LA JOLLA TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION BOARD Regular Meeting: June 15, 2022

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, LIT&T meetings are being held temporarily as online Zoom video/voice teleconferences.

Members Present: Brian Earley (Chairperson) LISA, Dave Abrams (Vice Chairperson) LICPA, Tom Brady LICPA, Donna Aprea LITC, Nancy Warwick LITC, Erik Gantzel BRCC, Patrick Ryan BRCC, Ross Rudolph LISA, Natalie Aguirre LIVMA, Bill Podway LIVMA

Members Absent: None

Approve Minutes of April 20, 2022: Gantzel, Second: Brady 9-0-0 (Abrams not available to Vote)

Chairperson Report: Several Residents of La Jolla Scenic Dr North approached City Traffic Engineers and inquired about traffic calming measures on their Street. Specifically, they asked for a stop sign at via Posada by Torrey Pines Church. They did this on their own but Brian was later asked to join the discussion. Norah Kasto, City Traffic Engineer, evaluated La Jolla Scenic Dr North for the Residents and determined that the Street could have the solar powered v calming traffic signs showing the speed of drivers but the street was not eligible for traffic calming measures. The City uses a point system to determine if a Street is eligible for a Stop Sign and La Jolla Scenic Dr North at via Posada scored just a 12 out of 20 points. The Street is not eligible for speed humps but it could be striped for bike lanes. Residents were advised of the LJT&T Board if they wanted to consider additional traffic calming measures.

Opportunity for the return of Valet Parking Service on the corner of Wall St and 7863 Girard Ave. There is interest in restarting valet service on the corner of Wall and 7863 Girard. Jodie Rudick of La Jolla Village Merchants Assn asked about its availability. In 2020 at the beginning of the Covid pandemic the valet service was stopped by the property management company who owned the valet permit. Since the Service was suspended LAZ did not renew the Permit. In order to renew the Permit, they need to have an active agreement in place with nearby business or businesses or the owner of the Building at 7863 Girard. Last year the property sold and the new property management service is called Regent PM Services. Laz is reaching out to them to inquire if they would like to renew or request the service which would have to go through Traffic Engineering. This may be appearing at a future LJT&T Board Meeting.

Natalie- referenced a past agenda item regarding this corner of Wall and Girard. If this starts up again, they have to promise to staff it otherwise it will revert back to the relentless ticket writing by parking enforcement for the City. Her suggestion would be a Thurs-Friday-Saturday only operation and we would have to review them.

June 17 2020 Meeting Agenda Item 2: La Plaza Valet and Parking: Revision of restrictions on four parking spaces in front of the La Plaza Building at 7863 Girard Ave and the associated Valet Service: At our January 2020 meeting the Board on a close 5-3-0 vote approved a Motion to recommend reduction of the four white 3-minute loading zone spaces in front of the La Plaza Building on Girard Ave. at Wall Street to two spaces, with a change to the signage to reflect clear instructions on where to park. That Motion was conveyed to the City, but subsequently a site meeting was held with representatives of the Building management, the Valet Service operators, Gary Pence from the City and Dave Abrams and Natalie Aguirre representing our Board. Pence suggested that converting the 3-minute white curb spaces to 30-minute green curb would be the best way to address the current concerns about undue ticketing of shoppers and allow for reasonable short -term parking opportunity at this location. The following is a statement of the compromise agreement reached by all of the parties: 'Convert existing four white curb 3-minute loading zone spaces to green curb short term 30-minute parking spaces from the hours of 8am to 4pm daily except Sundays and holidays, and 3-minute passenger loading from 4pm to 10pm daily. Between 10pm and 8am there will be no time restriction. The La Plaza Valet Parking program that currently operates generally on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays will be allowed from 4pm to 10pm daily at the discretion of the La Plaza

management conditioned upon City approval of their pending Valet Permit renewal application. The City will post new signage at the foot of each of the four parking spaces to reflect the restrictions as noted. In view of the several months of delay caused by the cancellation of T&T Board meeting due to Covid pandemic the City Traffic Department was informed that the consensus plan was agreeable and to move forward with implementation. City Senior Traffic Engineer Gary Pence has notified Dave that work orders have been issued and that the project is in the que for completion.

