

**Sherman Oaks
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SONC Board Meeting Agenda:
Monday, July 14, 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 with potential 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 by the 2023-2025 Session President.
 - b. Roll Call by the 2023-2025 Session Secretary.
- 2. Transition: Recognition of Past Members, and Introduction of New Board.**
 - Seating of Incoming Board Members & Oath of Office by the Councilmember.
- 3. Election of Officers for the 2025-2027 Session.**
 - **Nominations and election of the President for the 2025-2027 Session.**
 - **Nominations and election of the 1st Vice President for the 2025-27 Session.**
 - **Nominations and election of the 2nd Vice President for the 2025-27 Session.**
 - **Nominations and election of the Treasurer for the 2025-2027 Session.**
 - **Nominations and election of the Secretary for the 2025-2027 Session.**

4. **Scheduled Recess** - The Council will stand in Recess.
Upon resumption, past Officers may sit on the dais to accompany new Officers.
5. **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.
6. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within SONC Jurisdiction**
7. **Administrative and Executive Initiated Motions**
 - a. **SONC Board Meeting Minutes, June 2025**
From Floor: [Any Board Member]. Requires a second.
A motion to approve the minutes of June 2025.
 - b. **Approval of the Appointment of a Member to Fill a Vacancy: 2-R**
From Floor: Lindsay Imber. Requires a second.
A motion to approve the appointment of Kira Durbin to fill the vacancy of the Area 2 Resident position.
 - c. **Approval of the Appointment of a Member to Fill a Vacancy: 3-CI**
From Floor: Lindsay Imber. Requires a second.
A motion to approve the appointment of Hunter Laplante to fill the vacancy of Area 3 Community Interest position, effective August 2025.
8. **President's Report**
 - New members: setting up your SONC e-mail; website board member profiles.
 - Reminder to new & returning board members on mandatory DONE training requirements, including requirements to vote.
 - Movies in the Park Series: The Wild Robot, July 26 at VNSO Park.
9. **Government Affairs Motions & Committee Report**

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

 - a. **City Council Motion to Suspend Brown Act Due to Emergency.**
From Committee: Government Affairs. ***Position: Against Unless Amended***
[CF 25-0647-S1](#). Special 1 Motion / Declaration of Local Emergency / Protests / United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Raids / California National Guard Deployment / United States Marines Deployment / Emergency Meetings / Brown Act Suspension.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) strongly opposes Council File 25-0647-S1. While we support the expediting of holding meetings to address emergencies arising from federal agencies acting

unlawfully in Los Angeles, and threatening the safety and wellbeing of immigrant communities, we oppose the use of emergency provisions as an excuse to disregard the Brown Act.

In the Council File, the City Council invokes Government Code Section 54956.5(b)(1) that says, “in the case of an emergency situation involving matters upon which prompt action is necessary due to the disruption or threatened disruption of public facilities, a legislative body may hold an emergency meeting without complying with either the 24-hour notice requirement or the 24-hour posting requirement of Section 54956 or both of the notice and posting requirements.”

The motion then states that the purpose of invoking said code is “in order to enable the Council to have emergency meetings without complying with the Brown Act.”

Section 54956.5(b)(1) is part of the emergency provisions of the Brown Act. While it is the prerogative of the City Council to invoke this provision; it is not within the City Council’s scope of authority to grant itself impetus for non-compliance with the Brown Act, including its generous emergency provisions.

SONC requests that the City Council vote to reconsider this motion to remove language indicating planned non-compliance related to the Brown Act; and requests a report from the office of Council District 4 (Raman) to provide SONC and our stakeholders reasonable justification as to the Council Member’s vote on this item.

b. Rental Market Price Gouging Complaints After Wildfire Event.
From Committee: Government Affairs. **Position:** *For If Amended*
[CF 25-0006-S77](#). Price Gouging Complaints / Rental Housing Market /
Statewide Emergency / 2025 Windstorm and Wildfire Recovery.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports Council File 25-006-S77 which seeks to increase transparency regarding price gouging on home rentals in the wake of the devastating fires that took place in and around Los Angeles in January 2025.

