he was known by the title of “Chaplain,” bestowed by the union brotherhood, which at the time of writing covered the U.S.A.: Hobos of North America. There were many tragedies to witness and last rites to bestow. The men and women who rode the rails paid the price of that dangerous method of travel. After he was wounded (we don’t know more), he had to leave the hobo life, so he settled on Skid Row where there was a multitude of hobos and beggars.

He continued his humanitarian work there. At that time he began to study the homeless,
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the “human wreckage in its final step to oblivion.” Edward studied addicts and noted the biographies of the male and female derelicts.

After 20 years he was so ill that he was hospitalized for 2 1/2 years. After his release, he was broken in spirit, penniless, more handicapped than ever, and 40 years old. He was an intelligent, learned man, however, so with encouragement of a friend, he became a professional butler catering to seven homes. In addition to the life of scholar, humanitarian, minister, social worker, prospector, farmer, builder (of locomotives, boxcars, bridges and 10 Sunland houses), and butler, he had a hobby of collecting mineral specimens, and made a study of nature above and below ground. He had the only known hobo collection of rocks and minerals in the U.S.A., over 800 gem stones.

His summation of his life was “It is truly no disgrace to admit hobo life but it most certainly is for those we know as tramps, bums, train-riders, and ‘I-won’t- workers’. A hobo will work, a tramp won’t and a bum can’t,” he explained. “It is a pleasure as well as a high honor to be worthy of the title, Chaplain...”

This true story brings to mind those who rode the rails during the great depression, one of whom was Woody Guthrie. Guthrie and his many folk songs give us all a detailed picture of the life of a man spending his life on the rails. In those days private citizens and churches helped those who had no job and no money. Those who could, sneaked on a box car or whatever they could and lived by riding the rail cars, only to be shoved off when their presence was discovered. An aura of romance accompanies the wanderer, the vagabond, the tramp, the traveler. We see the fire in the metal can, the blaze reflecting on the faces of the men. A jug or two handed around maybe, and camaraderie.

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The groups had a vocabulary of their own, something which binds a group together. “That guy, he’s a clover kicker and him over there, he’s a crumb boss. All these guys used to have jobs and places,” the meaning of the introductions - farmer, the other a janitor for a construction company. A man needed acroaker (doctor) for crimps (rheumatism). A newcomer would be schooled on the place of the cozy, where to lay his crum roll, and the nearest coop. He would settle in to sleep under the

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cover of the moon. Someday, when everyone struggling now will be housed and fed, do you suppose that we will see the "homeless" of our depressed time with wonder and sentiment? Much more about the life of the wandering man is on the internet. Really interesting.

Will many hobo chaplains emerge as leaders and philanthropists, singer songwriters, poets and artists who document the world around them?



"Hobo" icons



High Value Projects To Bypass The PLUM Commitee?
By Elektra Kruger, Resident

"High Value Projects" is very much an undefined term which could well become subject to discretionary abuse. What constitutes a High Value Project or who designates a Project as "High Value" has not been proposed to the public for consideration. To bypass these so-called High Value Projects from Planning Land-Use and Management (PLUM) Committee review and move them directly to a final determination by the full City Council is a flawed and ill-considered step. The premise of bypassing the PLUM Committee's review was to decrease any opportunity for illegal influence and corruption on significant building projects. However this change in the City's approval process would remove a very critical step in the Project approval process in that it would eliminate a much-needed opportunity for communities to appeal any decision before major Projects reach the full City Council for final consider-

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Skateparks to be Available to Other Wheeled Recreational Equipment – Update
By Elektra Kruger, Resident

At its January 22, 2019 session, the City Council approved a Motion which cleared the way to have the City Attorney's Office prepare a Draft Ordinance to the effect that wheeled recreational equipment other than skateboards may be used at Los Angeles Recreation and Parks skateparks. In late November 2019, the City Attorney's Office prepared and presented a Draft Ordinance to the City Council's Parks Committee for their review and recommendations which would amend Section 63.44 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to allow the riding of non-motorized bicycles, scooters, in-line skates, roller skates or wheelchairs in skate parks that are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Recreation and Parks. This Draft Ordinance collected dust on the shelves of the Parks Committee until mid-January 2021 at which time it remained under review at least 6 times before submitting its recommendations to the full City Council following its June 8, 2021 session. The Parks Committee requested that the City Attorney further amend the Draft Ordinance to create a new and separate designation for skateparks which would permit use by a variety of wheeled recreational equipment from those limited to skateboards only delegating to the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners the responsibility of designating skateboard only vs all-wheeled use to all existing and future skateparks and to include within the scope of the Ordinance the amendment of LAMC 63.44 to include all skateparks located on City-owned property whether under the control of the Department of Recreation and Parks or not. The full City Council approved the amendments to LAMC Sec 63.44 with all additional recommendations by the Parks Committee at their September 21, 2021 session.