Public Comments:

Kathleen Neil- showed a picture of what a Midwestern Metal Beam Guardrail looks like because one will be installed on Torrey Pines Rd. She wants to alert everyone in the Community to the City's plans to replace the temporary guardrail, concrete k Rail, with approximately 350 linear feet of this type of Guardrail. The plans are preliminary right now and they will not know what the schedule will be until Caltrans grant money shows up in the city account. They have been awarded the Grant but have not yet received the money. Once the money is received then city staff will start their preliminary engineering. She will put her email address in the chat box for anyone interested in the project. Brian thought there would be an opportunity to design something a little more unique than the standard guardrail. Kathleen explained that since its Caltrans money they control how that money is used for the purpose that the grant was applied. She is tracking its progress but all she has right now is the description from the Grant.

Steve Hadley- Once City Staff has a preliminary design for the Guardrail, they will appear at LJT&T and LJCPA.

Diane Kane- following up on what Brian said about the area on Torrey Pines merited a little more elegance from the Guardrail. There are standards for guardrails for scenic highways, byways, and historic roads that are already approved by Caltrans. They have a catalogue of them and we should ask to see them as this project goes forward.

Mike McCormick- AB43 that allows jurisdictions to lower speed limits to 20 mph and then 15 mph. San Francisco deployed that immediately on a number of streets. We should encourage traffic and transportation to consider it for La Jolla Shores and Coastal impact zones as well as the Village. It would return some sanity to our Streets. Brian asked him if he could send him the article about San Francisco already implementing AB43. City Traffic Engineers are reading and interpreting AB43 but if he can send them an example of another municipality already implementing it maybe they will act on it. Mike believes us Locals should step up and say we really want this for our neighborhoods and our village merchant's area.

William Lynch -echoes what Mike McCormick says. The speeds on Torrey Pines Rd are unacceptable. Drivers are flying down the street and he does not ride his bike on Torrey Pines because he does not want to get clobbered. There has to be something done about it. He wants to know how he can spend his time and effort to work with the City. He heard Gary Pence's and Norah Kasto names and he is happy to spend time with them to come up with some elegant way that is respectful of our village to make it a safer friendlier place to walk and bike. The SDPD has to start showing up; do we know where our resources are going. The village contributes a lot of tax dollars but what are we doing to get our fair share.

Kate Adams -was not prepared to speak but at the mention of Torrey Pines she will say the City does not care. They think 52 stops in the Village. They do not enforce speed limits because if they stop to give someone a ticket it causes a traffic jam. She pays a lot in tax dollars but she is woken up at night by the noise of drag racing. There needs to be a sign on the Bridge at the Children's School that says Welcome to La Jolla Speed Limits Strictly Enforced.

Steve Hadley-City Council voted on the FY23 Budget on Monday, and it includes one million eighty thousand dollars for repaving all of via Capri from top to bottom. Some of the repaving was supposed to be done after SDGE completes its project but the Council Member wanted to get it done as soon as possible; one hundred thousand dollars to remedy the beach access on Spindrift Dr by the Marine Room; two hundred eighty-one thousand dollars

to add to what Caltrans is giving for the Guardrail- hopefully, that will bring one that is agreeable to the community. For the last couple of afternoons, he has spent in Bird Rock, the Village and the Shores hand delivering a Letter about Spaces for Places that was published yesterday. Every Business or Restaurant that had so much as a chair leg in the public right of way got one of these Letters. The city is mailing out to the businesses who had a temporary outdoor business occupancy permits the new rules beginning July 13 however Steve found a lot of La Jolla businesses were not on the city's list and he hand delivered them. The Council Member is serious about getting the word out about the new rules going into effect July 13. Spaces as Places is the new permanent program that everyone must get a permit to use. For any business needing more information they can contact Steve.

Agenda Item I was delayed so Agenda Item 2 was presented first.

Agenda Item 2: Letter of Support Street Promenade Avenida de la Playa- The California Coastal Commission is considering the recent effort by the La Jolla Shores Assn and La Jolla Merchants Assn in their efforts to create a permanent pedestrian only "Spaces as Places" on Avenida de la Playa. (Janie Emerson, La Jolla Shores Assn) Action Item

Janie Emerson, President of La Jolla Shores Assn: the outside dining on Avenida de la Playa which has been so popular is the brainchild of Phil Wise who spirited it through some very daunting city rules. This particular Block has been so successful that they really want to keep it going. The concern from Coastal Commission initially was twofold: access to the beach which LISA assured them that was not an issue and the other concern was parking. They discussed with the City of San Diego restriping the two Blocks on Avenida de la Playa between La Jolla Shores Dr and El Paseo Grande on the North side so there will be angled parking to recapture some spaces that were lost.