Based on reporting made by [The Rent Brigade](#), a coalition of researchers and community advocates, there seems to be evidence that some entities and/or individuals engaging in price gouging may have made campaign contributions to City Attorney Feldstein Soto, and members of the City Council. This might create a conflict of interest relating to potential enforcement of price gouging laws.

We ask that the motion be amended to request collaboration from the Chief Legislative Analyst, and the Los Angeles Housing Department relating to this matter, that appropriate recusals take place, and third party independent investigations of price gouging offenders recommended where necessary.

10. Traffic & Transportation Motions and Committee Report

Traffic & Transportation Committee - Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Chair.
Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month

a. Review of Traffic Calming Measures & Strategies, Sherman Oaks Hills **From Committee:** Traffic & Transportation.

Draft Motion: Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council is requesting CD4 to revisit and review the traffic calming measures just east of the 405 freeway south of Ventura Blvd & address gaps in the previously implemented plan from eight years ago that are negatively impacting public safety.

b. Preferred Parking District Violation Enforcement **From Committee:** Traffic & Transportation.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council requests the office of Council District 4 to seek potential solutions regarding parking enforcement in Preferential Parking Districts between the hours of 5am and 8am in Sherman Oaks. We also request that Starbucks located on Ventura Boulevard and Allott Avenue reinstall signage at the entrance of the paid parking lot located at 4323 Allott Avenue advertising to their customers that they validate parking; and in-store signage politely requesting that their customers abide by parking rules and restrictions.

11. Finance Motions and Committee Report

Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, 2023-25 Chair.
Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month

a. Consent Calendar: MER, Movies, Co-Sponsor Backpack Giveaway **From Committee:** Finance.

This consent calendar includes the following items:

> May 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

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

> SONC Movie in the Park (MITP) Event July 2025 (Duplicate April)

A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$4,900 for SONC's Summer Series Movies in the Park (MITP) screening at the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War

Memorial Park on Saturday, July 26, 2025. Funds will go towards film rental/licensing fees, projection services, and family friendly activities. Funding will also be used to acquire SONC branded promotional materials, SONC printed materials, and event logistical support.

> **SONC Movie in the Park (MITP) Event August 2025 (Duplicate April)**

A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$4,900 for SONC's Summer Series Movies in the Park (MITP) screening at the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park on Saturday, August 23, 2025. Funds will go towards film rental/licensing fees, projection services, and family friendly activities. Funding will also be used to acquire SONC branded promotional materials, SONC printed materials, and event logistical support.

> **Backpack Co-Sponsorship at Movie (MITP) on August 23, 2025**

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.

[SONC HSC Summer Movie Series Budget.](#)

12. Motions From The Floor

a. Masked Law Enforcement Identification & LEO Impersonation Files.

From Floor: Lindsay Imber. Req 2nd. **Position: For**

[CF 25-0747](#). Law Enforcement Officer Identification / Enforcement Actions / Masked Agents / Los Angeles Police Department.

[CF 25-0756](#). Federal, State, Local Law Enforcement Agent Impersonation / Intimidation/ Harassment / Threats / Fine and Fee Increase / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports City Council's motions that considers creation of policy to require LAPD officers to verify the identity of any individual claiming to be a law enforcement officer, including Federal/State/Local, and to increase the penalties for the impersonation of such officer and/or harassment or intimidation of an individual or property under false pretenses, such as impersonation. There is absolutely no place in our society for masked individuals claiming to be law enforcement refusing to identify themselves when able and appropriate, which could and has led to individuals impersonating officers unlawfully harassing, abusing, threatening, or committing crimes against these victims, as well as misconduct by actual officers acting outside the scope of their employment, thanks in part to the avoidance of accountability risk due to anonymity under mask. This motion seeks to provide relief for our concerned and scared constituents, notably the immigrant community which is disproportionately affected by these illicit

tactics. It is important to hold all parties accountable in a contact, detention, arrest, and/or criminal situation, and the aggressive conduct alongside an appearance of impropriety necessitate this reasonable and just action.

