Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

Executive Committee

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Executive Committee Meeting Agenda:

Thursday, November 9, 6:30 pm

In-Person Meeting

Sherman Oaks Public Library 14245 Moorpark Street

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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 and Call to Order Lindsay Imber, President
 - a. (If applicable) President's appointment of SONC Board Members to Executive Committee panel for the balance of this meeting pursuant to the Standing Rules.
- **2. Roll Call** Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary
- 3. General Public Comment by Community Stakeholders on Non-Agenda Items.
- **4. Finance Committee & Fiscal Business** Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer Treasurer's Report and proposed motions for upcoming Board meeting.
- 5. Executive Committee Items
 - a. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes for Prior Meeting(s)

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- b. Movie Night recap.
- c. Board Member Removals

Three board members have been suspended and removed from DONE's website due to expired training. Accordingly, these members may not act on any matter nor be counted for the purposes of establishing quorum. They have been notified as to steps needed to regain status.

- d. SONC roster update.
 - 1) Airport Committee: Approving President's Appointment of a Chair.

 To approve: President's appointment of Harold Shapiro as Airport Chair.

6. Agenda Items for Upcoming SONC Board Meeting

- Agenda motions to date:
 - 1. Finance: See Agenda Item 4.
 - 2. Government Affairs: Office of Compliance

7. Adjournment

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Appendix: Submitted Council File (CF) Motions for Board Meeting as of posting of this agenda

Government Affairs: <u>CF 23-1097</u>. Office of Compliance / Conflict of Interests / Ethics Laws / City Councilmembers.

Position: For if Amended. Motion:

Whereas a series of criminal charges have been filed against multiple Los Angeles City Councilmembers over the past decade, including charges of embezzlement, perjury, conflict of interest, racketeering, and other corruption-related violations;

And Whereas the reputation of City Council greatly depends on the City's ability to combat corruption and enforce conflict of interest rules, laws, and other ethics policies while effectively addressing criminal activity by public officials;

Therefore, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 23-1097 to establish a dedicated Office of Compliance or other like body whose function shall include the moderation and identification of conflict-of-interest questions relative to Council Files and other city business.

However, SONC's position *For if Amended* seeks to further empower this Office of Compliance or related entity to actively refer to the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office or other relevant agency potential violations of law, corruption, or other nefarious conduct by violative City Councilmembers, and for the City to establish, maintain, and enforce an adequate review system, in conjunction with its Ethics Commission, that empowers the City to investigate and penalize Councilmembers for violations that may not arise to the level of criminality, but are nonetheless violative of policy. Investigative reports and recommendations should be publicized and even agendized at City Hall by this Office of Compliance to ensure transparency and to affirm to the public this City's desire to combat the scourge of corruption that has at times befallen City Council.