

**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

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Board Meeting:

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd

Minutes

Monday, April 14, 2024 - 6:30pm

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. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

a. Call to Order: Lindsay Imber, President, called the meeting to order at **6:37pm**

b. Roll Call: Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary, called the roll

i. Present: Baronian, Adair, Ranshaw [tardy], Peña, Ahari, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Shea, Debela, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger

ii. Absent: Mericle, Silverman, Zadeh, Roden

2. Comments by Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff

Taleen Keuroghlian, Field Deputy, Council District 4 (Raman)

taleen.keuroghlian@lacity.org

Service day with SOHA, Mayor's office, May 17th

Gelson's parking lot, 8:30am - 12:30am

looking for community event suggestions
Fulton underpass encampment concerns, reach out to discuss details
last friday of the month held at Van Nuys City Hall
SB79, no position yet
-question regarding fulton underpass encampment
 mention of 41.18 zone
 “we want to abide by the 41.18 rules”
-question regarding Parks and Rec needs assessment, results of recent survey
 pickleball, expansion

Victor Reyes, Field Deputy, 44th Assembly District (Shultz)

victor.reyes@asm.ca.gov
legislative proposals moving through committees
attended LA Rally for Film Tax Credit Expansion
District 2 Open House
Mayor Bass re: world cup, olympics, paralympics
currently on Spring Recess, will be meetin with constituents
 Providence High School
 Kaiser Permente Tour
 Car Seat Intallation event in glendale
Recognizing Lindsay Imber as “woman of the year”
support with state agencies
social media @ASMnickshultz

-Thanks to Nick for attending Tree Giveaway
-question

Katie Abrams, field deputy, County Board of Supervisors (Horvath)

kabrams@bos.lacounty.gov
(213)852-2179
new deadline for right of entry forms for fire affected areas, 4/15/25
 roughly 500 left
 debris removal and cleanup ongoing
LA County Homeless Services System
 April 1st, motion approved to consolidate LAHSA
 Key LAHSA functions to be put directly under board of supervisors
 July 1st 2025, new department to be approved, July 1st 2026 funding transferred
Metro board of directors approved gender equity measures for construction
Palisades Fire After-Action session Tuesday May 29th, Malibu Public Library
Measure G implementation under-way
Blue Ribbon Commission on Fire Safety

Meredith McGowan, Senior Librarian, Martin-Pollard Sherman Oaks Branch Library

Magic Castle program cancelled for Monday

Check calendar for various activities

Last day is Friday, McGowan promoted to regional director, Hollywood

Lorenzo Briceno, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA)

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)

Disaster Service Worker assignment concluded

Canva licensing

Robert's Rules Made Simple, reach out if credentials needed

ZOOM license renewals, up to \$200 expenditure

Wed. April 16th Mayor's office infrastructure event

Congress of Neighborhoods, committee openings

Region 4 elections:

Vote By Mail application Monday June 2nd, election day Tues. June 10th

3. General Public Comment

remarks from public

4. Scheduled Recess - Recess commenced at 7:06pm

meeting reconvened at 7:17pm

Roll Call: Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary, called the roll

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ii. Absent: Mericle, Silverman, Zadeh, Roden (4)

5. President's Report

2025 Elections, Youth Selections

SONC website updated, vote by mail requires registration

areas 1,3,5,7 up for elections

shermanoaksnc.org

registration deadline June 2nd, election day June 10th (ballots must be postmarked by June 10)

youth members appointed yearly, youth seat and alternate seat

Howard Katchen heads youth selection committee

2 candidates have expressed interest, no formal vetting as of yet

6. Youth Members' Special Project Update

A presentation from the youth members on their SONC experience.

presentation followed

7. Administrative motions

- a. *A motion to approve the minutes of March 2025 SONC regular board meeting*

MOVED: Materna **SECOND:** Katchen

YES: Baronian, Adair, Ranshaw, Peña, Ahari, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Shea, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **NO:** **(0)**

ABSTAIN: **(0)** / **INELIGIBLE:** Debela (*alternate*) **(1)**

ABSENT: Mericle, Silverman, Zadeh, Roden **(4)**

item 7a carries unanimously by voice vote 13-0-0-1-4

8. Motions from Floor [Committee Reports where Applicable]

- a. **Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair.**

Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month

- i. February 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report From Committee: Finance.

