



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, March 8th, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.
Mar Vista Recreation Center Gymnasium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA
90066

AGENDA

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)
2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of February 16th, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)
4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
5. **Elected Officials and City Department Reports** (max 1 min. each unless waived by the Chair)
 - a. CD 11 – CM Mike Bonin, rep. by Field Deputy Len Nguyen Len.Nguyen@lacity.org
 - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Lizka Mendoza, Director
 - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep by Joseph Galloway joejdg92@gmail.com
 - d. US 36 – Janice Hahn
 - e. US 37 – Karen Bass, rep by District Director Maral V. Karaccusian maral@mail.house.gov
 - f. CA Assembly 54-Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, rep by Scott Malsin scott.malsin@assembly.ca.gov
 - g. US 33 – Ted Lieu, rep. by Joey Apodaca joey.apodaca@mail.house.gov
 - h. CA Assembly 47
 - i. CA Assembly 62
 - j. 2nd Dist. L. A. County Board Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly Katona, Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov
 - k. Mayor of Los Angeles – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel Tamm Daniel.tamm@lacity.org
 - l. Joel Jacinto, Department of Public Works
6. **New Business** - Action items, which may include motions to refer items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable (public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker unless waived by the Chair); items may be received and filed by consent if no discussion or public comment.
 - a. **POLICY MOTION: Small Lot Subdivision For The Barrington Corridor North Of The Intersection Of Federal And Indianapolis Avenues** (submitted by PLUM Committee)

The MVCC values the unique history, character and residential scale of the Westdale neighborhood. The existing two story apartment buildings and single-family homes along Barrington Avenue were designed to blend with the surrounding neighborhood. We support the desires of the owners in the fourteen houses that are zoned R-3 to be able to live along-side developments that are appropriate in scale. Our first preference is that these fourteen properties remain single-family homes. However if any of these properties are to be developed for other uses, the MVCC supports the small lot subdivision model over the larger apartment building model. The reasons included reduced density, better conforming to neighborhood character, and ownership model. We support in concept the plan proposed for 3277 Barrington Avenue with the following conforming stipulations as agreed to by the developer:

 - That the design and materials conform to the character of the existing neighborhood structures.
 - That the existing setback (green space) along Barrington Avenue be preserved.

- That the first structure facing Barrington Avenue has a lower profile ($\leq 34' 6''$ railing height) than the structures set further back on the lot resulting in less massing as viewed from the street. (NOTE: the railing is 42" in height by code).
- That the height the remaining structures from ground to the railing height to be $\leq 36'6''$.
- That the development adheres to a 9'1", 10'1", 9'1" ceiling height model.
- That the roof decks be stepped back from the outside perimeter to retain privacy for the neighbors and utilize the frosted glass laminate to ensure privacy and a light and pleasing roofline.
- That landscaping is designed to enhance the appearance and includes trees and hedges along the structures facing the alley to mitigate the view of the building from the single-family homes adjacent to the alley.
- That every effort be made to reduce the height (massing) of the structure. Possible considerations would include eliminating the rooftop stairwell enclosures resulting in the screened upper level stairs and handrails being the highest building element on the project. This request is an effort to find common ground with the developer and neighborhood on the project's overall height and is based on the understanding this will allow the developer to continue to provide each of their buyer's a roof deck with no change in the deck's finish floor railing height elevation, currently shown as $< 34'6''$ and its' code required 42" tall frosted glass laminate guard rail.

The MVCC appreciates the time spent and willingness of the developer to adjust plans in a manner that helps to mitigate the concerns of the community and we support this model as the only acceptable approach to the other properties on the street.

b. **POLICY MOTION: Traffic Study to Address Impending Densification of the Barrington Corridor North of the Intersection of Federal and Indianapolis Avenues** (submitted by PLUM Committee)

A recent trend is underway whereby many as 14 historically single family homes on Barrington, just north of the intersection of Federal and Indianapolis Avenues, are likely to be redeveloped as multifamily homes or apartments due to their underlying R3 zoning designation. The City of Los Angeles is also embarking on the Mobility Plan 2035 to address transportation challenges in Los Angeles. Given that the resulting densification will significantly increase cumulative trips generated in the corridor, the MVCC hereby requests that the 11th District Council Office (Councilmember Mike Bonin) coordinate with the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation to conduct an expedited comprehensive traffic circulation study of the Barrington Corridor area to address impacts and develop potential mitigations, including but not limited to:

