

**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council
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Jeffrey Hartsough, Pres 2-CI
Howard Katchen, 1st VP 3-R
Lisa Petrus, 2nd VP 4-R
Candy Williams, Tres 1-R
Gil Imber Secretary 6-R

Board Members:

Vacant, 1-CI
Levon Baronian, 1-B
Sarah Manuel, 2-R
Vacant, 2-B
Vacant, 3-CI
Fran Kerzner, 3-B
Lisa Cappelletti, 4-CI
Joe Cappelletti, 4-B
Christy Adair, 5-CI
Alexandria Naseef, 5-R
Avo Babian, 5-B
Harold Shapiro, 6-CI
Vacant, 6-B
Jeffrey Kalban, 7-CI
Michael Binkow, 7-R
Neal Roden, 7-B
Hayden Ranshaw, Youth
Marcus Zimmerman, Youth

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Regular Board Meeting (Virtual):

Minutes

Monday, January 11, 2021, 6:30 pm

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

- a. Jeffrey Hartsough, President, called the meeting to order at **6:32 pm**.
- b. Gil Imber, Secretary, called the roll.

1) Present: Christy Adair, Avo Babian, Levon Baronian, Michael Binkow, Joe Cappelletti, Lisa Cappelletti, Fran Kerzner, Jeffrey Hartsough, Gil Imber, Jeff Kalban, Howard Katchen, Alexandria Naseef, Sarah Manuel, Lisa Petrus, Hayden Ranshaw, Neal Roden, Harold Shapiro, Candy Williams, Marcus Zimmerman (19).

2) Absent: - (0).

2. Administrative and Board Initiated Motions

a. SONC Board Meeting Minutes, November 9, 2020

Approval of the Minutes of the November 9, 2020, Board Meeting.

Moved by: Neal Roden. Seconded by Alexandria Naseef.

Discussion followed.

Yes: Adair, Babian, Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Naseef, Petrus, Ranshaw, Roden, Shapiro, Williams, Zimmerman

No: -

Abstain: Kerzner

Ineligible: -

Absent: -

Motion to Adopt 2.a carries (roll call vote): 18-0-1.

3. Comments by LAPD SLO's, Public Officials, and Staff

Jose Saldana, LAPD Senior Lead Officer

Ryan Ahari, California State Assembly District 46.
Tammy Ramirez, LA School Board District 3.
Betty Wong-Oyama, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

4. President's Report

- a. Our Democracy
- b. SONC 2021 Elections
- c. Committee Changes (Animal, Green, Human Services)
- d. Next SONC Board Meeting - February 8, 2021

5. Guest Speaker - Nithya Raman, CD4 Councilmember

Introduction of newly-elected Councilmember Raman.

Challenges of operating during a pandemic, formulation of new council staff/offices.

Housing and Homelessness. Raman has been assigned to City Council's Homelessness and Poverty Committee. Will announce new hires.

Has been responsive to stakeholder/resident questions.

Q: Will you keep the office on Ventura Blvd in Sherman Oaks?

A: Will keep office in Sherman Oaks, exact details/location not yet final.

Q: Will you work with SO regarding LA's deficient Community Plan (see 6.e.1).

A: Staff has already had meetings, are aware, will do further research.

Q: How does CD4 envision working with NCs in the district?

A: Staff will regularly attend NC Board meetings. NCs can draft lists of priority item, open communication with CD4 office.

Q: Ground & air traffic in SO (e.g., VNY/BUR), incl Metro Sepulveda Canyon Corridor. Looking for support for Valley interests.

A: Staff has had meetings with Metro, seeking to hire a transport staffer.

Additional topics of discussion will be posed at the February Board meeting.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Education Committee - Joe Cappelletti, Chair
Recap of Speaker Series and preview of upcoming event, tutoring prog.
- b. Government Affairs - Gil Imber, Chair
Upcoming meeting will include action item re: Domestic Terrorism.
 - 1) **CF 20-0004-S1 - Republic of Artsakh / Azerbaijan Military Forces / Ceasefire / Commendatory Resolution**
Whereas Los Angeles has recognized the Republic of Artsakh since 2013 in [Council File 13-0004-S2](#), the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports the Republic of Artsakh's right of self-determination and supports the [Council File 20-0004-S1](#), Republic of Artsakh / Azerbaijan Military Forces / Ceasefire / Commendatory Resolution.

A copy of the CF 20-0004-S1 Resolution is posted as a supporting document for this meeting on the SONC website.

