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**Regular Board Meeting (Virtual) Agenda:**

Monday, December 12, 2022, 6:30 pm

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*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, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.*

**Agenda Note:** All items containing motions, at the time of agenda posting, are listed in **blue, bold text**.

1. **Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call**
  - a. Welcome and Call to Order by the Presiding Officer.
  - b. Roll Call by the Secretary and the Establishment of Quorum.
  
2. **Comments by Council District Office, Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff**

Public officials and their representatives who wish to provide general updates.  
*[Item 2 will suspend at 7pm and resume following Item 5]*
  
3. **Guest Speaker: Council District 4 Councilmember Nithya Raman [~7pm]**
  
4. **Guest Speaker: Van Nuys Airport [~7:30pm]**
  
5. **Items Placed on Table at Prior Meeting That May Be Considered**
  - a. **Consent Calendar (For if Amended 2 VNY Motions)**. [15 Minutes]  
**Originally Presented From Committee:** Traffic.  
[CF 22-1127](#). Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan / Zoning Ordinance 177.327 / Community Impact Mitigation.  
[CF 22-1125](#). Van Nuys Airport / Scheduled Charter Flight Operations Increase / Part 380 Regulations / Community Concerns.  
*Draft Motion:* The Community supports the motions with the following modifications and requirements ([see attached document](#)):[\[click here\]](#)
  
  - Requested Amendment:* [CF 22-1489](#). Van Nuys Airport (VNY) / Development Projects / Community Impact / VNY Citizens Advisory Council.  
**From Floor:** Harold Shapiro, requires a second.  
*Draft Motion:* The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council is in support of Los Angeles City Council File CF 22-1489 - Motion Submitted by Council District 4 member Nithya Raman, Council District 3 member Bob Blumenfeld, Council District 2 member Paul Krekorian and seconded by Council member Mike Bonin on 11-30-2022 to have the Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) report back within 90 days on the following topics: List of all projects and awards, community engagement, Compliance with the 2005 Van Nuys Airport Master Plan, Environmental impacts, Proposal for Future Community Engagement and to ensure that all future VNY Citizens Advisory Council meetings are recorded and available for the public on LAWA's website within 60 days.

- b. **For Antisemitism Definition Adoption, DEI Inclusion.** [10 Minutes]  
**Originally Presented from Committee:** Government Affairs.  
[CF 22-1241](#). International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) / Antisemitism Definition Adoption.  
*Draft Motion:* 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.

*[If applicable, Item 2 will resume following Item 5]*

6. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
7. **President's Report**
- Creation of SONC Airport Committee. Email Lindsay if interested.
  - EVG / Virtual Meetings => In-Person & Hybrid Options. Pilot.
  - SONC Social Media:
    - > Digital Media Policy & SONC internal policy on external comm.
    - > "One-way" communication on official SONC accounts.
  - Civility, Conduct, ABLE training.
8. **Administrative and Executive Initiated Motions**
- a. **SONC Board Meeting Minutes, November 2022.** [5 Minutes]  
**From Floor:** [Any Board Member], requires a second.  
A motion to approve, by unanimous consent, the minutes of November 2022.
9. **Committee Reports [2 Minutes for Each Report, Unless a Motion is Presented]**
- a. Education Committee - Joe Cappelletti, Chair.  
**Meets on the 3rd Monday of the Month:** December 19.
- b. Government Affairs Committee - Lindsay Imber, Chair.  
**Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month:** December 27.

1) **For Neighborhood Council Meeting Format Options.** [10 Minutes]

**From Committee:** Government Affairs.

CF 22-1070. Neighborhood Council Meetings / EmpowerLA Virtual Governance (EVG) System / In-Person / Emergency Declarations.

*Draft Motion:* The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 22-1070 to assess if individual Neighborhood Councils may be granted the flexibility to select a preferred meeting option going forward (virtual meetings, in-person meetings, or a hybrid meeting option). SONC recommends City Council and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment authorize Neighborhood Councils to continue virtual meetings, whether through exclusively virtual meetings or a hybrid in-person & virtual meeting option.

- c. Green & Sustainability Committee - Avo Babian, Chair.  
**Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month:** TBD.
- d. Human Services Committee - Sarah Manuel and Pamela Harris, Co-Chairs.  
**Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month:** January 2.
- e. Outreach Committee - Harold Shapiro, Chair.  
**Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month:** January 17.
- f. Planning & Land Use (PLUM) & Vision Committees - Jeff Kalban, Chair.  
**PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month:** December 15.  
**Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month:** January 5.

1) **Against Unless Amended Shelter Zoning File.** [10 Minutes]

**From Committee:** PLUM.

CF 22-0158. Los Angeles Municipal Code / 12.03 / 12.80 / 12.81 / Shelters for the Homeless / Interim Housing / Zones.

*Draft motion:* The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports the right to shelter, but we oppose unless amended, Council File 22-0158 proposed by Council Members Bonin, Raman, and Harris-Dawson which allows “shelters for the homeless” to be established and operated on properties located outside of R3, RAS3, R4, RAS4, RS, C2, C4, CS, CM, M1, M2, and M3 zones. [[See Attached Document](#)]

- g. Public Safety Committee - Christy Adair, Chair.  
**Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month:** December 13.
- h. Traffic & Transportation Committee - Avo Babian, Chair.  
**Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month:** December 14.
- i. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Rep & Budget Advocate.

**10. Additional Motions Presented By Individuals From the Floor**

**a. Sherman Oaks Transportation Priority Project List. [10 Minutes]**

**From Floor:** Avo Babian. Requires a second.

Motion to present to CD 4 office, the list below of the top projects on the LADOT project list that SONC would like to be prioritized and would most benefit Sherman Oaks. [[See Attached Document](#)]

**b. For LA City Biodiversity Index File. [10 Minutes]**

**From Floor:** Harold Shapiro. Requires a second.

[CF 22-1469](#). LA City Biodiversity Index / California Native Landscaping / Pollinator-Friendly / Monarch Butterfly / Plant and Tree Recovery.

*Draft Motion:* The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) is in support of [CF-22-1469](#) LA City Biodiversity Index / California Native Landscaping / Pollinator-Friendly / Monarch Butterfly / Plant and Tree Recovery. There has been a tremendous loss of native habitat, open space and desert/drought tolerant vegetation in the San Fernando Valley as a result of overdevelopment and urban sprawl. When plantings and new landscapes are implemented in developed areas, they typically consist of non-native plants that require greater amounts of a scarce resource in this region - water. Several years of continued drought have created a severe high fire danger and risk to property and lives. Native plants do not require as much water, and will grow naturally, resulting in a natural landscape that will also protect the environment and the inhabitants.

**11. Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair.**

**Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month:** December 28.

a. Treasurer's Report

**b. Monthly Expenditure Report (MER), October 2022. [5 Minutes]**

**From Committee:** Finance.

A motion to approve Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) [Monthly Expenditure Report \(MER\) for the period of October 2022](#).

**12. Announcements by SONC Board members**

**13. Adjournment - Motion to Adjourn.**

Motions are introduced either by the Committee from which they were adopted, in which case the motion requires no second (denoted by "**from committee**"); or by an individual board member (denoted by "**from floor**"), in which case the motion requires a second.

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