Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

Government Affairs Committee

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Tuesday, October 25, 2022 7:00 pm Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THIS SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION.

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The public is requested to dial *9 (if by phone) or press "raise hand" (if on Zoom), when prompted by the Chair, to address the Committee on any agenda item before the Committee takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Committee's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period, also known as Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items Within Committee Jurisdiction. Please note that under Brown Act, the Committee is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Committee meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the Chair.

AB 361 Updates - Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, composed of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call
- 2. Administrative Motions
 - a. Motion to approve Gov't Affairs Meeting minutes for August 2022.
- 3. Comments by Elected or Appointed Officials, City Agencies, and Staff
- 4. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items Within Committee Jurisdiction
- 5. Chair's Report

City Planning Updated Draft Wildlife Ordinance for presentation to the Planning Commission in November: <u>Exhibit A</u>.

- 6. Action Items That May Be Voted Upon for Transmission to the Board
 - a. <u>CF 22-1197</u>. New Ad Hoc Committee / City Government Reform / Increase Transparency / Limit Corruption / Los Angeles Residents Trust. <u>CF 22-1232</u>. Charter Reform / Ethics Commission / Powers and Responsibilities / Ballot Measure

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 22-1197 to create a new ad hoc committee at LA City Council on City Governance Reform to increase transparency, limit corruption at City Hall, and make City leadership more representative of and beholden to the communities served, and CF 22-1232 to pursue a ballot measure and changes to the LA City Charter to address concerns regarding Ethics Commission composition, function, and operation.

b. <u>CF 22-1241</u>. International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) / Antisemitism Definition Adoption.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 22-1241. Antisemitic hate crimes recorded by the Anti-Defamation League are at the highest level since tracking began in 1979. Hate crimes in the state of California are at their highest level since 2001, with the highest percentage of religious bias events targeted at the Jewish community. Council File 22-1241 addresses the need to expand the definition of Anti-Semitism to include hateful speech regarding Israel which includes applying double standards by requiring of Israel a behavior which is not expected or demanded from any other democratic nation. Currently, much anti-semitic rhetoric and hate crimes targeting the Jewish community are disguised as social justice. With this in mind, it is imperative that all Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs include the Jewish community as part of their curricula. Furthermore, SONC supports the expansion of all DEI programs to include the Jewish community and foster a greater understanding of the relationship of certain discourse regarding the State of Israel to antisemitism. Presented by Collins.

7. Closing Remarks by Government Affairs Committee Members

8. Adjournment

*All Council File (CF) items contain a hyperlink to the applicable source legislation. Motions transmitted to the Board, unless otherwise noted, request a Community Impact Statement (CIS) submitted to the appropriate council file (if applicable) and a letter to Council District 4. Additional correspondence, if applicable, is indicated following the *Draft Motion*.

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