CIS: Council File 20-0004-S1, Letter to CD4/Nithya Raman

Moved by: Government Affairs Committee

Yes: Adair, Babian, Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Kerzner, Manuel, Naseef, Petrus, Ranshaw, Roden, Shapiro, Williams, Zimmerman

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: -

Absent: -

Motion to Adopt 6.b.1 carries (roll call vote): 19-0-0.

- c. Green & Sustainability Committee - Avo Babian, Chair
Noise violations, future Welcome to Sherman Oaks sign, green-friendly businesses.
- d. Outreach Committee - Sarah Manuel, Chair
2021 community programming, upcoming SONC elections. Holiday Drive recap. First phase of website upgrade. Newsletter: chairs' report.
- e. Planning & Land Use Committee - Jeff Kalban, Chair

1) **Motion to Request that CD4 Councilmember Nithya Raman meet with SONC to discuss land use planning for the Sherman Oaks Community**

Whereas current land use planning for the Sherman Oaks community is governed by the Southeast Valley Community Plan, the Van Nuys – North Sherman Oaks Community Plan and the Ventura-Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan; whereas planning efforts under these three plans are not coordinated resulting in planning outcomes that are in conflict with each other and detrimental to the long term quality of life in our Sherman Oaks community; whereas pressures and mandates from California state legislative efforts present significant challenges to prudent community planning; therefore the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) requests that Councilmember Nithya Raman and her land use planning deputy meet with members of the SONC PLUM Committee to discuss the benefits and methods of integrating the Southeast Valley Community Plan, the Van Nuys – North Sherman Oaks Community Plan and the Ventura-Cahuenga Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan thereby enabling land use planning that considers the Sherman Oaks community as a whole.

Moved by: Vision Committee.

Yes: Adair, Babian, Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Kerzner, Manuel, Naseef, Petrus, Ranshaw, Roden, Shapiro, Williams, Zimmerman

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: -

Absent: -

Motion to Adopt 6.e.1 carries (roll call vote): 19-0-0.

- f. Public Safety Committee - Christy Adair & Jenna Lewis, Co-Chairs
Public Safety restructuring: Co-Chair Lewis will be leaving. Penny Gilbert has been appointed to the PS Committee (see Executive Cmte Mtg, 1/5/21). Seeking additional members. Goals for 2021.
- g. Traffic & Transportation Committee - Avo Babian, Chair
Updates to come re: Metro project.
- h. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Rep & Budget Advocate
Budget reductions resulted in funding issues, potential layoffs.

7. Treasurer's Report - Candy Williams, Treasurer

a. Treasurer's Report

b. **Consent Calendar**

1) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) - October 31, 2020

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending October 31, 2020.

2) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) - November 30, 2020

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending November 30, 2020.

Moved by: Finance Committee

Public Comment followed.

Yes: Adair, Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Kerzner, Manuel, Naseef, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Williams

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Ranshaw, Zimmerman

Absent: Babian

Motion to Adopt 7.b carries (roll call vote): 16-0-0.

c. **Donation to the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry**

A motion to approve a donation of \$3,000 to the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry to address food insecurity in the San Fernando Valley during the declared COVID-19 pandemic emergency. This expenditure is consistent with the NC Funding Program Policy 5.0 – Expenditures of NC Funds in a Declared Emergency.

A copy of the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry donation invoice is posted as a supporting document for this meeting on the SONC website.

Moved by: Finance Committee

Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.

Yes: Adair, Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Kerzner, Manuel, Naseef, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Williams

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Ranshaw, Zimmerman

Absent: Babian

Motion to Adopt 7.c carries (roll call vote): 16-0-0.

d. **Donation to the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank**

A motion to approve a donation of \$3,000 to the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank to address food insecurity in the San Fernando Valley during the declared COVID-19 pandemic emergency. This expenditure is consistent with the NC Funding Program Policy 5.0 – Expenditures of NC Funds in a Declared Emergency.

A copy of the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank donation invoice is posted as a supporting document for this meeting on the SONC website.

Moved by: Finance Committee

Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.

Yes: Adair, Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Kerzner, Manuel, Naseef, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Williams

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: Ranshaw, Zimmerman

Absent: Babian

Motion to Adopt 7.d carries (roll call vote): 16-0-0.

8. **Public Comment**

Public Comment followed.

9. **Announcements by SONC Board members**
Discussion followed.

10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent, **8:40 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Gil Imber