- Assess the potential for a signal crossing at Navy Avenue across Barrington Avenue to facilitate pedestrian crossings and vehicular turning movements onto Barrington Avenue;
- Assess the impact at ingress and egress of the alleys on Federal and Indianapolis Avenues, just east and west of Barrington, that are likely to provide access for all the additional off-street parking required to serve the developments. Safety issues that need to be addressed include conflicts in turning movements at the alleys so close to the intersection of Barrington Avenue, and the blind curve on Federal Avenue approaching the alley access;
- Assess the impact and effectiveness of the timing of lights and turn signals at the intersections of Barrington & National, Barrington & Federal, and McLaughlin & Palms;
- Assess the impact and effectiveness of a 4-way stop at the intersection of Federal & Barry/Colbert.
- Installation of a continental crosswalk on the East side of the Barrington & Federal intersection;
- Assess the impact of potential cut-through traffic, speeding and safety on the parallel streets, Stoner, Stanwood, Barry, Clover, Colbert and Federal Avenues, and develop proposed mitigations; and
- Assess the potential impacts on the path of travel of students walking or biking to Mar Vista Elementary School and on drop-off and pick-up at Mar Vista Elementary.

- c. **POLICY MOTION: Bay Delta Conservation Plan** (submitted by Green Committee)
Whereas the analysis done by the LADWP Ratepayer Advocate per the MVCC Motion of October 8th, 2013 (see Attachment A) evaluated this project at a significantly lower cost, it does not accurately reflect the cost to Mar Vista Stakeholders. At the current projected cost of \$67 billion, this will impose an estimated average cost of \$5,000-\$10,000 to each Mar Vista household over the life of the project.

Whereas the tunnels won't deliver any new water to Los Angeles, are estimated to cost between \$25 and \$67 billion (approximately \$1.6 to 10 billion Los Angeles share), and would actually undermine Los Angeles' water security, the creation of thousands of local jobs, and would benefit special interests at the expense of Los Angeles ratepayers. Already MWD has taken from LA taxpayers upwards of 300 million intended for tunnels construction, and Mayor Garcetti appointees have voted in support of these motions.

Whereas the twin tunnels would siphon billions we need to support Mayor Garcetti's goals for a more self-sufficient and reliable water system in LA. Mayor Garcetti's Emergency Drought Directive calls for reducing our dependence on imported water, and increasing local water supply sources such as storm water, replenishing groundwater aquifers, and recycled water. As Garcetti's directive states, imported water is not only exponentially more expensive than local water sources, but is at immediate and long term risk because of impacts from climate change and the drought. As these necessary investments are estimated to be over \$2 billion, ratepayer money should not be wasted on constructing new tunnels that would primarily benefit special interests.

Be it resolved, that the Mar Vista Community Council opposes the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), "Twin Tunnels," or "California Water Fix" and any effort to divert the Sacramento River.

Be it further resolved that we urge Mayor Eric Garcetti to take action to ensure that ratepayers aren't harmed, specifically by directing his appointees at the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) to vote no on any measure that would spend ratepayer or taxpayer money on the tunnels.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Attachment A: October, 2013, MVCC Policy Motion

Attachment B: Los Angeles Los Angeles Groups Opposed to the Bay Delta Tunnels & California Water Fix

Separate documents:

- DWP Ratepayer Advocate Analysis (separate document)
- Food and Water Watch Analysis of Ratepayer Impact of Bay Delta Conservation Plan (separate document)
- Mayor Eric Garcetti Executive Directive No. 5: Emergency Drought Response- Creating a Water Wise City

- d. **POLICY MOTION: Special NPG Rule Resolution** (submitted by ExFin Committee)

WHEREAS neighborhoods are composed inherently of stakeholders with interleaved allegiances and agendas; and

WHEREAS managing conflicts of interest is very much the business of any neighborhood council board member; and

WHEREAS all board members sign a code of conduct and attend ethics training; and

WHEREAS Neighborhood Councils are mandated to reflect the diverse interests within their area (Charter Sec. 906(a)(3); Plan Art. II Sec.1); and

WHEREAS MVCC is currently conducting outreach to encourage diverse Stakeholders, *including parents*, to run for seats on their Council; and

WHEREAS parents of school-age children are a significant and important segment of MVCC's district; and

WHEREAS knowing that their membership on the MVCC Board would block any Neighborhood Purpose Grants to their children's schools is a disincentive to run; and

WHEREAS invoking guidance disqualifying NPGs for an individual local school if any Neighborhood Council Board Member has a child at the school is discriminatory and antithetical to the NC charter;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mar Vista Community Council Board requires an opinion from the City Attorney confirming that this guidance is valid.

