

SONC - Human Services
DRAFT_Mission Statement, Call to Action, Goals

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HSC_Draft Mission Statement

SONC's Human Services Committee is committed to educate, elevate and empower the Sherman Oaks community to help develop equitable solutions for both our housed and unhoused neighbors by addressing the complexities of homelessness, housing/rental rights, mental health issues amongst other issues. Serving as a liaison between the stakeholders and elected officials and SONC, we hope to communicate the needs, encourage participation through educational community projects and outreach.

Call to Action

The rising homelessness issue affects us all. Whether you are housed or unhoused - we face this issue together. Do you consider it important to know your rights as a homeowner or renter? Do you consider it important in understanding the complexities of homelessness? Do you find yourself to be someone who is willing to research and develop programming to improve the Sherman Oaks community? If so, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Human Services Committee needs you! Please come to the meetings, get involved and share your ideas with the committee.

Goals

Each month, bring in guest speakers re: education about a local organization that is addressing homelessness, housing/rental rights for constituents, educating and promoting best practices to help address the homelessness crisis.

Host bi-monthly service projects in collaboration with a Sherman Oaks local non-profit. Bring community members together to serve a common goal whether we are helping individuals, families or other non-profits that serve the Sherman Oaks community members that are experiencing hardship.

Collaborate with other SONC committees in joint efforts including but not limited to PLUM, Outreach, Education and Public Safety Committees.

Lastly, make our voices heard at City Hall. File community impact statements to hold all City governing bodies accountable for inequitable policies, advocate for City service support when the community feels services have fallen short and receive routine reports on efforts of housing and rehabilitation within the privacy practices allowed.

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Link to HSC Questionnaire

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdU-8XeyS9rKI1jVok8FM2RgqXh2AML2dfqh8TIAErYzbQaQ/viewform>