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**SONC Board Regular Meeting Agenda:
Monday, January 8, 2024, 6:30 pm**

In-Person Meeting

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
at Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park
5056 Van Nuys Blvd

Virtual Meeting - For Public Participation Only

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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.
 - b. Roll Call 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.

3. **Guest Speaker: City Planning Dept Presentation on Metro Orange (G) Line**
4. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within SONC Jurisdiction**
5. **President's Report**
 - `Seats declared suspended by DONE: 5B (Quorum # is now 9)
 - Bylaw Amendment and a proposed excused absences provision
6. **Administrative and Executive Initiated Motions**
 - a. **SONC Board Meeting Minutes, December 2023**
From Floor: [Any Board Member]. Requires a second.
A motion to approve the minutes of December 2023.
7. **Committee Reports [2 Minutes for Each Report, Unless a Motion is Presented]**
 - a. Government Affairs Committee - Lindsay Imber, Chair.
Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month
 - i. **LAPD Helicopter Audit and Low Altitude Air Traffic Concerns.**
[CF 23-1422](#). Air Support Division / Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Audit. *Position: **For***
Summary: Seeks to address non-emergent low altitude flights over SO.
A motion is attached to the appendix of this document.
 - ii. **General Public Comment Period at City Hall.**
Summary: Seeks to request City Hall take public comment early in mtgs as opposed to toward the end, as recent practice has been. Cites City Rule.
A motion is attached to the appendix of this document.
 - iii. **Burbank Airport Environmental Assessment.**
Summary: Seeks to request an extension of the public comment period to allow the community more time to give feedback/comments at BUR.
A motion is attached to the appendix of this document.
 - b. Outreach Committee - Brett Collier and Kylee Peña, Co-Chairs.
Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month
 - c. Planning & Land Use (PLUM) & Vision Committees - Jeff Kalban, Chair.
PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month
Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month
 - d. Public Safety Committee - Susan Collins, Chair.
Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month
 - e. Human Services Committee - Pamela Harris and Sarah Manuel, Co-Chairs.
Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month

- f. Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair.
Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month
- g. Airport Committee - Bob Bramen, Chair.
Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month (Alternates with Traffic)
- h. Green&Sustainability, Traffic&Transportation Committees - Avo Babian, Chair.
Green Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month
Traffic Meets on the 3rd Wed of the Month (Alternates with Airport)
- i. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Rep & Budget Advocate.

8. Board Member Announcements
Closing announcements from Board Members.

9. Adjournment

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 (“**from floor**”), in which case the motion requires a second. Items initiated via **Consent Calendar** are considered and voted on as one motion; members may request to take an item out of Calendar to consider said item individually.

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Appendix of Motions

Appendix of Motions - Item 7.a.i - LAPD Helicopter Audit and Low Altitude Concerns.

Although the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) makes no comment on what the Controller's Office in its report defines as "high priority crime" nor Air Support's \$46.6 million annual cost, SONC notes the Controller's finding that "helicopters can have a negative quality of life impact on the lives of residents who live in communities with frequent helicopter activity."

SONC's concern with the large scope of LAPD Air Support is thus borne from our long-standing concern for our constituents' wellbeing relative to air traffic, namely low-flying air traffic in the skies over Sherman Oaks, which our Council is intimately familiar with due to our experiences with Van Nuys (VNY) and Burbank (BUR) airports. This concern includes LAPD air operations.

Helicopters regularly fly at altitudes lower than jet aircraft and according to the Controller's audit, burn nearly 50 gallons of fuel per hour. Atmospheric dispersion modeling indicates this low altitude—often less than 1,000 feet above ground level, especially in elevated portions of Sherman Oaks—simply isn't high enough for significant dispersion of fuel, aircraft, and other flight-related toxins, which in turn rain down in harmful, undiluted quantities on communities below.

Therefore, SONC supports, in part, the Controller's QOL findings but offers no opinion on the issue of only 39% of flight time dedicated to "high priority crime".

SONC urges City Council, LAPD, or any other relative agency, to modify standard procedures for LAPD Air Support, such as assigning helicopters to take established aerial corridors (e.g., I-405 and US-101 freeways) to traverse Sherman Oaks when not involved in priority incidents, and to decrease unneeded operations of less than 1,500 feet above ground level (AGL), which should be noted is more than 2,500 above mean sea level (MSL) in the Sherman Oaks hills.

Appendix of Motions - Item 7.a.ii - General Public Comment at City Hall.

Whereas Rule 7 in Chapter II of Rules of The Los Angeles City Council states:

| During each regular meeting, the council shall provide a member of the public the opportunity to address the Council on any issue within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. This shall

be referred to as “General Public Comment,” which generally shall be taken up at or near the beginning of each regular meeting. |;

And whereas members of the public often comment on agenda items during General Public Comment period; in particular, those who are unable to attend meetings in-person and use remote telephonic comment offered exclusively during regular council meetings;

And whereas members of the public generally have limited available free time during regular business hours;

And whereas members of the public have vocalized a general consensus opposing new meeting schedules placing general public comment after all agenda items have been considered;

Therefore the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) respectfully asks Council Member Nithya Raman (District 4) and Council President Paul Krekorian (District 2) to acknowledge and affirm rule 7 in Chapter II, and rules 76 & 77 in Chapter XII of The Rules of The Los Angeles City Council, which state that General Public Comment shall be heard at or near the beginning of meetings, and that an affirmative two-thirds vote of all members of the Council is required to suspend or amend council rules, respectively;

And henceforth maintain stringent adherence to The Rules of The Los Angeles City Council as adopted December 1986, as amended January 2019.

Appendix of Motions - Item 7.a.iii - Burbank Airport Environmental Assessment.

Whereas the Sherman Oaks community has been confronted with a change in Burbank airport flight paths that moved the departing flight over a substantial portion of Sherman Oaks’s families dumping harmful chemicals, toxic pollution and unhealthy noise. This has been called the Southerly Shift. After confronting the FAA, the Task Force was convened and recommendations were made to unwind this harm. Early on the FAA said they needed to do an Environmental Assessment EA report;

Whereas the FAA dragged this process out over 5 years, this long overdue EA was held until the beginning of the holiday season on December 11th when it was released with no announcements to the affected communities and families;

Whereas the FAA stated that the Sherman Oaks community and others would only have until January 24th to make comments on this 529 page report that the FAA took over 5 years to write.

This is unfair and very rude to the communities to only allow such a short period of time especially over this the busiest time of the year;

Therefore, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council “SONC” is requesting at a minimum an additional 60 days to study and comment on this huge report and its impact on the community.

SONC's position is that flight paths should follow the historic paths and be as dispersed as possible and that the FAA needs to incorporate that dispersion in their final Action.