



Little Italy Association of San Diego - Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 8:30am
Zoom Virtual Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89090654787>
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CLOSED SESSION ON CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT ON ITEM 6

AGENDA

- 1) Zoom Meeting Protocol & Introductions / Steve Galasso, President
 - a. All participants will be put on mute during the topic presentation and then the moderator will unmute the microphones to take comments/feedback. Please keep comments directed to that particular topic.

- 2) Minutes of the August 4, 2020 Board Meeting **Action Item**

- 3) Non-Agenda: Public Comment, Introductions & Announcements

- 4) Presentation by Candidates for City Attorney / 9:15am
 - a. Mara Elliot – 10 minutes
 - b. Cory Briggs – Invited but unable to attend
 - c. Q and A – 15 minutes

- 5) Committee Reports
Org Committee / Steve Galasso
 - a. YTD Financial Report / Jeri Keiller & Lou Palestini **Action Item**
 - b. Report from the Nominations Committee
 - i. Approval of Business Owner Directors **Action Item**
 - ii. Approval of Property Owner Directors **Action Item**
 - iii. Approval of Community-at-Large Reps **Action Item**
 - c. Nomination of President **Action Item**
 - d. Nomination of Treasurer **Action Item**
 - e. Creation of Bylaws Review Task Force to review and update bylaws (Re: ratio of property owners to non-property owners, update on new requirements (if any), definition of role of Finance Committee and other committees)
 - i. Appoint Chair of Bylaws Review Task Force **Action Item**
 - ii. Board members and volunteers are welcome to work on the Bylaws Task Force – Report to Board in October
 - f. October (Mayor): Councilmember Barbara Bry & Assembly member Todd Gloria
 - g. Next Meeting: Friday, September 18, 2020 at 10:00am via Zoom
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DISI Committee / Perry Meyer

- a. Olive Creative Strategies
- b. Little Italy Mercato / Catt White
- c. *Al Fresco* Update
- d. Taste of Little Italy: Take-Out Edition – October 2020
- e. Clarity Foundation’s Paint the Town Teal – String Lights & Ribbons on Poles
- f. Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 4, 2020 at 9:00am via Zoom
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Parking & Mobility Committee / Luke Vinci

- a. Columbia Street & Remaining Side Streets Parking Conversion

Sidewalk Operations / Rich Gustafson

- a. No report

Finance Committee / Bryan Thompson

- a. Amici Park RFP, DIF & Construction – Sending to Amici Park Task Force / Luke Vinci
- b. Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 9:00am via Zoom
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6) CLOSED SESSION: PRESENTATION FROM THE LIA FINANCE COMMITTEE AND LIA ATTORNEY MIKE ZARCONI REGARDING THE NEW NEW CITY AMERICA ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT.

Action Item

7) Reopen Board Meeting – Report to Public on any Decisions made by the Board in Closed Session

- 8) Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 8:30am via Zoom**
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9) Adjournment

TEMPORARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE BROWN ACT DUE TO COVID-19:

Based on current COVID-19 directives and mandates, Governor Newsom has modified and suspended some of The Brown Act requirements temporarily. For a list of the items that Governor Newsom has modified or suspended, visit www.LittleItalySDMeetings.com (Page 4, Section 11).

THE BROWN ACT:

Government Code 54950 (The Brown Act) requires that a brief description of each item to be transacted or discussed be posted at least 72 hours prior to a regular meeting. The Corporation posts all Board and Committee agendas at 2210 Columbia Street, San Diego, CA 92101 and the LIA website. Action may not be taken on items not identified as such and posted on the agenda. Meeting facilities may be accessible to persons with disabilities. If you require special assistance to participate in the meeting, notify Chris Gomez at 619 233-3898 at least 48-hours prior to the meeting.



Board of Directors Meeting
Little Italy Association
Tuesday, August 4, 2020 - 8:30 a.m.
Little Italy Association Office (Zoom Meeting)
2210 Columbia Street San Diego, CA 92101

Present: Vito Altieri, Jenn Borba Von Stauffenberg, Sandi Cottrell, Dino Cresci, Melanie Dellas, Jim DeSpenza, Steve Galasso, Jonathan Herbert, Jeri Keiller, Christie Kong, Jocelyn Marcus, Perry Meyer, Danny Mocerri, Lou Palestini, Frank Stiriti, Bryan Thompson, Luke Vinci, Catt White, Joe Cordileone, Charlie Coradino, Rich Gustafson, Lee Scrivner, Father Joe Tabigue

