LWVSFC Action & Advocacy *Report to the Board*

December 21, 2021

Midtown Campus Project

At our December meeting, we continued to discuss the status of Midtown and agreed on key questions we still have. The scheduled presentation to the Governing Body on 12/8 was cancelled due to illness but we have obtained the slide decks from Rich Brown. We will contact Mr. Brown and Daniel Hernandez early in January to schedule a Zoom meeting. Our initial request for a meeting included a list of the general issues we want to discuss.

Based on the information gathered at the January meeting, we may consider redirecting or escalating our requests.

We continue to monitor project status on <https://www.midtowndistrictsantafe.com/all-events/> and <https://www.cultureconnects.site>. Note, however, that the websites are not updated regularly.

CHART

Both committee members who watched the public kick-off event on 11/14, the first Cultural History program, said it was excellent. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDUkJ34gP0NuJXB0s7uzh-w>

The opportunity to provide input via a set of open-ended questions is open on the CHART website through December. <https://www.chartsantafe.com/events>

We continue to watch for the promised group discussions to be announced and will look for opportunities for all LWVSFC members to participate.

SFPS

There was no report at our meeting but Mary Ellen has sent summaries of the 12/9 Board meeting and the 12/13 State of the Schools address.

Good Governance

Back in March 2020, LWVSFC hosted a presentation by Councilors Abeyta and Romero-Wirth (with City staff) about their proposed changes to City processes. The League set up a Good Governance project, to be chaired by Jody Larson, to work with the Councilors. The project was originally under A&A, changed to a stand-alone effort, and then dropped from the League organization chart when it appeared to have been shelved by the Councilors.

In November, Councilor Romero-Wirth let Debbie Helper and Judy Williams know that a revision of the Governing Body Procedural Rules had been drafted and was scheduled for committee and possibly GB review in December. She asked if we would review the draft and provide our feedback; the request was referred to A&A. This topic was one section of the March 2020 presentation.

Judy, Jody and Chris met virtually 12/7 with Councilors Abeyta, Cassutt, and Romero-Wirth, the resolution sponsors. Jody compiled a list of our specific comments and questions which we provided to the Councilors prior to the meeting. After the productive discussion, we agreed relevant League positions are consistent with key revisions and we sent a letter of support, with Board approval, to the entire Governing Body on 12/16. A copy of that letter has been submitted with this report.

Submitted by Chris Furlanetto, December 19, 2021