Council Member Joe LaCava wrote a Letter of Support dated June 2, 2022, for the spaces as places outdoor dining on the 2100 block of Avenida de la Playa. The La Jolla Shores Assn is in the process of writing a Letter of Support to the Coastal Commission. What they need is a Letter of Support from LJT&T showing support for this program that has been so successful and we wish it to continue. Brian drafted a Letter on behalf of LJT&T which would then go to La Jolla Community Planning Assn for Approval at their July Meeting and then sent on to the Coastal Commission. They are also encouraging individuals to write to the Coastal Commission expressing how much they have enjoyed the outdoor dining. It has been ongoing for two years now and has become a part of life for the Shores.

Brian explained that the LJT&T Letter of Support is written on La Jolla Community Planning Assn Letterhead because we are a joint committee of LJCPA. A huge concern of the California Coastal Commission is always loss of parking and it is a valid concern but the loss of 12 parking spaces on that Block did not appear to be a concern to anyone. No one is walking around complaining about the loss of twelve parking spaces and the value of this promenade is going to be groundbreaking for our community. It is a very small area, just one Block.at 2100 Avenida de la Playa.

Dear

The La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board, a joint committee of the La Jolla Community Planning Association writes today in support of the City of San Diego's "Spaces as Places "ordinance and in particular, San Diego City Council member Joe LaCava's District One letter dated June 2, 2022, to your office.

Our board considers all proposals affecting La Jolla's streets (striping, stop signs, traffic calming) and parking (curb colors, time limits). It also hears special events that require traffic control, street closure or effect on-street parking. Recommendations are forwarded to the LJCPA for ratification and then sent to the City of San Diego for recommended completion.

During the establishment of outdoor dining as a response to the pandemic, we provided recommendations to the draft regulations process for the use of the parking areas and right of ways that were to be used to the city's

Spaces as Places ordinance. **In particular**, the promenade that is being proposed for the 2100 block of Avenida de la Playa in the community of La Jolla and specifically located in the La Jolla Shores Beach community.

We concur with the points that Councilmember LaCava makes in *is* letter, that the community and beach going public adjusted quickly and did not see or feel the effects of the loss of parking. In fact, it has created a new environment of enjoyment for the coastal area of San Diego giving opportunity to walk and enjoy the area for which parks and recreational activities as well continuing to provide the necessary avenues for safety, emergency vehicles and merchant deliveries through adjacent alley and street access.

Thank you for your consideration of our region's Spaces as Places and the important role that the La Jolla Shores promenade at Avenida de la Playa will have on the future of outdoor dining and the continued popularity of the beach going public.

Sincerely, Brian Earley, Chairperson La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board

Cc Joe LaCava, Councilmember, District One Diane Kane, President, La Jolla Community Planning Association

Nancy - is concerned that "In particular" would appear to open up the rest of the Village for spaces as places and that is not our intent. We are not endorsing Spaces as Places in general but we are very specific to this one location. She would prefer more clarity. Brian proposed changing "in particular" to "Specifically." "

Ross advised changing "is" to" his" on the fourth paragraph first line.

Motion to Approve Letter of Support for Street Promenade on Avenida de la Playa with Revisions: Ryan, Second: Brady 10-0-0

Agenda Item 1: Entrance to La Jolla Sign- Presentation of design concept recently approved by the La Jolla Shores Assn brings identity and community pride at the intersection of Torrey Pines Rd and La Jolla Shores Dr triangle area. (Trace Wilson, Materia LLC & Cindy Goodmen, La Jolla Rotary) **Action Item**

Trace recognized Cindy Goodman, President of the Rotary and Claude Rosinsky who are attending our Meeting. The area for this entry monument sign is in the triangle area known as the Rotarian Triangle on the convergence of La Jolla Parkway, La Jolla Shores Drive and Torrey Pines Rd. The Sign would be funded by the Rotary Club of La Jolla.