Absent: Juan Nunez, Jack Pecoraro, Diana Strauss Casey, Michelle Van Rooyen, Tom Zolezzi

Excused Absence: Domenic Brunetto, Pasquale, Ioele

Guests: Curt Brooker, Matt Bello, Kathi Meyer, Susan Ranft, Jason Weisz, Stephan Whitburn, Kelly Orange, Brijet Meyers, Marsha Lyon, Michele Basile, Peter LoCoco, Toni Duran, Zina Busalacchi

Staff: Marco Li Mandri, Rosie De Luca, Chris Gomez, Dianne T. Serna De León

MINUTES:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action Taken?</i>
1. Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by the President, Steve Galasso. Chris Gomez went over the Zoom Meeting Etiquette, Steve then turned the meeting over to Marco LiMandri, the Chief Executive Administrator.	No action taken
2. Review of July 7, 2020 Board Minutes	Minutes from July 7, 2020 were reviewed.	Frank Stiriti moved to accept the Board Minutes. Steve Galasso seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

<p>3. Non-Agenda/Public Comment, Introductions and Announcements</p>	<p>3. There were no Public Comments, Introductions or Announcements.</p>	<p>3. No action taken</p>
<p>4. Presentation by Candidates for City Council-9:00 a.m. a. Toni Duran- b. Steve Whitburn- c. Q and A-</p>	<p>4.a. Marco introduced Toni Duran. Toni has worked in the assembly and senate offices of Tony Atkins for 7 years. She has covered the neighborhoods of District 3 for 5 of those 7 years. Toni continued her presentation as one of the candidates for City Council.</p> <p>4.b. Marco Introduced Steve Whitburn. Steve lives in Downtown San Diego. He was the Director of the American Cancer Society. He also managed public affairs after 911 for the American Red Cross. Steve continued his presentation as one the candidates for city council.</p> <p>4.c. Marco began with Q & A, asking what the candidates' views are in regard to General Liability for trip and falls. Both Candidates are in support of the City covering these issues and not roping in the LIA to any claims in the public rights of way.</p> <p>Luke Vici asked the candidates what their views are regarding Mobility plans as proposed street conversions are still on hold. Both Candidates are in support of expediting the conversions of the streets from parallel to diagonal/perpendicular parking and having bikes sharing lanes in Little Italy.</p> <p>Discussion followed.</p>	<p>4.a. No action taken</p> <p>4.b. No action taken</p> <p>4.c. No action taken</p>
<p>5. Committee Reports Org Committee: Steve Galasso; a. YTD Financial Report</p>	<p>5.a. Jeri Keiller reported on the YTD Financial Report.</p>	<p>5.a. Perry Meyer moved to accept the YTD Financial Report. Dino Cresci seconded the motion. Unanimously</p>

<p>b. Board of Directors Nomination Notice and Application</p>	<p>5.b. Marco reported that the Board of Directors Nomination Notice and Application are included in the Board Packet beginning on page 14.</p>	<p>approved 5.b. No action taken</p>
<p>c. City Candidate Forum</p>	<p>5.c. Marco reported that the Board requested to schedule the City Candidate Forums in September.</p>	<p>5.c. No action taken</p>
<p>i. September (City Attorney) City Attorney Mara Elliott & Corey Briggs</p>	<p>5.i. The September Forum will include the candidates for City Attorney Mara Elliott (incumbent) and Corey Briggs.</p>	<p>5.i. No action taken</p>
<p>ii. October (Mayor): Councilmember Barbara Bry & Assembly member Todd Gloria</p>	<p>5.ii. The October Forum will include candidates for Mayor, Councilmember Barbary Bry and Assembly member Todd Gloria.</p>	<p>5.ii. No action taken</p>
<p>d. Next Meeting:</p>	<p>5.d. Next meeting will be Friday, August 21, 2020 via Zoom</p>	<p>5.d. No action taken</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p>		
<p><i>DISI Committee:</i></p>		
<p><i>Perry Meyer</i></p>		
<p>a. Little Italy Mercato- Catt White</p>	<p>5.a. Catt White reported on the current Mercato activities.</p>	<p>5.a. No action taken</p>
<p>b. Olive Strategies</p>	<p>5.b. Jenn Von Stauffenberg from Olive Creative Strategies reported on Little Italy PR and Social Media activity.</p>	<p>5.b. No action taken</p>
<p>c. <i>Al Fresco</i> Update- August</p>	<p>5.c. Chris Gomez reported that moving forward, Al Fresco will take place on Fridays and Saturdays in August and probably only on Saturdays in Sept. Discussion followed.</p>	<p>5.c. No action taken</p>

