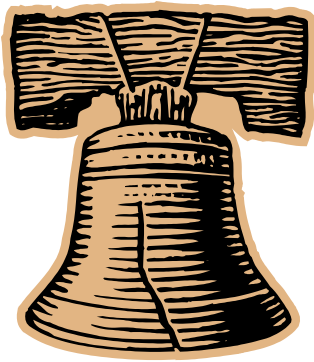




San Lorenzo Village Homes Association— Since 1945

Village Voice

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IMPORTANT MEETING ON A NEW MARIJUANA ORDINANCE

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors (BOS) will be hosting their second special meeting to discuss a new proposed marijuana ordinance on Wednesday, July 22nd at 6:30pm in the San Lorenzo Community Hall.

The Association Board has presented the BOS with the following minimum standards we believe are critical if any more dispensaries are allowed in our community:

1. Hours of operation were to be 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM
2. No sales of marijuana were to take place outside the building
3. Security should be provided by a member of the Alameda County's Sheriff Department (paid for by the clinic). This would help prevent or eliminate crimes at the facility and perhaps armed robbery of individuals in the immediate neighborhood
4. Location should be in proximity to medical facilities, pharmacies, or related services.
5. They must not be located in any facilities near a school or in any area where children are likely to travel, recreate, or otherwise spend any significant time.
6. These Cooperatives should in no way be allowed to operate in Redevelopment areas, where considerable tax dollars, county staff and consultant time have been invested.
7. Members of a Cooperative or collaborative shall not be allowed to grow marijuana in residential neighborhoods. Instead, they must buy from an approved commercial grower with a facility in a rural area.
8. The Alameda County Sheriffs Dept shall lead agency in the enforcement of this ordinance.
9. The Board of Supervisors should agree not to accept any personal campaign contributions from these Cooperatives.

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Our Board has encouraged the Board of Supervisors to listen to our concerns, that is why they will be coming to our Community. Please plan to participate in this extremely important meeting.

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STREET SWEEPING IN SAN LORENZO WILL BE CUT DRASTICALLY THIS YEAR

By Wulf Bieschke, President, San Lorenzo Village Homes Association

This past week the Association was told that because the State is taking County road funds we will no longer receive any assistance from the County related to our Street Sweeping Activities. This means that the Association will probably only be able to accomplish about 65% of the wintertime sweeping that we have done in previous years. In addition, the County will no longer be picking up bulky trash such as couches in the streets.

At last month's Board meeting, the entire Board agreed to write a letter to our State representatives, which we have done. We also sent the following article to the Daily Review, which was published. As leaders of the community, we strongly believe it is necessary to voice our anger at the way the State has handled their budget issues. However, we need all of you to help. At the end of this article are ways you, too, may protest the State stealing our local County funds.

My Word Article: STOP ROBBING OUR LOCAL FUNDS

Our Homes Association represents over 5,700 homes in Unincorporated Alameda County, with many local government services provided by Alameda County. Our Association has been actively involved in the County budget process, and our Administrator has been a member of the County Budget Advisory Committee for the past fifteen years. We have seen bad years during these times, but I believe we can all agree, this current fiscal year and the next couple of years present some extraordinarily serious fiscal challenges to state and local leaders.

We believe the County has taken some responsible steps to balance their budget this year, even though the results will mean members of our community will suffer from these cuts. What is totally unacceptable to us as a community is to have the State take or borrow any more of our local monies. We have reviewed the current proposal to raid County and City coffers by shifting more of the gasoline tax to the State as well as suspending Proposition 42 funding, and requiring deferral of Redevelopment funds back to the State. Local gas tax funds have been a reliable source of funding for local road repair and maintenance since the 1970's, and losing these funds would be devastating. Local transportation projects also provide jobs, which in turn provide income tax and sales tax revenue to the state. Taking these funds will only hurt California communities and businesses, and ultimately will reduce state revenues. Redevelopment funds are the primary vehicle for communities like San Lorenzo to rebuild our devastated business community, which in turn improves our overall quality of life.

We are urging you to contact your State representative immediately and let them know it is important to vote against any measure that will take any money away from local governments. Cities and counties provide much needed services directly to constituents and many local jurisdictions are already severely crippled due to the economy. We know the State is having fiscal problems just like the County and cities. However, the State needs to balance its budget within its own resources. We need our local services. Local revenue must stay at the local levels to protect essential local services!

Contact numbers/emails are as follows: Ellen Corbett, (510) 577-2310 or (916) 651-4010 or email senator.corbett@senate.ca.gov; Mary Hayashi (510) 583-8818 or (916) 319-2018 or email Assemblymember.Hayashi@assembly.ca.gov. Finally, if you are interested in participating in a rally contact us at (510) 276-4554 ext 6 or email slzvha@aol.com.