Five years ago, the Rotarians donated \$17,000.00 to enhance the landscape at the triangle but since then most of the plant materials has died. There is another interest to enhance the landscape again. The Medians on the Parkway are referred to as gas tax medians where maintenance is funded by the gas tax. Aztec Landscaping is supposed to be maintaining them every two weeks but only recently started to maintain them.

Trace presented several font versions of the La Jolla Sign with block lettering and cursive lettering and varying plant materials to highlight them. After several presentations before various Groups there was consideration for Welcome to La Jolla California with the Rotary insignia to the left of it and a green screen behind it among a sea of la Jolla red bougainvillea.

Brian asked **Cindy Goodman** if she would speak to the Rotary's role in this project. Cindy noted this particular area has not been in good shape for a very long time. They started out working with the Garden Club and the Garden Club had offered to help do some irrigation work at cost; mostly free. As they were moving forward with the project Cindy went to the City to find out what they would need to do in order to make this a reality. The City came up with three proposals for them. One of the proposals was for them to take over that triangle themselves and it

would be theirs forever for a permit price. The second proposal was to take it over, maintain it for two years then return it to the City and they would maintain it. Cindy told the Board what Trace did not say- there was a lot of dead stuff removed from those medians. The third proposal was to just give it to the City. Her Club decided they did not want to deal with the liability for it so they gave money to the City to do with it as they chose. What the City chose to do the Club decided that it was not a good investment of the money that they put forth. They decided to revisit the project and see if they could make it look a whole lot nicer themselves. Sometime after that Trace had offered his help at no charge, which was in their price point, and they are so grateful to him for doing that for them. Cindy noted that in her travels throughout the World the Rotaries have put in Welcome signs and surely La Jolla could have one as well. It is a branding opportunity for them but it is also an opportunity for them to do something for La Jolla.

Claude Rosinsky- is a Foreigner but has been living here for ten years. When she came, she did not know where La Jolla was; there are no Signs indicating they were in La Jolla. Claude mentioned to Cindy that in every City she has been in there is a Welcome sign by the Rotary and they should do something. She likes what the Architect did with the signs and the flowers; they are beautiful and she believes people will not speed past it. Cindy clarified she cannot take credit for a Welcome to La Jolla Sign. This is something Chuck Dick, a past Rotarian, had wanted for La Jolla a long time ago.

Janie Emerson- she and others from La Jolla Shores Assn participated in this process. This was brought to the LISA Board, the design was unanimously supported, and she hopes the LIT&T will support it.

Kate Adams -that is her corner, hence her traffic, and her Rotary Group. She is thrilled and impressed with what they have done. They have been very thoughtful and generous in getting it done. She is hoping if there is a background behind the sign that it does not restrict visibility from the city's point of view but that is not her issue, it's going to be the city's issue. She is two thousand percent encouraged by a charitable group of local people doing something that will benefit the rest of us who live in this community.

Patrick- could the sign be a couple of feet higher off the ground. It may get lost among a sea of cars at that intersection. It might help to make the sign more visible if it was a few feet off the ground. Trace agrees that it does need to be higher off the ground. It needs to be scaled up a bit in order to have the right impact.

Rick Kent- what about maintaining the sign. If you put a living green wall behind the sign line it makes it stand out beautifully but if the living green wall grows into that sign it will make it harder for maintenance staff to get into the loops of the script lettering spelling La Jolla. Will there be a broad space behind it for someone to maintain it. Once growth moves into that sign it will begin to look terrible.

Trace – assured that there will be someone maintaining it. He hopes to be here for forty years watching out for it. They do not want to do anything that will look horrible within a year or two.

Cindy – the crew that takes care of the triangle wasted the money that was given to them to build a garden that never did not happen. She is also concerned that the sign could be damaged by power tools from their maintenance. Trace advised that the sign itself and what it is made of is still yet to be determined. This is just a concept that he wants to make sure the community is buying into before they go further.

Tom- has there been any consideration to lighting it at night. He believes there may be some pushback from other La Jolla Groups; he is an ex- Kiwanian and that sign will be a Rotarian sign. In any event it's a great addition to the community. Claude responded- the emblem will be a simple and elegant design not like a Disney sign.