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending February 28, 2025.

NOTE: This motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

MOVED: Finance Committee **SECOND:** N/A

YES: Baronian, Adair, Ranshaw, Peña, Ahari, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(12)** / **NO:** **(0)**

ABSTAIN: **(0)** / **INELIGIBLE:** Shea, Debela **(2)**

ABSENT: Mericle, Silverman, Zadeh, Roden **(4)**

item 8a.i carries unanimously 12-0-0-2-4

*remarks regarding Congress of Neighborhoods,
funding from CD4 for Movies in the park*

- ii. Consent Calendar: Various SONC Expenditures From Floor: Treasurer Jeffrey Hartsough.

1. Up to \$4,900 for SONC Movies in the Park Series on June 28, 2025.

2. Up to \$4,900 for SONC Movies in the Park Series on July 26, 2025.

Items i-ii.: Funds for film rental/licensing fees, projection services, and family friendly activities. Also for branded promotional materials, SONC printed materials, and event logistical support.

3. \$130 to renew Canva Pro license for FY 2025-6 (under EmpowerLA).

4. \$500 to renew Zoom license (under EmpowerLA).

5. \$1,000 for permits for use of Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center for SONC Board meetings, July through December 2025.

6. \$1,000 from FY25 for contribution to Neighborhood Council Budget Day.

7. \$1,000 from FY25 for contribution LA City Congress of Neighborhoods.

MOVED: Hartsough **SECOND:** Kalban

YES: Baronian, Adair, Ranshaw, Peña, Ahari, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(12)** / **NO:** **(0)**

ABSTAIN: **(0)** / **INELIGIBLE:** Shea, Debela **(2)**

ABSENT: Mericle, Silverman, Zadeh, Roden **(4)**

item 8a.ii carries unanimously 12-0-0-2-4

b. Traffic & Transportation Committee - Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Chair.

Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month

committee member appointed at recent meeting

beginning stages of planning a town hall/forum

Hazardous Intersection: All-Way Stop Sign Request

Draft Motion: *The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) Requests the office of CD4 (Raman) and other relevant agencies to install stop signs where there are currently none on Clark Street to create 4-way intersections between Kester and Willis where traffic currently moves unimpeded east and westbound. We also ask action be taken to prevent city and public works vehicles from blocking drivers' views of existing stop signs, and alleyway access for residents.*

NOTE: This motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

MOVED: Traffic & Transportation **SECOND:** N/A

YES: Baronian, Adair, Ranshaw, Peña, Ahari, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Shea, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **NO:** **(0)**

ABSTAIN: **(0)** / **INELIGIBLE:** Debela (*alternate*) **(1)**

ABSENT: Mericle, Silverman, Zadeh, Roden **(4)**

item 8b carries unanimously by voice vote 13-0-0-1-4

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

community plan, design ideas

Planning and Zoning: Housing Development: Transit-Oriented Development

CF 25-0002-S19

POSITION: FOR

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports CF 25-0002-S19, thus opposing SB 79, unless amended to exclude single-family, light industrial, and historic districts.

This bill allows 65-foot-high apartment buildings within a half mile of rail stops or bus stops with 15-minute headways—without affordability requirements—threatening single-family neighborhoods, historic districts, and light-industrial zones while lacking critical environmental safeguards.

Los Angeles’s Housing Element already meets the State’s housing mandates through responsible urban planning. SB 79 undermines this by:

- *Allowing unchecked development that strains infrastructure and budgets.*
- *Requiring no affordable housing while enabling market-rate construction anywhere within the half mile radius of transit stops as defined above.*
- *Disrupting cities' efforts to meet affordability goals and serve transit-dependent residents.*
- *Reducing homeownership opportunities for working- and middle-class families.*
- *Encouraging gentrification by disregarding Historic District protections.*
- *Eliminating light-industrial zones vital for future jobs and work-life balance.*

Los Angeles must balance housing growth with community stability. We urge you to oppose SB 79 unless amended to exempt single-family, historic, and light-industrial zones.

