

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I have questions about the pay-to-play connections between Councilmember Yaroslavsky and the Save Our Canyon (SOC) group. SOC has been using lobbyists to try to stop this project since at least 2020 and it's clear that the board of SOC, including President Mark Levin, Vice President Robert Mann, Secretary Elizabeth Parry, Board Members Rafe Cohen, Jennifer Flackett, and Bruce Goldsmith worked to get the councilmember elected so she could help do their bidding. (Exhibit 1, Los Angeles City Ethics Department Proof of Lobbyist Firm Registration) They did the same for the prior councilmember. (Exhibit 2, Invitation to SOC Hosted Meeting Fundraiser for Paul Koretz) Councilmember Yaroslavsky received max campaign contributions from half of the SOC board members. (Exhibit 3, SOC Board Members List and Councilmember Yaroslavsky 2022 Campaign Donations from SOC Board Members) I would ask that the City Council take a look at these ethical issues and the real motivations behind Councilmember Yaroslavsky's motion. During the last council hearing, Councilmember Yaroslavsky repeatedly was utilizing the alleged unethical behavior of the developer due to an employee of a lobbying firm the developer hired who had a relationship with a staffer back in 2016 as a means to garner support amongst other council members to vote for her motion. However, since 2021 Councilmember Yaroslavsky has been receiving money directly from individual board members of SOC who want to stop this project.

SAVE OUR CANYON
STOP THE HOTEL!



ABOUT US

SAVE OUR CANYON is a non-profit created to protect the open spaces of Benedict Canyon and the Santa Monica Mountains.

We are drawn together out of a shared desired to protect the environment, the wildlife, the natural beauty of the canyon, and the quiet, tranquil quality of life for the residents of the hillside.

Our organization officially formed in the Spring of 2018. We are incorporated in the state of the California, and we are in process of receiving our 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS. We have a fourteen member board of directors who are all members of local community.

The current board members are Mark Levin (President), Robert Mann (Vice President), Guity Javid, (Treasurer), Elizabeth Parry (Secretary), Mark Ameli, Cristina Collissino, Volker Fleck, Rafe Cohen, Jennifer Flackett, Bruce Goldsmith, Matthew Post, and Caroline Fleck.

All board members are unpaid and working on behalf of the community.

We are working closely with the Benedict Canyon Association, the Hillside Federation, and other organizations with overlapping missions.

To contact us, please write to support@saveourcanyon.la.

Contribution Date	Contributor First Name	Contributor Last/Business Name	Contributor Type	Contributor Occupation	Contributor Employer	Contributor City	Contributor State	Contributor Zip	Intermediary	Intermediary Zip	Candidate/Officeholder Last Name	Amount Received	Reporting Period Begins	Reporting Period Ends	Memo	Monetary Contribution (Form 460, Schedule A) Amount
6/20/22	Mark	Levin	Individual	Producer	Netflix	Sherman Oaks	CA	91403-5345	Actblue LLP	02144-3132	Young Yaroslavy	800.00	1/1/22	6/30/22		800.00
12/27/21	Mark	Levin	Individual	Producer	Netflix	Sherman Oaks	CA	91403-5345	Actblue	02144-3132	Young Yaroslavy	800.00	7/1/21	12/31/21		800.00
9/29/22	Robert	Mann	Individual	Mediator	ADR	Beverly Hills	CA	90210-1222	Actblue LLP	02144-3132	Young Yaroslavy	800.00	9/25/22	10/22/22		800.00
9/28/22	Elizabeth	Parry	Individual	Not-Employed	N/A	Beverly Hills	CA	90210-1021	Actblue LLP	02144-3132	Young Yaroslavy	800.00	9/25/22	10/22/22		800.00
10/21/22	Rafe	Cohen	Individual	Owner	Galaxy Theatres	Beverly Hills	CA	90210-1020	Actblue LLP	02144-3132	Young Yaroslavy	-250.00	9/25/22	10/22/22		-250.00
9/24/22	Rafe	Cohen	Individual	Owner	Galaxy Theatres	Beverly Hills	CA	90210-1020	Actblue LLP	02144-3132	Young Yaroslavy	800.00	7/1/22	9/24/22		800.00
8/9/22	Rafe	Cohen	Individual	Owner	Galaxy Theatres	Beverly Hills	CA	90210-1020	Actblue LLP	02144-3132	Young Yaroslavy	250.00	7/1/22	9/24/22	Refunded in Subsequent Period.	250.00
3/28/22	Rafe	Cohen	Individual	CPA	Galaxy Theatres	Sherman Oaks	CA	91403-2484	Actblue	02144-3132	Young Yaroslavy	500.00	1/1/22	4/23/22		500.00
9/1/22	Jennifer	Flackett	Individual	Writer	Jennifer Flackett	Beverly Hills	CA	90210-1212	Actblue LLP	02144-3132	Young Yaroslavy	800.00	7/1/22	9/24/22		800.00
9/27/22	Bruce	Goldsmith	Individual	Novelist	Bruce Goldsmith	Beverly Hills	CA	90210-1223	Actblue LLP	02144-3132	Young Yaroslavy	800.00	9/25/22	10/22/22		800.00