

**Sherman Oaks
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Vacant

2-B

2-R

3-B

5-B

5-CI

Officers

Lindsay Imber, President 6-R
Howard Katchen, 1st VP 3-R
Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer, 2-CI
Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary 5-R

Board Members

Levon Baronian, 1-B
Christy Adair, 1-CI
Thelma Mericle, 1-R
Carter Ranshaw, 3-CI
David Silverman 4-CI
Ryan Ahari, 4-B
Kylee Peña, 4-R
Tom Materna, 6-B
Row Zadeh, 6-CI
Neal Roden, 7-B
Jeffrey Kalban, 7-CI
Susan Collins, 7-R
Dylan Shea, Y
El-Bethel Debela, Y-alternate

Board Meeting:

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd

Minutes

Monday, May 12, 2025 - 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 **6:33pm**

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

i. Present: Adair, Silverman, Materna, Kalblan, Collins, Shea, Debela, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(10)**

ii. Absent: Baronian, Mericle[tardy], Ranshaw, Peña, Zadeh, Ahari, Roden[tardy], Hartsough **(8)**

2. President's Report

Format for Tonight's Meeting:

Candidate Forum is Item #6. 2025 NC Elections

will commence after other business

vote by mail application open

Youth Selection:

SONC filed CIS against City Proposal to mandate youth seats on NCs
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,
Other Budget Considerations

Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Council File (CF) 25-0600.

Position: Against Unless Amended Council File

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.

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

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

YES: Adair, Silverman, Materna, Kalblan, Collins, Shea, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (9)

NO: (0) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **INELIGIBLE:** Debela (1)

ABSENT: Baronian, Mericle, Ranshaw, Peña, Zadeh, Ahari, Roden, Hartsough (8)

item 3 carries unanimously by voice vote 9-0-0-1-8

4. Comments by Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff

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

“making the most of (his) time in the district”

a couple of proposals have made way to state senate, being held in appropriations committee

legislative proposals, information available

car-seat installation event in Glendale, reach out for details

more to be held in Sherman Oaks, Burbank

“Kick it with Nick” informal town hall events TBD

Lorenzo Briceno, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA)

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)

announcements sent through email

LA Neighborhood Initiative community event LANI.org

Congress of Neighborhoods Saturday, Sept. 27th 8am-4pm, City Hall

info@neighborhoodcongressLA

Canva Licensing

Katie Abrams, field deputy, County Board of Supervisors (Horvath) (after recess, 7:01pm)

kabrams@bos.lacounty.gov - (213)852-2179

follow up re: LAHSA

new department will be covering entire county for homeless services

will not supercede municipal jurisdiction

county will work more closely with city jurisdictions

Metro

Topanga Beach Bus resumed service

Warner Center to Santa Monica, one-way each way per day

will resume regular service in the near-future

5. Scheduled Recess - 6:47

Forum convened at 7:01

6. SONC Candidate Forum (7PM)- Hear Directly from Candidates in Areas 1, 3, 5 & 7

Council Reconvened: 8:43pm

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

i. Present: Adair, Mericle, Ranshaw, Silverman, Roden, Kalblan, Collins, Shea, Debela, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (12)

ii. Absent: Baronian, Peña, Zadeh, Ahari, Materna, Hartsough (6)

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

comments from members of the public

8. Administrative motions

a. A motion to approve the minutes of April 2025 SONC regular board meeting

MOVED: Roden **SECOND:** Katchen

YES: Adair, Mericle, Ranshaw, Silverman, Roden, Kalblan, Collins, Shea, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (11) / **NO:** (0) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **INELIGIBLE:** Debela (1)

ABSENT: Baronian, Peña, Zadeh, Ahari, Materna, Hartsough (6)

item 8a carries unanimously by voice vote 11-0-0-1-6

9. Finance Committee Report & Motions

Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair.

Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month (*chair absent*)

a. February 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending March 31, 2025.

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

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

YES: Adair, Mericle, Ranshaw, Silverman, Roden, Kalblan, Collins, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (10) / **NO:** (0) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **INELIGIBLE:** Shea, Debela (2)

ABSENT: Baronian, Peña, Zadeh, Ahari, Materna, Hartsough (6)

item 9a carries unanimously 10-0-0-2-6

b. Neighborhood Purposes Grant: North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry

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.

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

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

YES: Adair, Mericle, Ranshaw, Silverman, Roden, Kalblan, Collins, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (10) / **NO:** (0) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **INELIGIBLE:** Shea, Debela (2)
ABSENT: Baronian, Peña, Zadeh, Ahari, Materna, Hartsough (6)
item 9b carries unanimously 10-0-0-2-6

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

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.

MOVED: Segarra-Bohlinger **SECOND:** Kalban

YES: Adair, Mericle, Ranshaw, Silverman, Roden, Kalblan, Collins, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (10) / **NO:** (0) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **INELIGIBLE:** Shea, Debela (2)
ABSENT: Baronian, Peña, Zadeh, Ahari, Materna, Hartsough (6)
item 9c carries unanimously 10-0-0-2-6

10. Committee Reports

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

Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month

No motions from committee

upcoming 405 repavement / upgrades discussed

parking issues on Ventura / Allott to be discussed at upcoming meeting

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

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month

focus has been on SONC election cycle

first film for the Movie in the Park series has been voted on, but may be changed

will take place in June

volunteers needed for Movies in the Park

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 - June 5th

SB677 Defeated

AB647 recalled due to opposition, may resurge

SB79, soon to be pulled from appropriations committee
city council resolution not yet brought to full council
presenting at Studio City Residents Association,
Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association

d. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Representative.

1st Monday 7pm

3rd Saturday, 9:30am - virtual meetings

June 21st Budget Day, City Hall
elected officials, Mayor Bass will be in attendance
Advocates to meet with Bass to discuss White Paper
“always follow the money”

e. Public Safety Committee - Susan Collins, Chair.

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

normally meets virtually

Personal Safety presentation from Christy Adair at next meeting
no CERT update

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

Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month
no update

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

Meets as Called by the Chair
no update

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

Meets as Called by the Chair
Meets this Wednesday 5/14
looking at sustainability strategies
3rd Wednesday of the Month conflicts with SOHA

11. Closing Announcements

SB - thanks for letting me moderate forum

Silverman - question regarding involving unelected board members in committees

Imber - vacancy eligibility information

Katchen - seeking Youth Representative candidates

highschool students, must reside or attend school in Sherman Oaks
no formal applications filed, due May 25th

Adair - Question regarding chair of Green and Sustainability, meeting date

Imber - Been a privilege serving as president, will not seek reelection as president
last meeting presiding at SONC

10. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn approved without objection at 9:11pm

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacy", written in black ink.