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<p>d. Taste of Little Italy/New Concept</p> <p>e. Next Meeting</p>	<p>5.d. Curt Brooker reported that the Taste of Little Italy will take a new approach with a Take-Out and Take-Home Edition, proposed for late September or early October.</p> <p>5.e. Next Meeting will be Friday, August 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom</p>	<p>5.d. No action taken</p> <p>5.e. No action taken</p>
<p>Parking & Mobility Committee: Luke Vinci</p> <p>a. Pedestrians Plazas (Barriers)</p> <p>b. Bollards Program Status</p> <p>c. Columbia Street and Remaining Side Streets Parking Conversion</p>	<p>5.a. Marco and Chris Gomez reported that parking on India Street has been removed for outdoor dining. \$30,000 of Parking Meter Revenues were authorized by the City to be used to fund Pedestrian Plaza Barriers as well as covers for the barriers. LIA provided each location with half of the barrier covers for their parklets. If locations would like more covers for their barriers, they may purchase them directly and any new locations will need to purchase or rent their own barriers.</p> <p>5.b. Luke Vinci reported that we now have funding for the Bollards. The funds should be transferred soon to the LIA.</p> <p>5.c. Luke Vinci reported that the street parking conversions have been pushed off until January.</p>	<p>5.a. No action taken</p> <p>5.b. No action taken</p> <p>5.c. No action taken</p>
<p>Committee Reports Sidewalk Operations: Rich Gustafson;</p> <p>a. PATH Work in Little Italy-Civil Sidewalks Task Force to Re-Convene</p>	<p>5.a. Marco reported that he is working with Brian Elliott and Councilmember Ward's office on a grant from the County of San Diego to have two PATH workers come to Little Italy weekly, to work with the Homeless.</p>	<p>5.a. No action taken</p>

<p>Committee Reports Finance Committee: Bryan Thompson</p> <p>a. Finance Committee to Submit Amendment to Bylaws-Sept</p> <p>b. Proposed 13 Standing Members of the Finance Committee</p> <p>c. Amici Park, RFP, DIF, & Construction</p> <p>d. EIDL Long-Term Loan & Recommendation</p> <p>e. Next Meeting</p>	<p>5.a. Bryan Thompson reported that the Finance Committee will discuss bylaws at the next meeting and will present them to the Board by September.</p> <p>5.b. Bryan Thompson reported that the Finance Committee is proposing 13 standing members the Committee. The names were included in the Board packet for review</p> <p>5.c. Bryan Thompson reported on the status of the Amici Park project. Quotes should be in soon and Marco reported that the City has reported that the use of DIF for the park are allowable as long as it is open to the public. Discussion followed.</p> <p>5.d. Bryan Thompson reported that the Finance Committee has agreed to spend \$50,000 of the \$150,000 EIDL funds received. With the \$50,000, LIA will pay off the pressure washer, purchase a wood chipper, purchase a new dumping trailer, fund a reserve study for district amenities, and purchase GIS amenities software.</p> <p>5.e. Next Meeting will be on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 9:00am via Zoom</p>	<p>5.a. No action taken</p> <p>5.b. Danny Mocerri moved to approve the 13 members for the Finance Committee. Joe Cordileone seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>5.c. No action taken</p> <p>5.d. No action taken</p> <p>5.e. No action taken</p>
<p>Committee Reports Project Review Committee: Marco LiMandri;</p> <p>a. Residence Inn Converted to Homeless Shelter-Work with LIRA on Questions</p>	<p>5.a. Marco reported that the conversion of the Residence Inn on Pacific Highway to a Homeless Shelter has been withdrawn. The LIRA was going to set up a meeting with the City Councilman if this had gone forward.</p>	<p>4.a. No action taken</p>

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6. CLOSED SESSION PRESENTATION	Mike Zarconi, attorney for the LIA, was present to go over the proposed NCA administration contract for the period of five years. Staff and anyone employed by the LIA as well as New City America had left the room for this discussion on the process of review, consideration and approval of the agreement. It will be presented and reviewed with recommendations coming from the Finance Committee at their August 27 th meeting. Bryan will then report to the Board on the closed session recommendations at its September 1 st 2020 Board meeting which will also be in closed session. NCA employees will not be present for either of the closed session meetings.	No action taken
7. Next Meeting	5. Next Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 8:30am at via Zoom.	5. No action taken

Minutes taken by: Dianne T. Serna De León, Staff.

