

**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

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Lindsay Imber, President 6-R
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Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer, 2-CI
Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary 5-R

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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

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Board Meeting:

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd

Minutes

Monday, June 9, 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: Howard Katchen, 1st Vice President President, called the meeting to order at **6:40pm**

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

i. Present: Adair, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Ahari, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Debela, Hartsough, Katchen, Segarra-Bohlinger **(12)**

ii. Absent: Baronian, Mericle, Ranshaw, Materna, Shea, Imber **(6)**

2. President's Report *1st VP Howard Katchen provides update*

2025 Elections (*Hartsough*)

all vote by mail, June 2nd ballot request deadline

120 requested ballots

82 ballots mailed

vote by mail ineffective engagement strategy

election day June 10th (tomorrow)
drop off or postmark by tomorrow
recognizing candidates
results available by June 17th
Congress of Neighborhoods update (*Segarra-Bohlinger*)
invitation to attend planning committee meetings
closing ceremonies will be voting on legislation proposal, keynote speaker
Mention of Scheduled Recess
Youth Selection Committee
“bevy of richness” regarding youth candidates
Debela to continue, new alternate to be appointed
student who will soon turn 18 to fill seat soon vacated by Ranshaw
remarks from youth appointees

3. Comments by Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff

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

Cf 16-1104-S3
“moved forward” [referred to committee, no full vote]
presented / seconded by 7 out of 15 Council Members
City Attorney advises regarding legality
Not planning to introduce a motion re: telephonic / remote comment
No Fixed schedule regarding when the Council Member reviews written public comments
deputies provide weekly updates, track via indiegov
Follow-up questions passed along to legislative team
question regarding meeting at Van Nuys City Hall

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

assemblymember.shultz@asm.ca.gov
victor.reyes@asm.ca.gov
Wednesday 6/11 hosting virtual town hall
register on website
20 Legislative proposals introduced from office
16 bills in senate
referred to policy committees
car seat safety events, North Hollywood, Burbank, Sherman Oaks, Studio City
Scam / financial fraud prevention
“Kick it with Nick” in July
Budget / Public Safety
budget for state legislature approval date this Sunday 6/15
no major cuts to social services / safety funding

looking for ways to delay certain appropriations
“last few days have been of note to us”
aware of situation, working with community partners
Assembly member’s remarks to be published on social media this evening
question regarding SB79
Housing and community development committee,
government committee, appropriations committee
likely additional amendments

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

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

in direct communication with government leaders to respond to ICE raids
“extremely concerned”
released rehabilitated sea lion pups with Marine Mammal Care Center
Sepulveda Corridor Project - curious regarding community opinions regarding
Draft Environmental Impact Report
Friday May 30th, Governance Reform Task Force commenced, measure G

Rosalba Gonzalez - Construction Relations Manager, Metro G-Line Project (formerly orange line)
213-922-2999

metroglide@metro.net

metro.net/metroglide

Measure M Project, “2028 series”
bridge over Van Nuys, construction ongoing
station closed Feb 21st
G-Line detoured from Sepulveda to Woodman on Oxnard
bridge over Sepulveda
G-Line Bike Path improvements
piloting bus-line technology, most efficient and best option
everything build for the G-Line will be “light rail ready”
remains bus rapid-transit
Lake Balboa, Havenhurst and Victor, pilot locations
passed renderings of Van Nuys station
East San Fernando Light Rail project underway
overlapping in construction schedules
project team working on bridge component
E. San Fernando Valley team working on light rail portion

4. Scheduled Recess

Recess called at 7:17

Council reconvened at 7:32

Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, secretary, called the roll

Present: Adair, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Ahari, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Debela, Hartsough, Katchen, Segarra-Bohlinger (12)

Absent: Baronian, Mericle, Ranshaw, Materna, Shea, Imber (6)

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

comments from members of the public

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.

Budget Motion / Neighborhood Council Fund / Restore.

Council File (CF) 25-0600-S7

Position: FOR

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.*

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

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

YES: Adair, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Ahari, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Debela, Hartsough, Katchen, Segarra-Bohlinger (12) / **NO:** (0) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **INELIGIBLE:** (0)

ABSENT: Baronian, Mericle, Ranshaw, Materna, Shea, Imber (6)

item 6a carries unanimously 12-0-0-0-6

b. Update: Quorum / Public Comment Motion.

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 and 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 public comment period has concluded.*
- 4. Reinstate and maintain remote/telephonic public comment option for all public meetings and hearings. During 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.

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

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

YES: Adair, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Ahari, Kalban, Collins, Debela, Hartsough, Katchen, Segarra-Bohlinger (11) / **NO:** (0) / **ABSTAIN:** Roden (1) / **INELIGIBLE:** (0)

ABSENT: Baronian, Mericle, Ranshaw, Materna, Shea, Imber (6)

item 6b carries unanimously 11-0-1-0-6

7. Administrative and Executive Initiated Motions

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

MOVED: Silverman **SECOND:** Adair

YES: Adair, Silverman, Peña, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Debela, Katchen, Segarra-Bohlinger (9)

NO: (0) / **ABSTAIN:** Zadeh, Ahari, Hartsough (3) / **INELIGIBLE:** (0)

ABSENT: Baronian, Mericle, Ranshaw, Materna, Shea, Imber (6)

item 7a carries unanimously 9-0-3-0-6

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

Likely to partner with CD4 to fund bounce-house and backpacks for drive
to coincide with August movie night

DONE liaison Virtual meeting took place in April
guest speakers

lack of substantive discussion

Circle, contacted through LAPD non emergency line available 24/7

Next meeting July 7th

New resource guide provided by Kira Durbin

needs to be updated on website

Backpack Funding and Co-Sponsorship

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.