- e. **POLICY MOTION: Resolution supporting animal rights** (directors' motion submitted by Sherri Akers)

The Mar Vista Community Council supports [Council File 15- 0843](#) (see Attachment C) by Councilmember Paul Koretz and Mitch O'Farrell and urges the City to -

1. INSTRUCT the Department of Animal Services (DAS) and the Housing and Community investment Department (HCID) to solicit input from stakeholders in the Los Angeles rental housing market in regard to approaches that could facilitate the expansion of animal adoptions by tenants in residential rental properties to include.
 - a. Programs to better inform tenants of their rights in regard to animal ownership while taking into consideration the welfare of the animals.
 - b. Concerns, in regard to both financial issues and physical property, that landlords and other tenants may have
2. INSTRUCT the DAS and HCID to review programs and concepts in other cities to determine if their provisions should be considered as a basis for developing approaches applicable in the City of Los Angeles.

98 percent of Denver properties accept cats and 93 percent accept small dogs. Yet 62 percent of Los Angeles rental properties refuse animals completely. This is considered to be a major obstacle to achieving no kill shelters. With a critical shortage of housing in Los Angeles, having to find housing that accepts pets makes it even more challenging. The MVCC applauds and thanks the Councilmembers for taking action on this issue.

- f. **POLICY MOTION: Utility Box Painting** (directors' motion submitted by Robin Doyno)

WHEREAS Mar Vista benefits from beautification projects, and

WHEREAS The Utility Box Painting Projects in other areas of our fair city have enriched, enlivened and civilized the public area, and

WHEREAS the Senior, Artist, and Youth Communities can all share in the creation of The Mar Vista Utility Box Project, and

WHEREAS the Venice Boulevard and Grandview pilot utility box painting enriched the inaugural Mar Vista Art Walk and currently stands as an aesthetic plus to our de facto town square, and

WHEREAS the Los Angeles District Council Office 11 has supported and continues to support the previous iteration as well as the current effort to advance our cultural profile, and

WHEREAS Mar Vista will benefit from the inclusion of the visual history of our community in the Utility Box Painting Project, and

WHEREAS the community will benefit from a juried decision to select 15 to 20 artists to render their submissions on utility boxes by a jury composed of 2 MVCC EACC members, 2 city council staff members and 2 at large community members, and

WHEREAS MVCC EACC shall produce, distribute and post a call for submissions and time line, conduct a selecting jury, post results and execute a letter of understanding, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mar Vista Community Council shall ask Los Angeles District Council Office 11 to embrace and sponsor the above listed project.

7. **Officers and Liaison Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)

- a. Chair-Bill Koontz
- b. First Vice Chair – Mitchell Rishe
- c. Second Vice Chair – John Kuchta
- d. Secretary –Melissa Stoller
- e. Treasurer-William Scheduling: NOTE: All funding motions must conform to all Empower funding guidelines and must be funded and paid in fiscal year 2015-16 or they will expire. All NPG and CIG grants approved by the Mar Vista Community Council are restricted funds according to Department of Neighborhood Empowerment regulations and must be used for the exact purpose approved by the MVCC. All Neighborhood Council Funding reports are available online at <http://done.lacity.org/onlinefunding/ncfunding.aspx>.
 - i. Report on current financial status

