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Stefano Rumi
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PICO UNION NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL AD HOC YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE AGENDA

April 22nd at 6:30PM
Kolping House

1225 S. Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015

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1. Welcome remarks and Roll Call

- a) **Introduction of committee member Stefano Rumi (Co-Founder, Chair):** Growing up in the diverse neighborhoods of Los Angeles, Stefano was taught to keep three things close to his heart: service to God, service to community, and service to self.

Since childhood Stefano has strived for excellence in every task he undertakes, from academics, where he is currently top student at his high school, LACES, to sports, where he swims on the varsity swim team, and to leadership, where he is an active, prominent figure throughout Los Angeles and beyond.

Although Stefano has much interest in pursuing a career in journalism and finance, he has chosen to follow through on his aspirations to be a leader and a voice. He has worked countless hours with community organizations such as the Koreatown Youth and Community Center and the Unification of Disabled Latin Americans, and the Korean American Foundation, just to name a few, where he has made invaluable contributions to local neighborhoods by mentoring students, rallying people to promote safety and patriotism across the city, and participating in giving-back pledges and events to help those in need.

In his experience reaching out to fellow Angelinos, Stefano has found a higher calling in service to the people and working to improve conditions everywhere. Every day, he seeks a new window of opportunity to continue working tirelessly to promote the better good. Currently, Stefano serves as co-founder and chair of the Young Professionals Committee on the Pico Union Neighborhood Council, where he hopes to inspire others his age to take pride in being an Angelino and give back to the community that has given us all so much.

Stefano has been recognized both statewide and nationally for his leadership and volunteerism by the CA State Board of Equalization, the California Assembly, the United States Senate, and, most recently, by President Barack Obama.

- b) **Introduction of committee member Mario Cruz (Co-founder, Activist):** Born from Salvadorian immigrants in Los Angeles, California, Mario Cruz has become a force to be reckoned with since his first publication in the blue and white Los Angeles High School newspaper for his powerful poetry.

Not only is he concentrating on furthering his vocabulary skills, he has demonstrated a talent for graffiti and photography. After a graffiti tour from Las Vegas to Tijuana, Mexico where he filmed and photographed, Mario finds himself published on paper, yet this time for graffiti on a national publicized newspaper on the Los Angeles Times; awaking the visual and creative artist we know as Fenix Lax.

In 2011 Lax goes off to Oregon to start fresh and focus on his photography career. After participating in co-op art shows, within a year Mario landed his first major art show in Portland City Hall, dedicating a solo exhibition for Black History Month, once again landing another newspaper write-up along with local TV, radio, and magazine publicity.

He has hopes of traveling the world encapsulating historical events, scenery and starting his own nonprofit organization by putting together high end art shows where his photographs may be shown and sold to give back to historical and youth empowerment programs.

Now back in Los Angeles, California, Mario has located himself in the little neighborhood where his mother and father met back in the 80's Pico Union. Partnering up with a local nonprofit, Mario hopes to bring art shows to start the historical and youth programs for the youth of the community he was born in.

2. Discussion of local issues and concerns.

- a) Presentation of mission statement: The Young Professionals Committee is committed to helping young people in the Pico Union area find their voice in government and gain experience to become the next generation of leaders. YPC promotes education and experience by teaching members important steps of becoming a leader, offering leadership opportunities firsthand, and facilitating lasting connections. Through community outreach events and government functions, members of the YPC will mature into the leaders and heroes of tomorrow by becoming the learners of today.

3. Public comments on non-agenda items within the committee's subject matter jurisdiction.

4. Committee Member comments on non-agenda items within the committee's subject matter jurisdiction.

5. Meeting adjournment

The public is requested to fill out a “**Speaker Card**” to address the Board on any agenda item before the Committee takes an action. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, but the Board has the discretion to modify the amount of time for any speaker.

The public may comment on a specific item listed on this agenda when the Board considers that item. When the Board considers the agenda item entitled “Public Comments,” the public has the right to comment on any matter that is within the Board’s jurisdiction. In addition, the members of the public may request and receive copies without undue delay of any documents that are distributed to the Board, unless there is a specific exemption under the Public Records Act that prevents the disclosure of the record (Govt. Code § 54957.5). In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at 1225 S. Union Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90015, at our website by clicking on the following link: www.picounionnc.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact *the PUNC office at 213-738-0137*

The Ad hoc Young Professionals Committee may also call any additional special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. The agenda for the regular and special meetings is posted for public review at **1) Normandie Recreation Center 1550 S. Normandie Bl. 2) Berendo Middle School 1157 S. Berendo St. 3) Leo Politi Elementary School 2481 W. 11th St. 4) Magnolia Ave. Elementary School 1626 S. Orchard Ave. 5) Tenth Street Elementary School 1000 Grattan 6) Pico Union Branch Public Library 1030 S. Alvarado St. 7) Toberman Recreational Center 1725 Toberman St.**

The Pico Union Neighborhood Council complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and does not discriminate on the basis of any disability. Upon request, the Pico Union Neighborhood Council will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure the availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Neighborhood Council Analyst Gabriela Quintana at (213) 473-0357 or please send an e-mail that states the accommodations that you are requesting to gabriela.quintana@lacity.org.

Process for Reconsideration - An official vote or action of the Board may be reconsidered upon request as follow: a.) Reconsideration may take place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. A member of the Board, at either of the meetings shall make a motion to reconsider the action or decision. If approved by majority vote of the Board, the Board may immediately rehear the matter and take action. b.) A motion for reconsideration may only be made by a Board member who previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action or decision taken.

PROCESS FOR FILING A GRIEVANCE: Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall then refer the matter to an ad hoc grievance panel comprised of 3 Stakeholders who are randomly selected by the Council secretary from a list of Stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in serving from time-to-time on such a grievance panel. The Secretary will coordinate a time and a place for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance and to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved. Thereafter, a panel member shall prepare and submit a written report to the Board outlining the panel's collective recommendations for resolving the grievance, no later than two weeks after it has met with the person submitting the grievance. The Board of Governors may receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations prior to any meeting by the Board, but the matter shall not be discussed among the Board members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Board's failure to comply with Board Rules or these Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, and/or state and federal law. In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process, then the matter may be referred to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for consideration or dispute resolution in accordance with the Plan.