Little Italy Association of San Diego
Board Meeting Closed Session

Tuesday, August 4, 2020 / 10:00 am - LIA Office & Virtual Closed Executive Session

STAFF

None- Closed Session

MINUTES

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION TAKEN
Meeting Closed	10:03 am meeting closed to staff and general public.	
	Contract was passed out and it was clarified that Mike Zarconi is the Attorney for Little Italy Association and not the attorney representing NCA.	
Discussion	<p>Question was proposed that if anyone was not part of the finance committee if there are any questions? There were no questions at that time. It was discussed that there are some edits that need to be made.</p> <p>Exhibit C: was discussed about the net income and it was clarified that the incentive/ supplemental income will be based on the net income. It was asked that we clarify the wording to clearly define as "net income".</p> <p>Comparisons have been made to other BID's and the administrative budgets. LIA is much lower on a percentage.</p> <p>Compensation requests were defined by three provisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Objective measures 2. Proposed measures of new revenue generating with the ability to give a performance measurement 3. A discretionary option to give a supplemental bonus <p>There was some confusion on what was net income in section 1 of Exhibit C as well as the LIA board's ability, to re-negotiate the contract down if there is a decrease in income was made a concern. Zarconi said it can be put back into the contract to echo the 60-day clause.</p> <p>Joe Cordileone made a point to assure that accounts were not being double dipped on and Zarconi agreed to add language around that issue.</p> <p>General consensus was for Zarconi was going to take the comments from the group closed session meeting and rework. He will then take input at the August 27th meeting to finalize an amended agreement for September.</p>	Non-taken
Close closed session	Motion made by Jeri and seconded by Luke to move.	Unanimous

Minutes taken by Luke Vinci, Secretary

LIA Board of Directors

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Sandi	Cottrell	2018-2020 Board Member	Business Director
Rich	Gustafson	2018-2020 Board Member	Property Director
Jack	Pecoraro	2018-2020 Board Member	Property Director
Father Joseph	Tabigue	2018-2020 Board Member	Property Director
Bryan	Thompson	2018-2020 Board Member	Property Director
Michelle	Van Rooyen	2018-2020 Board Member	Property Director
Christie	Kong	2018-2020 Board Member	Property Director
Danny	Mocerì	2018-2020 Board Member (Property Director)	2 - VICE PRESIDENT
Luke	Vinci	2018-2020 Board Member (Property Director)	4 - SECRETARY
Jenn	Borba Von	2019-2020 Board Member	Community at Large
Joe	Cordileone	2019-2020 Board Member	Community at Large
Melanie	Dellas	2019-2020 Board Member	Community at Large
Frank	Stiriti	2019-2020 Board Member	Community at Large
Catt	White	2019-2020 Board Member	Community at Large
Tom	Zolezzi	2019-2020 Board Member	Community at Large
Lou	Palestini	2019-2020 Board Member (Community-At-	3 - TREASURER
Vito	Altieri	2019-2021 Board Member	Property Director
Domenic	Brunetto	2019-2021 Board Member	Property Director
Charlie	Coradino	2019-2021 Board Member	Property Director

Dino	Cresci	2019-2021 Board Member	Property Director
Jim	DeSpensa	2019-2021 Board Member	Property Director
Pasquale	Ioelle	2019-2021 Board Member	Property Director
Jeri	Keiller	2019-2021 Board Member	Property Director
Jocelyn	Marcus	2019-2021 Board Member	Business Director
Perry	Meyer	2019-2021 Board Member	Business Director
Juan	Núñez	2019-2021 Board Member	Property Director
Lee	Scrivner	2019-2021 Board Member	Property Director
Diana	Strauss Casey	2019-2021 Board Member	Property Director
Steven	Galasso	2019-2021 Board Member (Business Director)	1 - PRESIDENT

- D) To bring about the increased economic well being of residents, employees, and businesses within the Little Italy Community and its surrounds.
- E) To promote improvement within the Little Italy Community through activities which contribute to the economic and neighborhood well being of the Little Italy Community.

