

Jack Weiss Recall Effort Launched With Broad-Based Support

A year ago, over 50 homeowner association leaders rated Jack Weiss' performance as Councilman a D+. He refused to meet to discuss their concerns. Several months ago, almost two dozen HOA leaders determined a recall was the only way to effect change. Jack Weiss still refused to meet with the group.

Thus, the recall effort was born. According to Mike Eveloff, president of Tract 7260 (who is one of the community leaders supporting the recall), Jack Weiss has approved every large Century City project and refused to challenge developers on even their most outrageous claims. He has also refused to seek mitigations from developers, preferring to let the homeowner associations do the work, and then take credit for it himself for obtaining the mitigations.

Jack Weiss, through his representative, responded by calling Tract 7260, its president and other HOA leaders "shakedown artists" for trying to secure funding for schools, parks, libraries, police and firefighters.

The recall effort has indicated that its primary need now is for contributions through its website (www.recalljackweiss.com). Volunteers for signature gathering (which will start in mid- to late-June) are also needed.

Jack Weiss' response to the recall has been to refuse to talk about it. His supporters have intimidated two treasurers for the recall into resigning, and other people have been threatened with loss of business if they assist the recall in any way.

In a new twist, a pro-Weiss "polling" organization has started widespread calls asking if people know the recall is being made by a special interest lobby unfriendly to Rabbis and developers angry at Weiss (who are trying to get

him out so a pro-development candidate can take his place). Dirty tactics indeed.

According to the recall committee, the real reason for the recall is that Weiss has simply failed to represent his constituents and has instead chosen to focus his attention on well-connected developers and lobbyists that can help him achieve higher office.

Whether it is the La Brea Gateway project, hillside issues, Century City, Playa Vista, or any of a number of other traffic-generating projects, Jack Weiss has simply not done his job to the extreme detriment of his constituents and the City.

As for Tract 7260, we find ourselves trapped between ever-busier virtual freeways, with Santa Monica Blvd on the north, Pico Blvd. on the south, Olympic Blvd down the middle and Beverly Glen on the west. More development in Century City, as approved by Jack Weiss, generates more traffic and increased demand for already-strapped police and firefighters.

The recall website has two quotes from other Councilmembers which encapsulate the experiences of many community leaders. Councilwoman Janice Hahn said of Weiss: *"I don't see how you can be in public service when you have a fundamental disdain for the public, and he has disdain for the public."* Councilman Dennis Zine commented on the *"condescending attitude that is displayed" by Weiss toward "colleagues and members of the community."*

The bottom line: With multiple new massive development projects coming up, Jack Weiss calling the Pico/Olympic one-way proposal "thoughtful and constructive," and the West L.A. community plan coming up for review, the recall proponents state that we simply cannot withstand the impacts of a continued Jack Weiss tenure on the council.

Neighborhood Watch

At 10:30AM on May 23rd, 2007 a resident of Mississippi Avenue reported that an elderly gardener was attacked and beaten by armed assailants on the northeast corner of Fox Hills Drive and Mississippi Avenue.

The witness observed a small white car driving away and noticed the old man lying face down on the lawn motionless.

911 was called and about 10 minutes later the paramedics arrived. By that time the resident found out from the gardener that he had been assaulted and that the assailants had a knife (he said large white knife).

Please forward any information you might have to the police at 310-444-0710. The responding officers were Officers Harvey & Dixon.

Parking Issues Reported

Parking issues have been reported on Benecia, Comstock and Fox Hills relating to Liberty House and Discovery Program operations.

The 7260 Board has consulted with the local Neighborhood Prosecutor about its concerns but hopes that the operators of the facilities will seek to resolve the problem on their own.

405 Freeway Diamond Lane Hearing

A public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 11, at the Skirbal Cultural Center, to discuss the EIR for the proposed HOV lanes on the 405 Freeway between the Santa Monica Freeway and Greenleaf Street. The doors will open at 5 p.m. At the meeting you will be able to make comments on the proposed plans. Qualified personnel will be available to answer your questions and to discuss efforts to relieve congestion along the Sepulveda Pass. Written comments must be received by July 10 by Ron Kosinski, Division of Environmental Planning (405 HOV), 100 S. Main St., L. A., CA 90012.

Station 92 Gets New Equipment

Several years ago, Tract No. 7260, along with Westwood South of Santa Monica and Cheviot Hills HOA negotiated with developers for \$2.2M worth of public benefit projects for the West L.A. area.

The Cheviot Hills traffic mitigations were allotted \$1.9M and the remaining area was allocated \$300K for other "neighborhood concerns."

After a year of getting quotes from the manufacturer and wrestling with the Council Office, the first pieces of equipment have now been delivered to our local fire station, Station 92. They are battery-operated "jaws of life" that allow firefighters to gain access to vehicles much more quickly than before and without having to wait for hydraulic pressure to build. Rescuers also do not have to be concerned with hydraulic hoses. Precious minutes will be shaved off of rescue times.

The next pieces of equipment to be purchased using homeowner-association negotiated funds will be car-mounted license plate reading cameras for the West LAPD. The cameras will allow officers to scan 1000 plates per hour instead of a small fraction of that number.

Also slated for funding: \$30K for studying and improving the appearance and flow of "big" Overland between the 10 freeway and Pico and \$120K to improve the functionality of large arterials.

Tract No. 7260 has been told that Councilman Weiss intends to hold a press conference to attempt to take credit for the new equipment, just as he tried to take credit for the JMB settlement.

Be assured that this new equipment resulted from the efforts of the Tract No. 7260 board and its neighboring homeowner associations.

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