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**SONC Board Meeting Agenda:**  
Monday, May 12, 2025, 6:30 pm

**In-Person Meeting**

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center  
5056 Van Nuys Blvd

**Virtual Meeting Access - For Public Access Only**

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85140543942>

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*We will attempt to offer virtual meeting access to this in-person meeting.*

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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. President's Report**
  - Format for Tonight's Meeting: Candidate Forum is Item #6.
  - 2025 NC Elections, Youth Selection: [Register to vote now!](#)
  - Board Members: Take the BONC survey re: term limits/youth seats (link sent).

### 3. Los Angeles City Budget & Government Affairs Committee Report

Government Affairs - Lindsay Imber, Chair.  
**Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month**

**Opposition to City Budget Proposal & Support for the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates, Their White Paper Recommendations, Preservation of NC & CERT Funding, and Other Budget Considerations From Committee:** Government Affairs. ***Position: Against Unless Amended*** [Council File \(CF\) 25-0600](#). Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2025-26.

*Draft Motion:* The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports the work of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and endorses its 2025 White Paper recommendations to the City of Los Angeles. These recommendations aim to improve departmental functions, ensure a more effective use of taxpayer dollars, and enhance the efficient delivery of services across all communities.

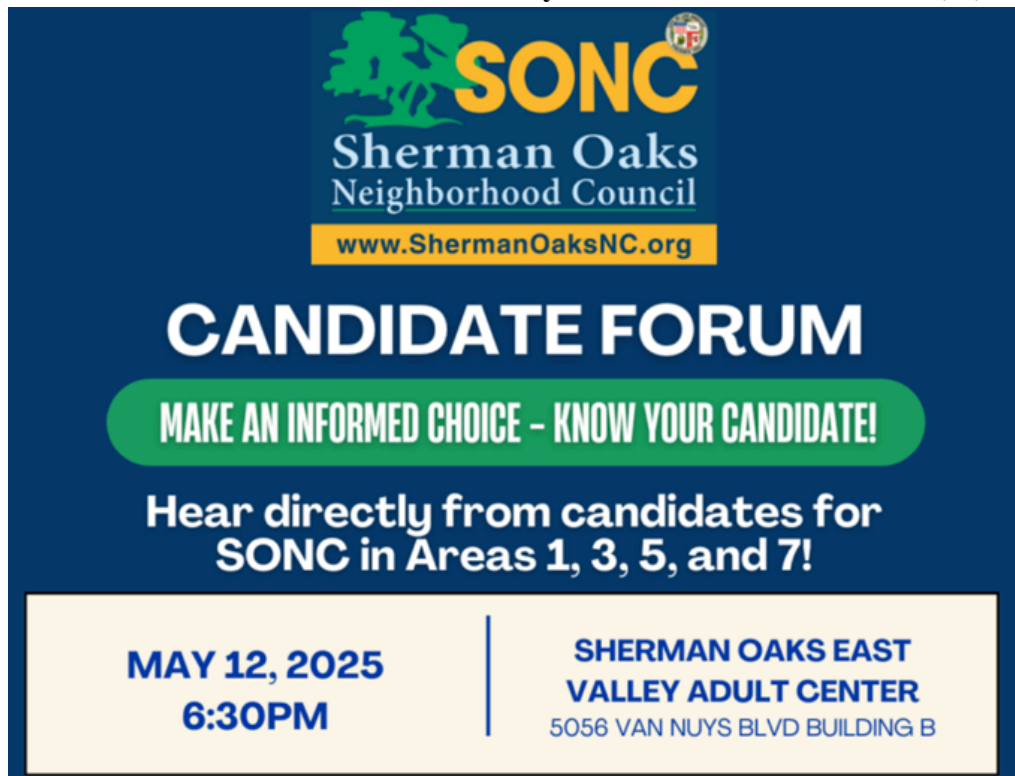
The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) is deeply concerned about the City's impending structural budget deficit, projected to exceed \$900 million, and the significant impact this shortfall could have on city operations and services. SONC is disturbed that layoffs are being proposed, but salary cuts for the highest-paid personnel are not under consideration.

We urge the City to adopt a comprehensive and coherent plan to address the structural deficit and balance the FY 2025 – 2026 budget. This plan should include strategies to live within the City's financial means and transition from a one-year budget cycle to a more sustainable, multi-year budgeting process that ensures long-term fiscal health and service stability.

Neighborhood Council (NC) budgets have been reduced over the years while inflation has made operational costs increasingly burdensome. While NCs continue to provide valuable representation, community engagement, support to charitable organizations, and other benefits to stakeholders as volunteer boards; NCs have not contributed to the liabilities and miscalculated revenue projections that have put the city in a fiscally precarious position, and should not be expected to shoulder the burden of rectifying the city's financial status. We ask that NC budgets remain at \$32,000 per year.

An important matter in the city budget is whether the fire department will have funds and manpower to continue the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. This is an essential program which trains volunteer individuals to serve communities, neighborhoods and support first responders during emergencies and catastrophic events. The city underfunds emergency management; CERT's budget is pennies on the dollar with a return on investment which far exceeds the cost. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council once again voices its support to fund and keep this valuable program.

4. **Comments by Public Agencies, Officials, Staff, and Council District Office**  
Public Comment for Public Agencies, etc.  
*Pursuant to Brown Act, there will be no discussion/back-and-forth during the meeting.*
5. **Scheduled Recess** - The Council will stand in Recess.
6. **SONC Candidate Forum - Hear Directly from Candidates in Areas 1, 3, 5 & 7!**



7. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within SONC Jurisdiction**
8. **Administrative and Executive Initiated Motions**
  - a. **SONC Board Meeting Minutes, April 2025**  
**From Floor:** [Any Board Member]. Requires a second.  
A motion to approve the minutes of April 2025.
9. **Finance Motions and Committee Report**

Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair.  
**Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month**

- a. **March 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 March 31, 2025.  
[SONC Monthly Expenditure Report March 2025 Summary](#)

**b. Neighborhood Purposes Grant: North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry From Committee:** Finance.

A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) in the amount of \$2,500 to the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry (NHIFP) to purchase refrigeration units to safely store produce. funds would also be used to purchase produce from local farmers' markets. Approximately 25% of the individuals that use the NHIFP reside in Sherman Oaks zip code areas.

[Neighborhood Purposes Grant \(NPG\) for NHIFP.](#)

**c. SONC Purchase of Equipment to Support Hybrid SONC Meetings**

**From Floor:** [Any Member]. Requires a second.

A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$12,000 to purchase audio and visual equipment making it possible for SONC to provide hybrid meetings, enabling greater outreach, engagement and participation of the SONC community.

**10. Committee Reports with No Motion [2 Minutes for Each Report]**

- a. Traffic & Transportation Committee - Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Chair.  
**Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month**
- b. Outreach Committee - Kylee Peña and David Silverman, Co-Chairs.  
**Meets on the 2nd Wednesday 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. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Representative.
- e. Public Safety Committee - Susan Collins, Chair.  
**Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month**
- f. Human Services Committee - Pamela Harris and Sarah Adamski, Co-Chairs.  
**Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month**
- g. Airport Committee - Bob Bramen, Chair. *Update from Tom Materna, Vice Chair.*  
**Meets as Called by the Chair**
- h. Green & Sustainability Committee - Drew Johnstone, Chair.  
**Meets as Called by the Chair**

**11. Board Member Announcements**

*Closing announcements from Board Members.*

**12. Adjournment**

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