**ARTICLE 3
MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1. NO MEMBERS

- A) This Corporation shall have no members, as that term is defined in section 5056 of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law. Unless otherwise provided herein or in the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, any action which would otherwise require approval by a majority of all members shall require only approval of the Board of Directors. All rights which would otherwise vest in the members shall vest in the board of directors. Nothing in these Bylaws shall be construed as limiting the right of the Corporation to refer to persons associated with it, who participate in any activities of the Corporation, as "members" even though such persons are not members, as defined in section 5056 of the California Corporations Code. Such persons shall be deemed to be associated persons with respect to the corporation as that term is defined in section 5332 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, and no such reference shall constitute anyone a member of this Corporation.

**ARTICLE 4
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

SECTION 1. NOMINATION AND ELECTION

- A) Not less than forty five (45) days before the date set forth for the annual meeting of the Directors, the President, shall request that the Board appoint at least three (3) members as the Nominating Committee which shall include the President and at least two of the Directors exclusive of the officers of the Corporation to solicit nominees for consideration and election as Directors, and the names so proposed shall be presented to the Board of Directors at its annual meeting; any Director may, at such meeting, nominate any other qualified person(s) as candidates for such office. Thereafter, the names of the nominees shall be presented to the Board of Directors at such meeting. The Nominees which have been deemed to be qualified, consistent with Article 4, Section 2, shall be presented to the Board for consideration of appointment to the Board at its Annual elections meeting. The Board may vote to accept all of the nominees based upon the conditions set forth in Article 4, Section 2 (a) and (b). The Board shall vote to accept all or some of the nominees based upon the seats allocated consistent with Article V, Section 1 (a) in the bylaws.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATION

- A) Members of the Little Italy Community shall be eligible for nomination to the Board of Directors based upon active participation with the corporation including its committees, task forces or otherwise for a period of not less than one (1) year, and support for the policies, goals of the corporation. In addition, nominees shall only be eligible for election to those positions for which they qualify as a property owner, current business license certificate holder, residential tenant or at large member under Article 4, Section 2 (B);
- B) Eligibility shall be determined by:
 - 1) full payment of assessments into the Little Italy Maintenance Assessment District for the previous and current fiscal years that such assessments were due; or
 - 2) full payment of assessments into the Little Italy Business Improvement District for the previous and current fiscal years that such assessments were due; or
 - 3) residential tenants living within the boundaries of the Little Italy Maintenance Assessment District; (a tenant is one who rents and occupies property and is called the "lessee". Or the person whose name is on the lease and is the guarantor of the lease).
 - 4) a community member that the Board deems important and whose appointment shall allow the corporation to fulfill its goals as a public benefit corporation

**ARTICLE 5
DIRECTORS**

SECTION 1. NUMBER AND TERM

- A) The corporation shall have a minimum of nine (9) and a maximum of thirty-five (35) Directors and collectively they shall be known as the Board of Directors. The exact number of Directors shall be fixed from time-to-time by resolution of the Board of Directors. The number may be changed by amendment of this Bylaw, or by repeal of this Bylaw and adoption of a new Bylaw, as provided in these Bylaws. Subject to the foregoing provisions for changing the number of Directors, the following seats shall be allocated to the Board of Directors based upon their financial contribution, as a group, to the operation of the Association. The breakdown of Board seats shall be as follows:
 - 1) At least two thirds (2/3) of the seats on the Board of Directors within a specific year, shall be filled by property owners , or representatives of property owners, who have fully paid into the current fiscal year of the Little Italy Maintenance Assessment District;

- 2) The balance of seats shall be filled by Community at large members, including business tenants, residential tenants, or Community at Large members. Business tenants must have paid fully paid into the current fiscal year of the Little Italy Business Improvement District. The Directors shall be elected in accordance with Article 4, Sections 1 and 2 for staggered two (2) year terms beginning on the date of election to replace those Directors whose terms are then expiring.

SECTION 2. POWERS

Subject to the provisions of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation law, and any limitations in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws relating to action required or permitted to be taken or approved by the members, if any, of this corporation, the activities and affairs of this corporation shall be conducted and all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the direction of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. DUTIES

It shall be the duty of the Directors to:

- A) Perform any and all duties imposed on them collectively or individually by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation, or by these Bylaws;
- B) Appoint and remove, employ and discharge, and, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, prescribe the duties and fix the compensation, if any, of all officers, agents and employees of the corporation;
- C) Supervise all officers, agents and employees of the corporation to assure that their duties are performed properly;
- D) Meet at such times and places as required by these Bylaws;
- E) Register their addresses with the Secretary of the corporation and notices of meetings mailed or telegraphed to them at such addresses shall be valid notices thereof.