Donna- there is graffiti and vandalism here. Any thoughts on making it vandalism proof because she imagines someone will get a thrill on taking it down after it has been put up. Trace responded that he likes to use passive design elements and a sea of bougainvillea is actually a best way to keep people away from the sign because you cannot get through it. Also put a camera up and just say they are being recorded and people are watching. There are monumental signs all over San Diego and no one has actually tried to take them down.

Nancy- it may be too early in the process for any kind of direction right now; but she would not recommend having California be on the Sign. All of the signs are very pretty and elegant but adding California to it makes La Jolla look too much of a Tourist destination. It looks like a place people will want to pull over and take a picture in front of because it will look like a postcard.

Diane Kane- President of La Jolla Community Planning Assn- regarding adding additional emblems to the Sign. Any Community Group who wants to be acknowledged on the sign can chip in to help maintain it and put their emblem on it. The Signs are all magnificent how are we going to choose?

Question for Steve Hadley- the Contractor that was supposed to be cleaning up the Throat and has not been doing it- do they have other locations in the City that they are responsible for; have they been called to task with their contract; how much longer is their contract; can we get someone else- how is the City handling this. It's just outrageous.

Steve responded they do have other contracts in the city he does not know how many but he can get that information. We are in year three of four years. There is a scope of work in their contract that does not include some things; but it does include things they have not been doing. They (Council Office) have asked the City to go back and get records of when they were out here and what they did. They will be encouraging the City from the Council Office to seek recovery for the work that was not done. There may have been some circumstances during Covid when work was impossible because of staff shortages. But if the work issues goes back further than that, or since last year when people have returned to work, then there is money that should have come back to La Jolla. Adding maintenance for the sign would amend their contract or a formation of a new contract at the end of their term.

Cindy- clarified maintaining the Garden she did not expect them to maintain the sign.

Diane- how is the city monitoring Contracts; are there any consequences if a contractor is not performing. Is this happening elsewhere in the City with the same Contractor?

Steve- there is a new Supervisor for some of the Contracts coming onboard in a few months as the current Supervisor retires.

Trace- the current contract states a report is to be delivered to the city every two weeks and this is a biweekly gas tax median meaning that the contractor is out there every two weeks cleaning, removing, replacing, blowing, cleaning gutters all the way up the La Jolla Parkway and they are to provide a written report every two weeks of what they have done for the past twenty years. They (Trace-Cindy) have requested those reports but they have not seen them yet. Since they brought this issue up with the city the contractor has been providing reports but prior to that they have not seen any reports.

Steve- wants to acknowledge the efforts of Cindy, Janie, Trace and Ed Witt who met multiple times with the Deputy Director Erika Ferreira who oversees this project and to the La Jolla Light who provided some visibility to their efforts. It has led up to some work being done and hopefully we will get those reports.

Brian- Arlene Powers wrote an opinion in the La Jolla Light and emailed Brian asking if the sign design could be put out to the community at large to choose. Brian acknowledged that would be another project in itself but felt he had to mention it since Ms. Powers wrote and asked him. Trace is an excellent Architect and Urban Designer, and we have had a lot of input on the Signs from many Community Groups and people so he trusts where this process is going.

Cindy – thanked Trace for his all of his work on the Sign and the Medians. He contributed so much to them, he is so appreciated by them, and she hopes it comes back to him in a significant financial way some day.

Janie- they have all worked very hard on this and it has been vetted by La Jolla Shores Assn. They looked at all the iterations and they voted to support the sign with the script. Her comment to the people in the public is that they have chances to vet it at La Jolla Shores Assn, La Jolla Traffic and Transportation, and this will go on to La Jolla Community Planning Assn- another way for the community to interact with this project. It has been an open process and she would encourage everyone to continue to be involved.

Tom- would feel more comfortable if La Jolla Town Council has some input as well so more of the community could be involved.

