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SONC Board Meeting Agenda:
Monday, June 9, 2025, 6:30 pm

In-Person Meeting

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd

Public Comments: Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered, and prior to voting. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within SONC Jurisdiction period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, issues raised by the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to one minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

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.** *Presented by 1st Vice President Howard Katchen.*
 - 2025 NC Elections, Youth Selection
 - SONC Summer Movie Series
 - Congress of Neighborhoods
- 3. 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 while in session.
- 4. Scheduled Recess** - The Council will stand in Recess.

5. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within SONC Jurisdiction

6. Los Angeles City Budget & Government Affairs Committee Report

Government Affairs Committee - Lindsay Imber, Chair.

Presented by Secretary Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month

a. Update: Budget Proposal to Restore Neighborhood Council Funding.

From Committee: Government Affairs. **Position: For**

Council File (CF) 25-0600-S7. Budget Motion / Neighborhood Council Fund / Restore.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 25-0600-S7, which seeks to restore Neighborhood Council (NC) budgets to FY 24-25 levels, and in doing so amends a proposed cut in funding. NCs provide valuable representation, community engagement, support to charitable organizations, and other benefits to stakeholders as volunteer boards. NCs are a valuable service as the City's most local form of government and, in many cases, an important connection for constituents to the City. Due to relatively low cost and high return, restoring NC funding is fiscally wise and SONC accordingly applauds CMs Park and Padilla for bringing forth this motion.

SONC also supports the NC Budget Advocates' recommendations for reforms:

1. The Four-Year General Fund Budget Outlook needs to be updated to reflect anticipated raises for City employees.
2. Develop a two-year budget as recommended by the City Controller.
3. Conduct open and transparent labor negotiations that require significant outreach to Angelenos before, during, and after the negotiations.
4. Place a measure on the ballot that would prohibit the City from entering into any labor agreement that would create a current or future deficit. In the short term, pass an ordinance.
5. Develop a long-term infrastructure plan to address deferred maintenance and future capital expenditures.
6. Create a robust Reserve Fund that can only be used in declared emergencies, not to balance the budget as is the current procedure.
7. Establish an Office of Transparency and Accountability as recommended by the LA 2020 Commission to oversee the City's budget and finances in real time.

b. Update: Quorum / Public Comment Motion.

From Committee: Government Affairs.

Draft Motion: The purpose of the Los Angeles City Council is to assist, convey and execute the best interests of any stakeholder and the public at large. Current standards and operating procedures regarding public comment period at City Council meetings convey a sense of contempt and indignance toward the very people Councilmembers swear an oath to serve.

It is imperative that City Council take immediate action to ensure adequate time, resources, and diligence are applied in admitting public comment during Council, Committee, and all other types of meetings and hearings within the city's jurisdiction.

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) emphatically recommends that The Los Angeles City Council implement the following rules & guidelines:

1. Delineate the time granted to designated Neighborhood Council Board Members for presenting a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to City Council as separate from the time granted to the public for comment on agenda and non agenda items. Comment period for Neighborhood Council designees shall be held before public comment period. Each designee shall be granted at least 5 minutes for CIS presentation. Public comment period shall commence after all Neighborhood Council designees have been heard.
2. Amend Council Rule *Chapter II. section 7 regarding time allocated to hearing public comment; increase the minimum amount of time allocated to hearing public comment on agenda and non agenda items to a cumulative total of 150 minutes (2.5 hours), or until the speaker list is exhausted, whichever occurs first.
3. Amend Council Rule *Chapter II. section 7 regarding agenda item comment; striking the language "unless the opportunity for public comment on the item previously was provided by a Council Committee and the item has not changed substantially since that Committee's consideration of the item." All agenda items shall be considered eligible for public comment during the allocated agenda item comment period (up to 3 minutes total per speaker) in regularly scheduled City Council Meetings, regardless of whether public comment was heard during committee, public hearing, etc. Council shall not vote on any items until the public comment period has concluded.
4. Reinstate and maintain remote/telephonic public comment options for all public meetings and hearings. During the public comment period, Council shall alternate between in-person and remote speakers to ensure equity and accessibility among members of the public wishing to speak.
5. Limit time spent during regularly scheduled meetings on demonstrations and/or presentations that aren't directly related to action items in said meeting (e.g. presentation of awards, staff and member recognition, holiday acknowledgements, etc.) to a cumulative total of fifteen minutes in a single

meeting; excluding adjourning motions.

6. Confirm Council Rules in **Chapter IV sections 25-29 regarding quorum; affirm that they apply to all portions of Council Meetings including and especially public comment on agenda and non-agenda items. Request that the Council President enforce quorum at all times, including and especially during public comment period(s).

7. Delineate the Council Chamber perimeter as to quorum and to be present.

8. Establish rules of decorum that require a standard of attention due to speakers during public comment period: Require City Council members present to be in or near their designated seats, and bar them from engaging in conversation with each other, staff members, and/or guests while members of the public are addressing City Council.

Lastly to request the Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance from the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and in consultation with the City Attorney, to report on a draft and annual costs associated with amending the Rules of the Los Angeles City Council, Charter or other law as stated above within 60 days.

7. Administrative and Executive Initiated Motions

SONC Board Meeting Minutes, May 2025

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

A motion to approve the minutes of May 2025.

8. Human Services Motion and Committee Report

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

Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month

Backpack Funding and Co-Sponsorship

From Committee: Human Services.

A motion to approve up to \$1500 in co-sponsoring in the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's Outreach Summer Movie Series on August 23rd for a Back to School Backpack Giveaway table. The distribution of backpacks will be given to all the attendees under the age of 18 attending Sherman Oaks schools. It will be an estimate of at least 200 students. CD4 will be attending the event by co-sponsoring and providing the backpacks. [Please see the proposed budget and supporting documentation provided.](#)

9. Finance Motions and Committee Report

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

a. **April 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 April 30, 2025.](#)

b. **Admin Package and Budget for Fiscal Year 2026**

From Committee: Finance.

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) NC
[Fiscal Year Admin Packet for FY 2026. Click here to view the admin packet.](#)

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

- a. 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

- b. Outreach Committee - David Silverman, Chair.

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month

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

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month

- d. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Representative.

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

Meets as Called by the Chair

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

Meets as Called by the Chair

- g. Public Safety Committee - Susan Collins, Chair.

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

11. Board Member Announcements

Closing announcements from Board Members.

12. 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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All supporting documents are available at ShermanOaksNC.org.