

Jack Weiss, a fourth generation Californian, has succeeded Mike Feuer as our 5<sup>th</sup> District Councilman. Prior to his election, Councilmember Weiss served as an Assistant United States Attorney in Los Angeles, where he was assigned to the Public Corruption and Government Fraud Section.

Councilmember Weiss received his undergraduate degree with honors from Princeton University, and his law degree from UCLA, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the UCLA Law Review. He served as a law clerk to United States District Court Judge Lourdes G. Baird and practiced law in Century City prior to his service in the United States Attorney's Office.

Weiss is married to Leslie Kautz, a former Pentagon policy analyst who is a co-founder of an investment advisory firm. They have two young children.

We have asked him to be a regular contributor to our Newsletter. He has graciously agreed, and has provided us with an answer to the first of many questions which we will have for him during his tenure:

**7260 News:** Over the next year, residents of Tract 7260 face the combined challenges of several large construction projects (MGM Plaza completion, 2000 Avenue of the Stars beginning, MTA's Santa Monica Blvd. beginning) proceeding simultaneously, adjacent to our neighborhood. How can we best work with your office to protect our privacy, safety and quality of life during this time?

**Weiss:** The safety, health and quality of life of residents in my district are my top priorities as your City Councilmember, and my goal is to make our city a safer and better place to live and work.

The number one responsibility of my Council office is to provide city services to residents and neighborhoods. Improving the condition of roads, sidewalks, trees, parks and libraries makes our neighborhoods more livable.

You are, unfortunately, correct that Tract 7260 residents will be facing several large-scale projects in the coming months. I encourage neighbors to try to be as patient as possible with the unavoidable inconveniences created by these projects. However, when the disruption goes beyond an annoyance and affects your quality of life, please notify my office. I will try to help minimize the disruption caused by the related construction projects and resulting traffic whenever I can.

Additionally, I am forming a Task Force with the Department of Transportation to address traffic issues and the impact of traffic on the neighborhoods surrounding Century City. I would welcome the participation of Tract 7260 in this process. Similarly, a Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway Community Task Force has been meeting with the Department of Public Works to review plans and address issues related to the multi-year Boulevard project. I want to ensure that your voices are heard – it is important for Tract 7260 to be involved in the planning process for these projects.

If you have a neighborhood or city concern, please do not hesitate to call my West Los Angeles office on Robertson at (310) 289-0353.