PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES (8/29/24 MEETING)

On August 29, 2024, the Public Safety Committee of the SCNC held a regular meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Committee members who were present: Jeff Hartwick (Chair & Corresponding Secretary), Charlotte Larsen (Board Member), Jerry Lewis (Board Member), Patty Kirby (Stakeholder), Jill Anderson (Stakeholder), Luis Oliart (Stakeholder). Quorum established.

2. The chair delivered a brief opening statement. The National Night Out event at Beeman Park was discussed. For next year, suggestions were made to obtain a budget ahead of time and begin planning earlier.

3. Public comments were made by a stakeholder on crime issues.

4. SLO David Nguyen briefed the committee about crime in the community. Burglaries are on the increase. There was an aggravated assault on Ventura Blvd. Grand theft auto crimes are up, especially Kias and Hyundais. Zero bail policies result in no consequences re crimes.

5. Luis Oliart provided an update. He did a Metro run to check out safety. TAP machines are effective. He suggested doing a request for action regarding the installation of more TAP machines at Metro stations.

6. Jerry Lewis gave an update about the Neighborhood Leadership Team (NLT) progress.

7. Discussion of possible motion regarding Council File 23-0002-S151, which would support the leasing of space under freeways to store RVs used by the homeless, was held. The motion, opposing this illogical proposal, passed unanimously.

8. The committee continued discussion about drafting a potential motion about anticamping ordinance revisions.

9. Future topics were discussed.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.