- ii. **APPROVAL** of December Monthly Expense Report (MER)
 - iii. **APPROVAL** of January Monthly Expense Report (MER)
 - iii. **APPROVAL** of March Monthly Expense Report (MER)
 - iv. **Funding Motion: PO BOX** (submitted by ExFin Committee)
The Mar Vista Community Council approves reimbursing Bill Koontz \$132 for renewal of our PO Box.
 - v. **Funding Motion: Mar Vista Eco Car Expo publicity** (submitted by Green Committee)
The Mar Vista Community Council approves the allocation of up to \$700 for the printing of Eco Car Expo publicity materials including flyers, banners and signage for the A Frames.
 - v. **Funding Motion: Mark Twain CIP to NPG reallocation** (Directors motion submitted by Bill Scheduling)
The Mar Vista Community Council approves funding the Mark Twain MS Community Improvement Program grant approved at the February 16, 2016, Board of Directors meeting as a Neighborhood Purpose Grant.
 - f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison: Linda Guagliano lindaguag@netzero.net
 - g. DWP MOU Liaison: Myra Boime
 - h. LANCC Liaison: Open (Bill Koontz reporting)
 - i. DWP Recycled Water Liaison: Christopher McKinnon www.ladwp.com/recycledwater
 - j. Fall Festival Liaison: Albert Olson
 - k. City Budget: John Kuchta
 - l. Recode LA: Sharon Commins
 - m. Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce: Sarah Auerswald <http://marvistachamber.com/>
 - n. Animal Services Liaison: Steve Boskin
8. **Zone Director Reports** – (may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; public comment permitted)
- a. Zone 1 – Ken Alpern
 - b. Zone 2 – Brad Wilhite
 - c. Zone 3 – Bill Scheduling
 - d. Zone 4 - Michael Millman
 - e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin
 - f. Zone 6 – Valerie Davidson
9. **Committee Reports** - (may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; public comment permitted)
- a. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs
 - b. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz & Sherri Akers, Co-Chairs
 - c. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Michelle Krupkin, Co-Chairs
 - d. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** - Steve Wallace & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs; Michael Millman, Vice-Chair
 - e. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Brad Wilhite, Robin Doyno & Sara Roos, Co-Chairs
 - f. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Valerie Davidson & Martin Rubin, Co-Chairs
 - g. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota, Chair
 - h. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs
 - i. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sarah Auerswald & John Kuchta, Co-Chairs
 - j. **Elections and By-laws**- Bill Koontz, chair
 - k. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin, chair
 - l. **Aging in Place** - Sherri Akers, Tatjana Luethi & Birgitta Kastenbaum, Co-Chairs
 - m. **Homeless Issues Committee** – Robin Doyno, Chair

10. Discussion Calendar

11. **Unfinished Business** - Action items held over from previous meeting (Public comment permitted)
12. **Grievances**, if any, received
13. **Future agenda items**
14. **Public Comment**
15. **Adjournment**

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ATTACHMENT A: October, 2013, MVCC Policy Motion

OCTOBER 14, 2013
VIA EMAIL



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To: The Honorable Mike Bonin, Councilmember, 11th District City of Los Angeles mike.bonin@lacity.org
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Re: **BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN/RATEPAYER ADVOCATE**

Dear Councilmembers:

At the regularly scheduled meeting held October 8, 2013, The Mar Vista Community Council approved the following policy motion by a unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, the Office of Public Accountability (OPA) is a Los Angeles City department established by voter-approved Charter Amendment I (adopted March 8, 2011) in order to shed greater light on the Department of Water & Power's (DWP) operations and finances and to serve as an independent watchdog, charged with analyzing proposed increases in water and power rates on a timely and continuous basis; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta), the hub of California's water supply, is facing major challenges, including aging levees, seismic instability, increased urbanization, ecosystem degradation, a lack of fresh water, and a reduced and inconsistent annual snowpack and potential sea-level rise and flooding resulting from the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles purchases, on average, 50% of its water supply from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD); 90% of the City's MWD water is from the Delta via the State Water Project (SWP); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) includes building at a cost of tens of billions of dollars, two 35-mile tunnels to divert a portion of the Sacramento River in a stated attempt to achieve a reliable water supply for California and a healthy Delta ecosystem. The City's ratepayers would be expected to contribute substantially to pay for the BDCP; and

WHEREAS, the DWP has previously announced a policy of purchasing less imported water and pursuing lower cost options of increasing the City's local water supply – its Urban Water Management Plan includes taking the local water supply from 10% to 37% by 2035. These options include greater conservation, wastewater recycling, stormwater capture, grey water systems, new building and fixture standards, aquifer cleanup and infrastructure repair and maintenance. As the production of "local water" by the City will benefit the entire state, the costs should not fall exclusively upon the Los Angeles ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, in early August, 2013, the Brown Administration released a draft statewide economic report of costs and benefits of the BDCP. The Public Draft Plan of the BDCP is scheduled to be released in October. As of August 25, 2013, the City's Ratepayer Advocate has not yet released a report detailing the BDCP's impact upon the City's ratepayers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by adoption of this resolution, the Mar Vista Community Council respectfully requests that the Ratepayer Advocate provide an independent, peer-reviewed, cost-benefit analysis of the impact of the BDCP to Mar Vista ratepayers, including an analysis of the externalities – environmental or otherwise, including the expansion of the local job market when building a local water supply – involved in the BDCP, contrast these costs per acre foot with other sources of water, including efficiency-demand management, recycled water, stormwater capture and desalination; and publicly submit this analysis to the Mar Vista Community Council, the other Neighborhood Councils and the Los Angeles City Council for their consideration and comment before the BDCP moves forward.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the matter,


