

*Whereas the Los Angeles City Council meets during regular business hours when stakeholders tend to be at work or in school; and*

*Whereas regular meetings are held at City Hall, located at 200 N. Spring Street, which is a considerable commute for the vast majority of Los Angeles residents; and*

*Whereas many stakeholders have disabilities that limit their mobility; and*

*Whereas infrastructure and standard operating procedure for telephonic public comment has been well established and implemented in recent years until January, 2025;*

*Therefore the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) respectfully requests that Councilmember Nithya Raman of District 4 take immediate action to reinstate the option for members of the public to give comment remotely via telephone during regular City Council Meetings.*

*We also request that a District 4 representative report back to SONC on the status of this proposal at the next regularly scheduled board meeting, or within 30 days.*