SECTION 4. COMPENSATION

Directors shall serve without compensation except that they shall be allowed and paid their actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending Directors meetings, only after adoption of a written Board policy concerning this provision. In addition, they shall be allowed reasonable advancement or reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their regular duties as specified in Section 3 of this Article. Directors may not be compensated for rendering services to the corporation in any capacity other than Director unless such other compensation is



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**Little Italy Association of San Diego
Organization Committee & Finance Meeting
Friday, August 21, 2020 / 10:00 am - LIA Office & Virtual**

PRESENT Steve Galasso, Lou Palestini, Jeri Keiller, Danny Mocerì, Luke Vinci, Vito Altieri, Kathi Meyer, Perry Meyer, Catt White, Jack Pecoraro, Catt White,

STAFF Marco Li Mandri, Chris Gomez, Dianne Serna De Leon

MINUTES

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION TAKEN
Minutes from July 24	Luke made a motion to approve minutes, Steve second.	Unanimously approved
Next Meeting	September 18 th 10:00 AM	Unanimously approved
Amici Park	RFP is out and we are waiting on final quotes to come in. We are waiting for other bids. We received 2 bids that are a million dollars apart. Hoping for more and then we will interview them.	Non-Taken
Amici House	Convivio Coffee Cart All requirements city and county regulations are met. They are only using the bathrooms for patrons only. Other things discussed about hardscape or soft scape they need to inform LIA of concept so we can approve. Amici House agreed to the requirements. Landscaping issues were discussed and Scott and his team are taking care of it. Sicilian Cart: Is going to have dressed up landscaping.	Non-Taken
Davi Tours	There is no update, we will circle back at a later time.	Non-Taken
Piazza Basilone	Scott is wrapping up the landscaping at Piazza Basilone. It should be completed in the next 2 weeks.	Non-Taken
1 year left on LIA Office Lease	Lease is coming up next year and we need to find a place to operate our organization. The personal guarantee is in Marco LiMandri's name and it should be moved out.	Non-Taken
Seeking Grants for PATH for Homeless Intervention	Trying to get a 100k grant to help mitigate Little Italy homeless issues.	Non-Taken
OLD Business Pizza Della Famiglia	Someone put bubbles in the fountain at the Piazza. It's been drained and cleaned out.	Non-Taken
Meeting Adjourned	11:41 am	

Minutes taken by Luke Vinci, Secretary

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
FOR 2020-2021/2022 BOARD SLATE
Recommended on September 1, 2020**

Per our bylaws:

- Allowed up to 35 Members.
- 2/3 of the overall Board must be Property Owners.

2019-2021 Roster:

- Property Directors: 10
- Business Directors: 3

TWO-YEAR TERMS:

Business Directors (2 Recommended):

1. Joey Busalacchi*
2. Sandi Cottrell

Property Owner Directors (8 Recommended):

1. Ryan Blum*
2. Olivia Connolly*
3. Rich Gustafson
4. Daniel Mocerì
5. Jack Pecoraro
6. Father Joe Tabigue
7. Bryan Thompson
8. Luke Vinci

ONE-YEAR TERM:

Community-at-Large Representatives (6 Recommended):

1. Joe Cordileone
2. Melanie Dellas
3. Lou Palestini
4. Frank Stiriti
5. Catt White
6. Tom Zolezzi

Residential Tenant Representatives (0 Recommended)

Total of Recommended 2020-2021/2022 Board Members: 16

* *New Consideration*

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Little Italy Association Finance Committee
Outdoor Dining Task Force
Friday, August 21st, 2020, 8:30 a.m.
Piazza della Famiglia

Present: Michelle Van Rooyen, Luke Vinci, Steve Galasso, Bryan Thompson, Joey Busalacchi,

Staff: Marco Li Mandri, Chris Gomez

Minutes:

The Outdoor Dining Task Force was set up by Finance Committee to review rental fees for Piazzas and public spaces used throughout Little Italy during the COVID crisis. The following items were reviewed and decisions made:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Explanation</i>	<i>Decision made</i>
Piazza Basilone rental	Civico is currently using this spot for outdoor dining due to COVID restrictions on indoor dining. It would be used seven days per week, 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	\$2,000 per month for June, July and August. \$3,000 per month once the County allows for indoor dining again. Approved
Piazza Pescatore rental	Café Gratitude has requested use of the Piazza Pescatore for their outdoor dining. They have made the inquiry and if they agree, would be used 7 days per week throughout the day.	\$1,000 per month for full use during COVID. Approved
Piazza della Famiglia table rentals	A long discussion occurred on the use of Piazza tables to help adjacent businesses that don't have street frontage as well as hoping to offset the cost of maintenance of the Piazza.	60% of the tables must remain open to the public daily and 40% may be rented to adjacent businesses. Additionally insured must include the City of San Diego, the LIA and HG Fenton. Cost would be \$500 per month. Any use of alcohol must be coordinated with the Food Hall. Approved.

Minutes taken by Marco Li Mandri, staff

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August 18, 2020

Tung Nguyen
Sr. Procurement and Contracts Analyst
San Diego Housing Commission
1122 Broadway, Suite 500
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Coordinated Street Outreach Program Request for Proposals (RFP) #HHI-21-16

Dear Mr. Nguyen,

On behalf of Little Italy Association of San Diego, we are writing to indicate our support of PATH San Diego's proposal in response to the San Diego Housing Commission's Coordinated Street Outreach Program RFP. Through this program, PATH San Diego will provide targeted street outreach and rapid response services to San Diegans experiencing homelessness. The organization's experience in innovative outreach strategies and history serving the most vulnerable of the homeless population position them to succeed in connecting clients to permanent homes and stabilizing supportive services.

The Little Italy Association's mission is to manage the special benefit services provided to residents and property owners, as well as businesses in the Little Italy community of Downtown.

We have served this purpose since our formation in 1996. PATH has recently provided services to our community similar to those proposed for the Coordinated Street Outreach Program. Their initial program in interacting with homeless individuals in Little Italy has shown real progress over the course of 3 weeks of implementing their services.

From our experience in working with PATH San Diego, we are confident in their ability to achieve the outcomes established for the Housing Commission's proposed program. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at marco@newcityamerica.com or 619 233-3898.

Sincerely,

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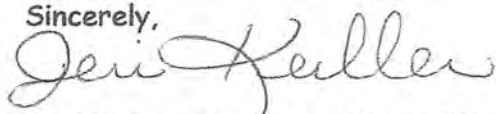
The Little Italy Residents Association would like to support PATH San Diego's proposal in response to the San Diego Housing Commission's Coordinated Street Outreach Program RFP. We believe PATH San Diego is the right organization to provide much needed help to our neighborhood to improve the homeless situation we face. Through this program, PATH San Diego will provide targeted street outreach and rapid response services to San Diegans experiencing homelessness.

The Little Italy Residents Association represents over 6000 residents. We are dedicated to supporting residents of the Little Italy neighborhood. With the continued growth of our community, we offer the opportunity to get involved with local events, give input on new civic projects and meet neighbors. With the commitment from our citizens, we can continue to support a friendly, safe and diverse community.

In reviewing the successes of PATH programs, we are encouraged to think they can make a difference to our neighborhood. Their current programs have proven PATH San Diego's capability to successfully implement innovative approaches to homeless services. They have the experience, techniques, and skills needed to engage and house the vulnerable and hard to reach of the homeless population, which describes the homeless in our neighborhood.

PATH San Diego will be an effective partner in San Diego's efforts to end homelessness and we are confident in their ability to achieve the desired outcomes of the Coordinated Street Outreach Program. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at liraSanDiego@gmail.com or at 619-415-7059.

Sincerely,



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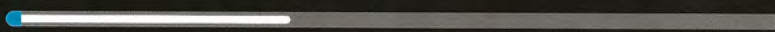


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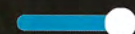
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- State prison officials say as many as 17,600 California inmates may be released early due to the coronavirus, 70% more than previously estimated and a total that victims and police say includes dangerous criminals who should stay locked up.

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The releases also are causing consternation as probation officers and community organizations scramble to provide housing, transportation and other services for inmates who may pose a public health risk because several hundred have been paroled while still contagious.

"It has just been a total madhouse, quite frankly, and we're doing this in the midst of a pandemic," said Karen McDaniel, the statewide transportation and services liaison between community groups and corrections officials.

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Among those released was Terebea Williams, 44, who served 19 years of an 84 years-to-life sentence for first-degree murder, carjacking and kidnapping. She was freed last week after being deemed at high medical risk for the virus.

