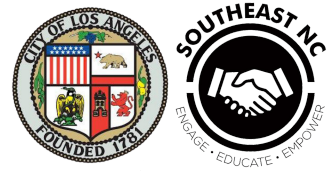




Letter From The Editor

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Jesse Munoz

What good are new parks in the middle of the street if homeless encampments will take over? Additionally, local beautification groups, with their hands-on experience in cleaning and enhancing our streets, are an untapped resource by this project. Their involvement in Broadway Sur could not only bring community-centric insights but also provide employment opportunities to those who know our neighborhood best. City officials often promise to look to members of our city and community to fill job positions. Yet, our voices seem absent in the planning stages of this well-funded project, at 46M dollars.

The vision of a bikeable and walkable community is commendable, but does it align with our current needs? The Broadway Corridor is one of the most accident-prone areas in all of LA, arguably because of the more recent inclusion of bike lanes. Our neighborhood, primarily consisting of affordable housing and fast-food joints, lacks commercial centers and community spaces. The nearest metro line skirts the edge of our district, hardly a convenient option for many. So where exactly is everyone biking to?

As we watch the Broadway Sur project unfold in the coming months, I urge you to stay informed and vigilant. If aspects of the project don't align with our community's needs, we must be ready to voice our concerns. Let's ensure, together, that any development in our neighborhood not only looks good on paper but also brings real, positive change to our daily lives.

Let's open a dialogue with city officials for more community input, ensuring our voices shape the future of our neighborhood. It's time our concerns are not just heard but acted upon.

Jesse Munoz
Editor, Southeast Neighborhood Council Newsletter

You might have heard of the Broadway Sur project, a grand, ambitious, and inspired initiative aimed at transforming the Broadway Corridor between Manchester and Imperial with bike lanes and pedestrian-friendly spaces adorned with park benches and pedestrian street lighting. But beneath its promising veneer, there are pressing concerns that need our attention.

We are all too aware that our community faces severe challenges – the mounting pressure of homeless encampments, dwindling parking spaces, and a lack of essential amenities like grocery stores. These issues cast a shadow over the potential benefits of Broadway Sur. How can we truly enjoy the green spaces and walkable streets if concerns about safety and basic needs remain unaddressed?



Meeting Recaps

Special Meeting - 02.01.2024

The January board meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum, but the board did hold a special meeting on February 1st, to appoint a new At-Large board member, Javier Moreno. Please join us in welcoming Mr Moreno to our board.

Other news:
Please visit our website or email your neighborhood council representative to receive details about the 311 initiative we are running in conjunction with CD8 for the entire month of March.
Download the 311 app from your mobile app store and submit reports for the month of March to better help our neighborhood!

For full meeting votes and minutes, visit www.southeastnc.com

Committee Meeting Schedule 2024

- Budget Committee:**
2nd week of June w/ executive board
- Outreach Committee:**
2nd Tuesday of the month @ 12PM
- Quality of Life Committee:**
4th Monday of the month @ 4PM
- Beautification/Public Safety Committee:**
1st Thursday of the Month @ 5PM
- Youth Committee:**
2nd Thursday of the month @ 5:30 PM
- Land Use Committee:**
4th Monday of the month at 3PM
- Bylaw Amendment ad hoc Committee:**
Every Friday @ 11AM
- Economic Dev ad hoc Committee:**
Every 2nd Friday @ 5PM



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A Letter from the Editor

Scan the QR code or email our board secretary at: jesse.munoz@southeastnc.org



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MARCH 2024

Meeting Time & Location

8475 S Vermont Ave
Los Angeles Ca 90044

Every 4th Tuesday
of the month



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Neighbor Question:

What is a neighborhood council?

A neighborhood council is LA's closest form of government to the people. It was a change to the city charter in 1999 that the city implemented to give power to the people they represented. With elections conducted by the city clerk's office, a neighborhood council member becomes a LA city official. A neighborhood council is a unique opportunity to affect change. There is no other system in the country like it.



Southeast NC's partnership with Non-profit beautification

The pivotal year, though, was 2019, when United We Stand became a non-profit. This change was a leap towards greater community impact: the organization now could accept donations, and expand its reach. And they didn't just stop at clean streets; they started hosting educational workshops and community events, embracing the cultural richness of their community with activities like Zumba and traditional folkloric dancing. But it's not just about the events or the cleanups. It's about the feeling of love for their community they exude, "We wanted to be a group that was solution and action based. So, we assessed the complaints from the community to come up with solutions. Those complaints always kept us going. And with the relationships we created, we were able to affect some change, however small." Even during the pandemic's significant challenges, particularly for a young organization, and the scarcity of funds and resources during this period, they persevered. "The first time we received any funds were from CD 9, Curren Price, as an organization.



It was that push that helped us kick off and get to where we are today." That place is becoming a community staple, a go-to for neighbors in the southeast neighborhood, who know that when they need their streets cleaned and their blocks to look just a little better than they did yesterday, they know who to call on. They have also secured a partnership with the Southeast Neighborhood council board for aid in community cleanups and beautification projects. Trujillo hopes one day UWS can offer paid work for its members. As of now, he says convincing people to commit to volunteerism is hard work. With all collected funds going towards operations, the non-profit, since day 1, runs as a passion project. Rodolfo, and his called-on volunteers, take care of the community, as they take care of their own homes. Please visit their social media pages @unitedwestand_cd9 to contribute or donate. "When we see the changes that we make in the community, it's worth it for us. That's the pay."



If you're from southeast LA and you haven't heard of United We Stand, I urge you to read on. A small organization affecting big change in our neighborhood, United We Stand is the story of a family's dedication to their neighborhood. This organization had no ordinary start: It was a family affair, with Rodolfo Trujillo at the helm of this project. His wife Elida Mendez served on the Southeast Neighborhood Council. And their children were also involved in community work. Together, they separately addressed the issues in their community – for United We Stand, unclean streets and neighborhood wellness. From the outset in 2015, their mission was clear: to empower their neighbors and rejuvenate their community. They started with simple community meetings where residents could voice their concerns and learn how to uplift their neighborhoods through community cleanups and utilizing city services like 311. This grassroots approach soon caught the attention and support of field deputies from district council offices 8 & 9. With this backing, United We Stand kicked off.

Links to helpful resources:

LA Housing Department
Apply for emergency relief, pay rent, file complaints or find general information about housing in Los Angeles, including Southeast LA. visit their website at www.housing.lacity.org

The Helpful Homegirls
The Helpful Homegirls is an organization dedicated to serving minority and homeless communities, specifically in south LA. visit their website www.helpfulhomegirls.org

United We Stand
United We Stand is a beautification organization, cleaning the streets of southeast LA, one block at a time. visit their instagram: @unitedwestand_cd9

Dorothy Mae Clinic
Dorothy Mae Clinic prides itself on their personal approach to medical care. They have been serving the South LA community since 1998. Visit their website or call them at 323-750-1196