Tracking Vehicular/Equestrian Collisions Update
By Elektra Kruger, Resident

First of all, all collisions must be reported in the State of California Traffic Collision Report CHP 555 Form. A five year review (1-01-16 to 6-14-21) of reported collisions for that entire 5 year period included only 131 animal involved collisions with that being primarily with dogs. There was a total of 3 vehicle/equestrian collision reports, 2 in 2016 with no injury and 1 in 2019 involving injury. There is no way we can expect

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ation. To place the final decision on the shoulders of the full City Council without first being vetted in the PLUM Committee would overburden sitting Councilmembers who will not have had adequate time, understanding, resources or awareness to render an accurate and fair evaluation of such a Project. As much as the premise of the Motion to bypass review by the PLUM Committee was to decrease any opportunity for illegal influence and corruption on significant building Projects, no barriers have been created to lawyers, private planners or others in promoting a High Value Project directly to Members of the Full Council thus creating the opportunity for even more City decision makers to be targets for corruption. At their February 16, 2021 session, the City Council approved the Motion to amend the planning process so these Projects are diverted from the PLUM Committee and go directly to the Full City Council. This Motion should be reconsidered with that reconsideration delayed until such time as:

1. A specific definition of a "High Value Project" is determined by Planning, by the Public and the full City Council.
2. Determine who will have the authority to decide which Projects would be sent to the PLUM Committee for review and which are to be sent directly to the full City Council.
3. A solution is found that would create a reasonable timeframe and more generous appeal process for the public, especially for stakeholders in the neighborhood where the Project is proposed to be built before any final Council decision may be made.
4. A process is created for providing greater awareness of any pending High Value Projects so that communities/neighborhoods may have greater input.
5. A process is developed to limit contact outside of public meetings between High Value applicants or their representatives and members of the City Council or their staff.



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our government to take vehicular/equestrian collisions seriously and to act upon them with those kind of statistics. We have had many more vehicular/equestrian collisions in that period of time in CD7 alone. Have they been reported? Kudos to Councilwoman Rodriguez for all the effort she has put forth to help improve equestrian traffic safety in her District. In an effort to minimize the number of collisions as part of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation's Vision Zero Program goal to make streets safer for all, including pedestrians, cyclists,

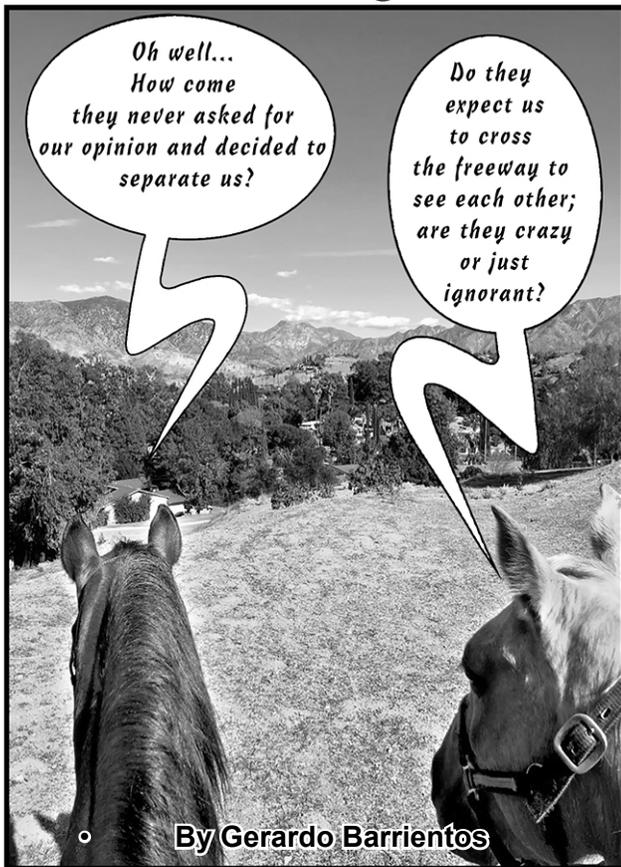
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and equestrians, it is critical that the City take a proactive approach to safety by recognizing the co-existence of horses and vehicles in the community - an effort that begins with effective tracking and analysis of the causes of and ways to prevent vehicular/equestrian crashes. At its April 7, 2021 meeting, the City Council’s Public Safety Committee recommended that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Police Department in coordination with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation report on the current method of tracking vehicular/equestrian collisions and methods to improve the safety of equestrian road users thereby minimizing the number of Vehicular/equestrian crashes. This recommendation was adopted by the full City Council at their May 5, 2021 session.



The Redistricting Dilemma!



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interfering with local zoning.

All pre-submitted questions were thoroughly answered and our sincerest thanks to Area Director Eve Sinclair for her clear and insightful program.

At the conclusion of our guest speaker’s presentation, the SHPOA Board members

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gave their committee reports and updates. Our community is so very fortunate to have these dedicated volunteers carry on...mostly behind the scenes...in order to protect and preserve our unique community. Thank you to each and every one of you.



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and the Daily Fodder.

And again to the many, many members of our community, we are deeply grateful for your letters, phone calls, emails and public testimony. Thank you so much for remaining so active and involved. Your participation has made an impact. Where we were initially divided into 3 districts, we’re now in 2 districts with the major portion of Shadow Hills in CD 7. Now we just have to pick up Stonehurst Ave. and the streets to the west and put them back into CD7.

As this redistricting process continues to City Council for an anticipated disagreement and debate among the council members, we will be asking for additional emails from the community imploring the City to reasonably reunite Shadow Hills into one community within in CD7. We will keep you up-to-date in the Daily Fodder, as this redistricting process changes minute to minute!



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