

Government Affairs Committee

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Government Affairs Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 6:30 pm

In-Person Meeting

Sherman Oaks Public Library
14245 Moorpark St

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

1. **Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call**
 - Welcome and Call to Order by the Chair.
 - Roll Call and the Establishment of Quorum.
2. **Administrative Motions**
 - a. **Motion to approve Gov't Affairs Meeting minutes for July 2023**
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**

6. Committee Business and Discussion, Potential Motions

- a. [CF 23-0835](#). 5511, 5501 North Ethel Avenue / Determination of Incomplete Application / Appeal.

Draft Motion: As stated in our CIS to CF 21-1230, The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) opposes the Housing Element's proposed rezoning and densification of R1 and multi-family neighborhoods beyond what SB9 and ADU laws allow. As stated by the Mayor's office on July 6, 2023, "The proposed project located at 5501-5511 N. Ethel Avenue is in the R1-1 zone and is not eligible for ED1 processing." As such, SONC stands opposed to this irresponsible densification in an R1 zone.
CIS is authorized for related Files that may arise in the future.

- b. [CF 12-1824-S2](#). Party House Violation Enforcement / Loud and Unruly Gatherings Ordinance / Home-Sharing Ordinance / Cost Recovery.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports efforts to make enforcement of the Loud and Unruly Gatherings Ordinance and the Home-Sharing Ordinance more effective in order to address the scourge of unruly party house disruptions within our community's neighborhoods, including but not limited to noise disturbances until early hours of the morning, dangerous and illegal behaviors such as littering of still-smoldering cigarettes in public areas located within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ), and other harmful activities.

SONC agrees with City Council's finding that current enforcement tools are not strong enough to make an impact and supports City Council's initiatives to explore strengthening its approach, such as increases in fines and other penalties, as well as implementing a cost recovery system that is specific to the enforcement against party houses.

When habitually violative property owners who earn a living renting their properties violative of the provisions of the Loud and Unruly Gatherings and/or Home-Sharing Ordinances consider fines and warnings simply a "cost of doing business," it is a sign that more needs to be done to prevent further harm from befalling our community.

SONC requests the City Council, City Attorney, Department of Building & Safety, Department of Housing, and Department of Planning to take these necessary steps to crack down on habitually problematic home-sharing properties and to restore order to our community.

- c. Announcements from Committee Members.

7. 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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