If a Council File is subsequently created to support [SB 627](#), the California State Senate bill entitled the No Secret Police Act, a Community Impact Statement containing the above motion may be submitted to this Council File as well.

b. City Council Civil Rights Motion to Protect LGBTQ+ People.

From Floor: Lindsay Imber. Req 2nd. **Position:** For
[CF 25-0759](#). LGBTQIA+ People / Discriminatory Federal Policies
/ Local Impact / Gender Affirming Care / HIV and STD Prevention and
Treatment Services / Housing and Shelter / Mental Health Services.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports City Council's motion that seeks to support LGBTQ+ Angelinos* in light of ongoing federal rollbacks that target this community.

As a result of minority scapegoating, a manufactured culture war, and willful disregard of science and academia that has led to a hateful, bigoted, and discriminatory atmosphere in this country, many LGBTQ+ individuals face challenges accessing healthcare, housing or shelter, and other vital services.

The Lemkin Institute, founded to make sure the atrocities of the Holocaust never happen again, issued a "[Red Flag Alert for Genocide](#)" specifically in regard to laws and actions in the United States targeting transgender people.

It is imperative the City act to protect this vulnerable minority group which is under attack through discriminatory legislation and unlawful executive actions.

*As stated in a prior motion, SONC also requests City Council use one initialism for this community—terms LGBT, LGBTQ+, LGBTQI+, and LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Acesexual) all appear in the Council File Management System to describe this population, which hinders searchability when requesting past and present council motions. The plus-sign is meant to include all applicable identities; standardizing this initialism will increase efficiency and accuracy. For the purpose of this motion, SONC uses “LGBTQ+” for this community.

c. Consent Calendar for \$ Reimbursement, Movie, and PLUM Overtime.

From Floor: Jeffrey Hartsough. Requires a second.

This consent calendar includes the following items:

> **Reimbursement: Jeffrey Hartsough, for Expenditures on Movie Night**

A motion to reimburse Jeffrey Hartsough \$63.76, funds spent for Toy Story Blu-Ray DVD and refreshments for volunteers who supported the SONC Movie

in the Park event on June 28, 2025.

[Receipt for expenditures for Movie Night on June 28, 2025.](#)

> **SONC Movie in the Park (MITP) Event June 2025 (Duplicate April)**

A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$4,900 for SONC's Summer Series Movies in the Park (MITP) screening at the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park on Saturday, June 28, 2025. Funds will go towards film rental/licensing fees, projection services, and family friendly activities. Funding will also be used to acquire SONC branded promotional materials, SONC printed materials, and event logistical support.

> **SONC PLUM Committee Meeting – Extended Hours on August 21, 2025**

A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$500.00 for Sherman Oaks Public Library fees to extend the hours of the SONC PLUM Committee meeting to be held on August 21, 2025, during which the Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project will be discussed.

13. 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. Human Services Committee, Sarah Adamski & Pamela Haris, Co-Chairs.
Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month
- c. Outreach Committee - David Silverman, Chair.
Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month
- d. Green & Sustainability Committee - Drew Johnstone, Chair.
Meets as Called by the Chair
- e. Airport Committee - Tom Materna, Vice Chair. *(Bob Bramen, Chair)*
Dormant Committee - Airport Matters May Be Heard in Traffic & Transportation Until This Committee Meets Again
- f. Public Safety Committee - Christy Adair & Susan Collins, Co-Chairs.
Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month
- g. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Representative.

14. Board Member Announcements

Closing announcements from Board Members.

15. 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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