NOTE: This motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

MOVED: PLUM **SECOND:** N/A

YES: Baronian, Adair, Ranshaw, Peña, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Shea, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (12) / **NO:** (0)

ABSTAIN: Ahari (1) / **INELIGIBLE:** Debela (*alternate*) (1)

ABSENT: Mericle, Silverman, Zadeh, Roden (4)

item 8c carries unanimously by voice vote 12-0-1-1-4

d. Government Affairs Committee - Lindsay Imber, Chair.

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month

i. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Funding

CF 24-1480

POSITION: FOR

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports Council File 24-1480. We also request that City Council take immediate action to investigate funding allocated to, and spent by Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA), which is presently unaccounted for; and seek to impose

criminal liability on agents of LAHSA deemed responsible if findings conclude that misconduct and/or likely embezzlement occurred.

NOTE: This motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

YES: Baronian, Adair, Ranshaw, Peña, Ahari, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Shea, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **NO:** **(0)**

ABSTAIN: **(0)** / **INELIGIBLE:** Debela (*alternate*) **(1)**

ABSENT: Mericle, Silverman, Zadeh, Roden **(4)**

item 8d.i carries by unanimous consent 13-0-0-1-4

ii. Request for CD4 Council Member Attendance at SONC Board Meeting

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) respectfully requests the attendance of Councilmember Nithya Raman of District 4 at an upcoming SONC board meeting for the purpose of providing relevant updates, preferably in June or July of 2025, and follow up on recently developing issues. SONC intends to provide the Councilmember with questions and concerns on which we seek to gain understanding and/or have questions regarding; and ask that the Councilmember consider these items solely when preparing remarks.

NOTE: This motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

MOVED: Gov't Affairs **SECOND:** N/A

YES: Baronian, Adair, Ranshaw, Peña, Ahari, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Shea, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **NO:** **(0)**

ABSTAIN: **(0)** / **INELIGIBLE:** Debela (*alternate*) **(1)**

ABSENT: Mericle, Silverman, Zadeh, Roden **(4)**

item 8d.ii carries unanimously by voice vote 13-0-0-1-4

e. City Council Rules - Proposed Rule Changes to Rule 7, Rule 63.

CF 16-1104-S3

POSITION: AGAINST

Draft Motion:

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) strongly opposes Council File 16-1104-S3.

While we do not condone the use of any slurs or epithets during council meetings or at any time, we consider this attempt by City Council to ban members of the public from using specific words during public comment period a blatant attack on free speech as guaranteed by the 1st Amendment of the United States Constitution.

The language used in the court case cited as precedent in this council file [CHAPLINSKY V. NEW HAMPSHIRE, 315 U.S. 568 (1942)] which was directed at a U.S. Marshal arresting Chaplinsky was: "You are a goddamned racketeer" and "a damned fascist".

In the news outlet Westside Current, Council President Harris-Dawson is quoted as saying he “expects his colleagues to add additional language”, and “This is as much a step as we can take at this moment, we believe. But we think it will open us up to take additional steps in the future” Indicating that the two epithets outlined in the council file are just the starting point to this attempt at dictating what the public can and cannot say during public comment period at City Council meetings.

The Council President also stated that he’s “Eager to get in front of a judge” indicating that he anticipates lawsuits will be filed against the city for violation of free speech as guaranteed by the 1st Amendment. In the case MICHAEL HUNT V. CITY OF LOS ANGELES, No. 12-55709 (9th Cir. 2013) the City of Los Angeles paid \$215,000 to settle with the plaintiff. An L.A. Times article about the case published June 12, 2014 states:

“Councilman Bernard C. Parks described the payment as a ‘business decision,’ arguing that the city would have had to pay far more had the case gone to trial. A judge in a separate federal case recently found that Los Angeles violated the free speech rights of two other men who were repeatedly ejected from council meetings.

Although a jury awarded each man only \$1 over that matter, the city still had to pay around \$600,000 in legal fees for that case, Parks said.”

Considering the significant liability costs the City of Los Angeles incurs every year, this is an irresponsible misuse of power on the part of City Council that has potential to burden taxpayers with costly litigation and/or settlement payouts.