Williams' victim, Kevin "John" Ruska, picked her up to drive her to work in 1998 but the pair argued and Williams forced him into the trunk of his own car at gunpoint. She shot him when he tried to escape, then brought the wounded man more than 700 miles (1,126 kilometers) from Tacoma, Washington, to a motel in Davis, California. There she gagged him and tied him to a chair. He died from the infected wound.

"Why is an inmate's rights more important than a victim's?" said his outraged sister, Dena Love.

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig, whose office prosecuted Williams, and the advocacy group Crime Victims Alliance complained that victims and prosecutors are given little notice and no opportunity to object to the releases.

The virus is spread by coughs and sneezes and can quickly sweep through a prison setting. So far 51 inmates have died and there have been more than 8,400 cases among prisoners.

Nearly 2,000 state prison system employees also have been infected and eight have died. The

latest, Sgt. Seeyengkee Ly, who worked at Valley State Prison in Chowchilla, died on Aug. 2 from pneumonia complications after contracting COVID-19.

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Officials have been under intense pressure from advocates, some state lawmakers and two federal judges to release more inmates, particularly after a botched transfer of infected inmates into San Quentin State Prison led to the state's worst prison outbreak. Nearly 170 inmates still are infected there and 23 died, including 11 on death row. More than 2,000 have either recovered or were released while infected.

Demonstrators who chained themselves to the fence outside Gov. Gavin Newsom's home last week said he has "presided over dozens of preventable deaths in state prisons" by not freeing far more inmates.

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The first 3,500 inmates were freed in April to create space in crowded prisons and 6,900 more were deemed eligible for release in early July. Officials said other inmates would be eligible under different release programs but couldn't provide an estimate.

In a filing last week with a federal judge who oversees one of the major lawsuits facing the prison system, officials increased the estimated total of releases from 10,400 to 17,600. However, prison officials say Corrections Secretary Ralph Diaz is likely to block the release of about 5,500, in part because many are serving life prison sentences.

Nationwide, more than 100,000 people were released from state and federal prisons between March and June, a decrease of 8%, according to an analysis by The Marshall Project and The Associated Press.

California Police Chiefs Association president Eric Nuñez said he understands the urgency of reducing the prison population but is alarmed by the release of some violent criminals "without a consideration for the larger impact on public safety." He said the chiefs want to work with prison officials on improving the decision-making process.

All told, corrections officials plan to release 11,500 inmates by the end of August, an estimate that brought McDaniel to near tears as she recounted some of the struggles to find them temporary housing. She is the founder and executive director of Place4Grace, which runs

literacy and visitation programs in 16 of the state's 35 prisons.

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The burden is often on inmate relatives, who often rush to remote prisons with little notice, then line up in their vehicles for hours as they await their loved ones' release.

It's her job to arrange transportation for those who don't have other arrangements, particularly inmates who are supposed to quarantine because they are released while they are still infected with COVID-19. They may be sent to hotel rooms through a program run by the corrections department and two other state agencies called Project Hope.

But that leaves loopholes, McDaniel said.

One infected inmate was told not to leave his Sacramento motel room during a two-week quarantine. "We had to send somebody there to get him clothes, to get him food," she said.

In another example, she said state officials asked her community organizations to launder clothing for multiple inmates sequestered at a hotel.

"It's just been a heartbreaking task from beginning to end," she said. "It didn't have to happen like this."

The good news, McDaniel said, is that through a lot of effort officials have been able to avoid what Newsom said was his greatest fear from mass releases - leaving infected ex-convicts homeless.

"There is no one coming out that does not have a bed to go to," McDaniel said. "No one is being dumped on a street corner anywhere as a transient. That is not happening."

The bad news is there is no way to prevent infected inmates from leaving their rooms. The state has to date released nearly 300 inmates with active infections.

Inmates are tested within seven days of their scheduled release, and those who test positive are barred from leaving early, said corrections department spokeswoman Dana Simas. But inmates who reach their regular parole date must be freed, even if they are infected.

"We can't force people to quarantine, we can only offer them voluntary services like Project Hope," Simas said.

Probation officials now have just days instead of the normal months to prepare re-entry plans to provide a soon-to-be-released inmate with housing, transportation, drug or behavioral treatment, health care and training or a job.

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"Our folks are working overtime to make all of the connections," said Chief Probation Officers of California executive director Karen Pank. "But I'm not going to lie, it's a tough, tough challenge."

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