Motion to Support Entrance to La Jolla Sign at Intersection of Torrey Pines Rd and La Jolla Shores Dr triangle area: Podway, Second: Aguirre 10-0-0

Agenda Item 3: Street Closures for Special Event Processions-develop criteria, standards, and administrative protocols for requests that involve temporary street closures to minimize disruptions to traffic flow, parking, and businesses (Brian Earley, LIT&T Members) Discussion Item

A Working Draft Discussion to Standardize Special Event Processions in La Jolla Village

In recognition of the popularity of the downtown La Jolla streets for the temporary use of street closures or special events that require a minimal amount of time and SDPD personnel, there is interest to develop criteria, standards, and administrative protocol for special event processions in downtown La Jolla. Our aim is to celebrate the pageantry of ceremonial processions, no matter the type, while minimizing street closures and disruptions to traffic flow, parking, and businesses.

Natasha Collura, Special Events and Filming offered Feedback from PD Traffic Control:

While past Routes can certainly be shared with applicants for recommendations; Routes are based on where an Event is originating from: i.e. various hotels and venues

A Central staging area would likely not work for all applicants so PD will consider Routes from multiple areas rather than a specific location

Our suggestion that might help streamline and address any concerns would be for the Association to work with venues if there are requests consistently coming from the same places to determine best routes/suggestions that can then be recommended to the applicant

We have been using the term rolling closure due to the short time frame, but the correct term is actually short-term street closure

Typically, summer holidays are challenging for PD Traffic Control to staff due to limited resources as they are likely deployed elsewhere in the City. We typically list block out dates annually on our website so applicants that require traffic control on these dates would not be able to be processed

Below is a LJTTB working draft of possible standardization for applicants to the Special Event and Filming division of the city which receives these requests and for which the La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board considers.

1 Consideration of national public holidays where the La Jolla community sees some of its highest level of visitors.

Board Suggestions: Add Memorial Day to the city list of block out dates. Request list of block out dates from the City. La Jolla has the Christmas Parade & Holiday Festival in December as well as holiday shoppers throughout the Village from Thanksgiving through Christmas so block out November through December dates.

2 Wedding processions will stage on the dead-end block of Cuvier St between the Rec Center and The Bishop's School. (until the street is vacated)

Board Suggestions:

Where the procession ends at the venue is connected to where the short- term street closure will begin. Identify a route for every hotel. Four Hotels are in the same vicinity.

a. The wedding party will work with Special Events to close Cuvier for "x" number of hours the day of the wedding.

Board Suggestion: Accepted. Maximum of two hours from start of procession to the venue

b. No on-street parking will be closed/affected elsewhere except as the procession passes. Board Suggestion: short term street closure will be established rather than a total street closure. Notify Rec Ctr and Bishops School of any possible procession staging in the area to avoid conflicts.

- 3 The wedding party will move onto Prospect St and proceed toward the destination in The Village where the ceremony will be held.
 - a. SDPD Traffic Control will provide safety for the procession.
 - b. Traffic will be slowed, but not stopped during the procession.
 - c. The procession will be kept in the lane going in the direction of the destination and not spread to the entire street

Board Suggestion: Ok. appears to be already established.

- 4 Once the wedding party arrives at the destination, it will immediately exit the street.
 - a. The animal used in the procession will be walked back to the staging area at Cuvier using the safest and least impactful side street and/or alley route possible.
 - b. Minimal SDPD Traffic Control escort the animal as it returns to Cuvier.
 Board Suggestion: utilizing Shortest route back to venue when an animal is part of the procession Busses will pick up and drop off procession guests but will immediately exit the venue. No lingering busses will be allowed parked on the streets
- 5 City of San Diego Special Events and Filming Division to add the requirements to their application process for these events that are requesting to be located in the specific areas designated.

Brian will work with Natasha on LJTTB Board suggestions that will be acceptable to the City Special Events and Filming Dept and La Jolla Community Planning Assn.

Agenda Item 4: Nomination of Officers- Nominations from the Floor for positions of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary. Election of Officers to take place at the next Regular Meeting in July Discussion/Nomination Item

La Jolla Traffic and Transportation By-laws 4.2 The regular June meeting of the La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board shall be known as the Annual Meeting. Nomination of officers shall occur each year at the Annual Meeting and shall be made from the floor by the general membership in attendance.

Patrick Nominates: Brian Earley for Chair and Bill Seconds.Erik Nominates:Dave Abrams for Vice Chair and Brian SecondsPatrick Nominates:Donna Aprea for Secretary and Natalie Seconds

Adjournment: 5:55 pm Next Meeting – July 20, 2022 Respectfully Submitted: Donna Aprea, Secretary