We note that while the motion on this council file was introduced on March 21st, 2025 there are several written comments submitted that are dated before that, as early as February 2025; and many submitted after March 21st that are dated prior to March 21st in the document submitted as comment. This suggests astroturfing [the deceptive practice of presenting an orchestrated marketing or public relations campaign in the guise of unsolicited comments from members of the public.] on the part of the movers/seconders of this legislation.

We request Council Member Nithya Raman of District 4 remove her second on this motion. We request this item be withdrawn from consideration; we strongly urge a NO vote if this item is considered.

Motion to Amend

Strike - *“This suggests astroturfing [the deceptive practice of presenting an orchestrated marketing or public relations campaign in the guise of unsolicited comments from members of the public.] on the part of the movers/seconders of this legislation.”*

Replace with: *“The pattern of early submissions raises concerns about coordinated messaging not originating from independent community members”*

Motion to Amend:

MOVED: Peña **SECOND:** Segarra-Bohliger

YES: Baronian, Adair, Ranshaw, Peña, Ahari, Materna, Kalban, Collins, Shea, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **NO:** **(0)**

ABSTAIN: **(0)** / **INELIGIBLE:** Debela (*alternate*) **(1)**

ABSENT: Mericle, Silverman, Zadeh, Roden **(4)**

motion to amend item 8e carries by voice vote 13-0-0-1-4

Motion as Amended:

MOVED: Segarra-Bohlinger **SECOND:** Imber

YES: Baronian, Adair, Ranshaw, Peña, Ahari, Materna, Kalban, Shea, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(12)** / **NO:** Collins **(1)**

ABSTAIN: **(0)** / **INELIGIBLE:** Debela (*alternate*) **(1)**

ABSENT: Mericle, Silverman, Zadeh, Roden **(4)**

item 8e carries by voice vote 12-1-0-1-4

9. Committee Reports

a. Human Services Committee - Pamela Harris and Sarah Adamski, Co-Chairs.

Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month

no update

b. Outreach Committee - Kylee Peña and David Silverman, Co-Chairs.

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Recap of Tree Adoption (*Hartsough*)

joint event, Spring Festival

ran out of trees

gave away succulents, cacti

Emergency Management Dept, CERT, other agencies present

Outreach meets tomorrow (4/15) on ZOOM

c. Traffic & Transportation Committee - Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Chair.

Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month

update provided on item 8b

d. Public Safety Committee - Susan Collins, Chair.

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

West Valley Disaster Preparedness Event, Pierce College

this Saturday 4/19 10am-3pm

largest disaster preparedness event in California

e. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Representative.

“We live in disconcerting times to say the least”

facing close to \$1billion shortfall in “strategic” budget deficit
trash fees to increase
City looking to State for relief, State looking to Federal gov’t
option for NCs to rollover of up to 10k in funds may disappear
“Keep your eyes on the budget, follow the money, and make your voices heard”
currently in budget season, Monday April 21st mayor’s office to release budget proposal
subsequently, budget hearings, and vote by City Council
budget advocates “white paper” disseminated
recommendations from advocates
Budget Day: June 21st, city hall
seminars, elected officials, caucus
“follow the money”

f. Airport Committee - Bob Bramen, Chair. Update from Tom Materna, Vice Chair.

Meets as Called by the Chair
flight path change in effect as of last month
some jets are adhering
20% reduction in jet aircraft
Metro cancelled Sepulveda transit corridor meetings

g. Green & Sustainability Committee - Drew Johnstone, Chair.

Meets as Called by the Chair
update provided by committee member
meeting this wednesday at Sherman Oaks Library, 6:30pm

9. Board Member Announcements

Hartsough: Thanks to Youth Members
Encino NC hosting event on Saturday 4/27 at Encino Park
16593 Ventura Blvd, 10am-2pm
“do something, anything”
make comments on council files, motions, speak to electeds
mention of “they came for” poem
Katchen: CF25-0600 relating to budget open for comments
Adair: clarification on Encino event
question regarding candidate forum, event, outreach
Imber: people are feeling vulnerable and scared
federal actions targeting specific people/demographics
“we need unity at this time”

10. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn approved without objection at 9:13pm

Respectfully submitted

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