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

MOVED: Human Services Committee **SECOND:** N/A

motion to postpone to July meeting to allow review and approval from finance committee

MOVED: Katchen **SECOND:** Kalban

YES: Adair, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Ahari, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Debela, Hartsough, Katchen, Segarra-Bohlinger (12) / **NO:** (0) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **INELIGIBLE:** (0)

ABSENT: Baronian, Mericle, Ranshaw, Materna, Shea, Imber (6)

Motion to postpone carries 12-0-0-0-6

9. Finance Committee Report & Motions

Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair.

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

looking forward to elections, new members, and participation

some funds will be available through rollover

a. April 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending April 30, 2025.

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

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

YES: Adair, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Ahari, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Hartsough, Katchen, Segarra-Bohlinger (11) / **NO:** (0) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **INELIGIBLE:** Debela (1)

ABSENT: Baronian, Mericle, Ranshaw, Materna, Shea, Imber (6)

item 9a carries unanimously 11-0-0-1-6

b. Admin Packet and Budget for Fiscal Year 2026

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) NC Fiscal Year Admin Packet for FY 2026.

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

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

YES: Adair, Silverman, Peña, Zadeh, Ahari, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Hartsough, Katchen, Segarra-Bohlinger **(11)** / **NO:** **(0)** / **ABSTAIN:** **(0)** / **INELIGIBLE:** Debela **(1)**

ABSENT: Baronian, Mericle, Ranshaw, Materna, Shea, Imber **(6)**

item 9b carries unanimously 11-0-0-1-6

10. Committee Reports

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

SB79 SONC voted to oppose it

passed senate by 1 vote

“badly beaten up bill”

Scott Weiner, chair of budget committee, “sharp politician”

21 votes needed to pass,

Laura Richardson (San Pedro) convinced to vote yes after initially polled as “no”

reach out to Assemblymember Shultz regarding SONC’s position

Kalbans to meet with the Assemblymember

significant opposition during debate

said to have amend to “cut impact in half”

disingenuous

July 3rd, during Vision meeting, presentation: Transit Corridor Alternatives 4&5

Library, 6:30pm

concerns regarding #4, above ground along Sepulveda, 10ft high retainer walls

June 26th, PLUM meeting, regular meeting date Juneteenth holiday

dog hotel

gas station liquor permit

b. Outreach Committee - David Silverman, Chair.

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Disappointed in ballot numbers for election

need to improve engagement, simplify voting

Summer Movie Series: approx 6pm-10pm

June 28th, Toy Story

July 26th, The Wild Robot

August 23rd, Mulan 2

Pena resigned from co-chair position
outreach is a high-demand committee
committee members / chairs needn't be board members

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

Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month
Motions to be presented at July Board meeting
parking issues near Allott and Ventura
traffic calming plan update request
statement read from Tom Materna regarding Sepulveda Corridor Project
concerns regarding limited opportunity for public input

d. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Representative.

budgetadvocates.org
Meets on the First Monday of the Month at 7pm
Third Saturday of the Month at 9:30am
“watchdog” composed of NC board members
3 from each of 12 regions, vacancies among 36 possible seats
eyes on the city budget
deal directly with departments
provide evaluations, “white paper”
Mayor Bass had until Last Friday to sign off on budget approved by City Council
“held it until 11th hour”, negotiated to increase police hires and trainings
240 LAPD positions
top line balances, iceberg metaphor, concerns remain, structural deficit
lack of discipline regarding expenditures from City Council, liabilities
major issue / cause for concern
spoken directly with City Attorney's Offices
settling liabilities less expensive than litigation
“follow the money and you'll understand the organization”

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

Meets as Called by the Chair - *no update*

f. Airport Committee - Bob Bramen, Chair.

Meets as Called by the Chair - *no update*

g. Public Safety Committee - Susan Collins, Chair.

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month
Los Angeles Vector Control attending June meeting
CERT Report: Christy Adair

Sherman Oaks CERT commences September 8th, Monday Nights
make-up classes available
classes can be taken out-of-order, “modular”

SoCal Preparedness Foundation

1st NC to have 100% CERT certified members to get prize, TBD

Radio 101, walkie-talkie, HAM Radio, Commercial Radios

learning how to get intel / info via radio communications

Saturday June 21st, “old CBS studios” 10am-12noon, “treasure hunt”

Sunday Mornings 10am, Lake Balboa does walkie-talkie exercise

11. Closing Announcements

Hartsough: Budget Day June 21st

July 14th (Bastille Day) SONC board meeting, attendance is encouraged

thanks to new youth reps

flyers regarding LA County Governance

Adair: question regarding ability to stream board meeting

funding being rolled over may be allocated toward hybrid infrastructure

better communication necessary between the board and public

Segarra-Bohlinger: Thanks for the opportunity to serve as secretary

Roden: Last meeting on the board after serving 24 years

thanks to Neil

been serving since the inception of the NC system

Katchen: Mention of outgoing youth members, Ranshaw, and Shea, heading to University

Saturday June 21st, “be there or be square” Budget Day, annual budget conference

Mayor Bass, Council President Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Controller Kenneth Mejia

break into workshop sessions, electing budget advocates

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

Respectfully submitted

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