

Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council

**Government Affairs
Committee**

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Government Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THIS SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WAS CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY/VIRTUALLY.

1. **Call to Order** - Gil Imber, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
2. **Roll Call** - All were present.
3. **Administrative Motions**
 - a. Approval of the minutes of the June 30, 2020 meeting.
The minutes of the June 30 meeting were unanimously approved.
4. **Comments by Public Officials**
5. **Chair's Report**
6. **Action Items Which May Be Voted Upon**
 - a. [CF 20-0002-S101](#) / [CF 20-0002-S107](#). SB 1120 (Atkins) / Cities and Counties / By Right Approval / Duplex and Lot Split Housing Developments / Environmental Review Exemption. -S101 is a city council file OPPOSING SB 1120, while -S107 is a city council file SUPPORTING SB 1120.
Overview by Maria Pavlou Kalban, Jeff Kalban. Board questions. Public Comment followed.
 - i. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports City Council File CF 20-0002-S101 in opposition to SB 1120, and opposes City Council File CF 20-0002-S107 in support of SB 1120, unless SB 1120 is amended to eliminate the provisions which reduce existing setback requirements.

Moved by: **Gil Imber**. Seconded by: **Tom Materna**.

Discussion followed.

Yes: Materna, Imber

No: Durbin

Abstain: Harris, Katchen

The motion 6a is adopted (roll call vote), 2-1-2.

- b. [CF 20-0002-S81](#). Asian and Pacific Islander, Jewish, Immigrant and Other Communities / COVID-19 Pandemic / Denounce Anti-Asian Bigotry, Anti-Semitism, Hateful Speech, Violent Action.

- i. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports City Council File CF 20-0002-S81 and denounces anti-Asian bigotry, Anti-Semitism, hateful speech, and violent actions, and affirms our commitment to the safety and well-being of all community members, including the Asian and Jewish communities, including but not limited to enhanced prosecutions to curb hate acts.

Moved by: **Howard Katchen**. Seconded by: **Pamela Harris**.

Discussion followed.

Yes: Durbin, Harris, Katchen, Materna, Imber

No: -

The motion 6b is adopted (roll call vote), 5-0.

- c. [CF 20-0866](#). Independent Report / Demonstrations Against Police Brutality and Racism / Los Angeles Police Foundation / Donation.

- i. *During discussion, it was revealed that CF 20-0866 has been scheduled for a City Council vote on Wednesday, July 29, 2020. The Committee discussed whether it would be productive to proceed with the item, given the overwhelming unlikelihood that the SONC Board would be able to vote on CF 20-0866 prior to City Council's action (unless, for instance, the item were to be postponed, referred to committee, or tabled by City Council at its July 29 meeting).*

Public comment followed. Discussion followed.

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) opposes City Council CF 20-0866, thus opposing acceptance of the proposed \$350,000 donation from the Los Angeles Police Foundation to the LAPD.

Moved by: **Kira Durbin**. Seconded by: **Gil Imber**.

Discussion followed.

Yes: Durbin, Harris, Katchen, Imber

No: -

Abstain: Materna

The motion 6c is adopted (roll call vote), 4-0-1.

Members of the public were urged to comment on [CF 20-0866](#) directly to the City Council due to its time-sensitive nature.

- d. [CF 20-0002-S94](#). Statewide Millionaire Tax / Safety Net Programs.
 - i. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports City Council File CF 20-0002-S94 in support of a statewide millionaire tax to ensure safety net programs are not cut due to an unprecedented deficit, and presently proposed as an increase of 2% on taxable personal income for Californians whose take-home salary is over one million dollars per year, and only applicable pursuant to the marginal tax model, on that income which exceeds one million dollars.
Moved by: Tom Materna. Seconded by: Kira Durbin.
Discussion followed.
Yes: Durbin, Harris, Katchen Materna, Imber
No: -
The motion 6d is adopted (roll call vote), 5-0.

7. Additional Items for Discussion

- a. [CF 20-0762](#). Municipal Wireless Network Initiative.
Discussion followed.
- b. Committee jurisdiction, procedure, and self-governance.
Discussion followed.
- c. Possible agenda items for next meeting.
 - i. Discussion followed.
 1. Municipal Wifi (CF 20-0762), as Action Item.

8. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items Within the Committee's Jurisdiction

Public comment followed.

9. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:55pm.

*All Council File (CF) items contain a hyperlink to the applicable source legislation.

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