Sharon Commins, Chair
Mar Vista Community Council
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ATTACHMENT B: Los Angeles Groups Opposed to the Bay Delta Tunnels & California Water

Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE)
Angeles Sierra Club
Center for Human Rights & Constitutional Law
Downtown Neighborhood Council
East Los Angeles Community Corporation
Food & Water Watch
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council
Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council
Los Angeles WaterKeeper
Mar Vista Neighborhood Council - independent cost benefit analysis
Midtown North Hollywood Neighborhood Council
North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council
Northridge East Neighborhood Council
Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Palms Neighborhood Council
Pico Neighborhood Council
Progressive Democrats of Santa Monica Mountains
Rampart Village Neighborhood Council
Studio City Neighborhood Council – Final EIR
The River Project
Westside Neighborhood Council
Westwood Neighborhood Council
Union de Vecinos
Winetka Neighborhood Council

Other Statewide

Concerned Citizens Water Coalition
Dean Democratic Club of Silicon Valley
AquAlliance
California Save our Streams Council
California Water Impact Network
Center for Biological Diversity
Environmental Protection Information Center
Environmental Water Caucus
POWER, Public Officials for Water and Environmental Reform
Restore the Delta
Southern California Watershed Alliance
Trinity Lake Revitalization Alliance
Marin Water Coalition
San Mateo County Democracy for America

Fishing

California Sportfishing Protection Alliance
California Striped Bass Association – Isleton-Delta Chapter
Fish Sniffer Magazine
Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers

Farming and Agricultural

Agricola Flora and Fauna Ranch
California State Grange

Business

BPF Investments
Cole Law Firm
Dave Hieb Surveying

ATTACHMENT C: Animal Rights

File No. 15-0843

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to soliciting input in regard to programs and regulations that could facilitate the expansion of animal adoptions by tenants in residential rental properties.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Koretz - O'Farrell):

1. INSTRUCT the Department of Animal Services (DAS) and the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) to solicit input from stakeholders in the Los Angeles rental housing market in regard to approaches that could facilitate the expansion of animal adoptions by tenants in residential rental properties to include:
 - a. Programs to better inform tenants of their rights in regard to animal ownership while taking into consideration the welfare of the animals.
 - b. Concerns, in regard to both financial issues and physical property, that landlords and other tenants may have.
2. INSTRUCT the DAS and HCID to review programs and concepts in other cities to determine if their provisions should be considered as a basis for developing approaches applicable in the City of Los Angeles.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For, if amended: Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council

(Housing Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Summary:

On November 18, 2015, your Committee considered a Motion (Koretz - O'Farrell) relative to soliciting input in regard to programs and regulations that could facilitate the expansion of animal adoptions by tenants in residential rental properties. According to the Motion, more than 2 million City residents (approximately 62 percent) are tenants and estimates are that more than half the housing stock consists of rental units that do not accept companion animals. In Denver, by contrast, 98 percent of apartment communities accept cats, 93 percent accept small dogs and 66 percent accept large dogs, all without negatively impacting the perception that the city provides a high quality of life for its residents.

With the City striving to achieve "no kill" status relative to adoptable animals, reaching the goal will require encouraging and, when possible, facilitating adoptions in rental units. Doing so requires seeking and fostering cooperation and understanding between tenants and landlords with regard to companion animals. An American Humane Association survey of shelters in 93 U.S. cities has reported that "moving" is the most common reason given for pet guardians relinquishing their animals to shelters, and "landlord restrictions" ranks fourth. Data collected by the Santa Clara, CA Humane Society indicates that about 26 percent of relinquishments are due to such restrictions.

City shelters report that, since 2011, at least 22.6 percent of relinquished dogs and 18.6 percent of relinquished cats were turned in due to issues relating to tenancy restrictions. Pet guardians who have lost their homes due to economic circumstances often find themselves unable to find rental housing in which they could continue to keep their animals. In other cases landlords have, upon occasion, insisted that existing tenants get rid of their animals or face eviction. In many such cases the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance protects the tenants, but unfortunately those tenants are not aware of their rights under the law.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the Motion, as amended. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KORETZ	YES
RYU	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON	YES
ARL	

1/19/15

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