

**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

Government Affairs Committee

Lindsay Imber, Chair
Howard Katchen
Tom Materna
Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger
Wesley Garris

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Minutes

Sherman Oaks Martin Pollard Branch Library
Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 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.

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. Lindsay Imber, President, called the meeting to order at **6:31pm.**
- b. Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary, called the roll.
 - i. **Present:** Katchen, Materna, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (4)
 - ii. **Absent:** Garris (1)

2. Administrative Motions -

- a. *A motion to approve the Minutes of the September, 2023 Government Affairs Committee Meeting.*
moved: Materna **seconded:** Katchen
motion approved without objection by unanimous consent

3. Comments by Elected or Appointed Officials, City Agencies, and Staff - none

4. Public Comment - *brief discussion followed*

5. Chairs Report -

CD4 office “dropped out” of upcoming fall movie night scheduled 11/4/23
avoiding “protests”, doesn’t want to “spoil” event
committee members unaware of planned protest in the area
L.A. Parks and Rec official sponsor / partner
Garris away due to personal matters, plans on attending next month

6. Action Items

- a. **CF23-1097 - Office of Compliance/Conflict of Interests / Ethics Laws / City Councilmembers.**

Position: For if Amended.

Whereas a series of criminal charges have been filed against multiple Los Angeles City Council members 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 Council members 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.

Moved: Imber **Seconded:** Materna
yes: Katchen, Materna, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (4)
no: (0) **absent:** Garris (1) **abstain:** (0)
item 6a carries unanimously

b. Announcements:

Segarra-Bohlinger is employed with LADot as a crossing guard

sentiment of disappointment at CD4 office regarding
removal of support from Movie Night
leaving the Sherman Oaks Street Fair prematurely
made disparaging remarks toward stakeholders/"protesters"

Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) solicited SONC for a "private" meeting
private meetings are a violation of Rules & Bylaws, and the Brown Act
may offer to schedule a presentation to the board in its entirety

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:08pm

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted".