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**SONC Board Meeting Agenda:
Monday, August 11, 2025, 6:30 pm**

In-Person Meeting

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd



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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. Administrative and Board Initiated Motions – Action Items**
 - a. **From Floor:** A motion to approve the SONC Board meeting minutes of the July 14, 2025.
- 3. Motion to Approve Consent Calendar Items -**
 - a. Approval of the Appointment of Lance Khazei to serve on Outreach Committee
 - b. Approval of the appointment of Kira Durbin to serve on Government Affairs Committee
 - c. Approval of the appointment of Drew Johnstone as SONC representative to the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance

4. **Comments by LAPD SLOs, 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.
5. **Scheduled Recess - *The Council will stand in Recess.***
6. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within SONC Jurisdiction**
7. **President's Report.**
 - Board Member meeting attendance
 - Board Member committee participation
 - Board meeting date change: Monday, October 13th is a holiday, rescheduled to Monday, October 20th
 - Board meeting speakers: September 8th Alison Simard, L.A. Civil Rights Department
 - 2025 Empower LA Awards – Nomination deadline August 31st
8. **Outreach Committee Social Media Plan Presentation – Leilt Endashaw & El-Bethel Debela**
9. **Motion to Approve Creation of Ad Hoc Committees: Board member volunteers to serve on each committee**
 - a. **By Laws** – Review SONC's By Laws, identify areas needing revision and propose recommendations for updates to the Board
 - b. **Board Retreat Planning** - Plan and organize a Board retreat, including determining the date, logistics, agenda, and desired strategic priorities
10. **Motion to Approve Creation of a Student Committee**

Members are approved by the Executive Committee and shall be responsible for engaging youth of Sherman Oaks in activities that encourage participation in local and citywide governance as well as special projects. The Youth Representative Board Member will serve as committee Chair and the Alternate Youth Representative will serve as committee Vice Chair.
11. **Government Affairs Motions & Committee Report Government Affairs Committee - Lindsay Imber, Chair. Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month**
 - a. School Safety & Protection from Illicit Federal Law Enforcement Access. Discussion and possible motion relative to [CF 25-0002-S66](#). SB 48 (Gonzalez) / Safe Access of School Sites Act / Federal Immigration Enforcement Agents / Student Data Protection.

Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 25-0002-S66 and California Senate Bill 48 to amend the Education Code to disallow access to nonpublic areas of a school site to federal immigration enforcement agents and to ensure associated data protection relative to school students. School is stressful enough as is. Adding ICE, border patrol, or other federal enforcement agents to campus while students are engaged in learning and other growth activities would contribute to negative mental health outcomes for students and, therefore, SONC supports restricting this source of stress from school

- b. Creation of a Budget Advisory Group & Budget Advocates Inclusion. [CF 25-0314](#). Advisory Group on the City's Finances and Budget / Financial Crisis / Long-Term Fiscal Health.

Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 25-0314 to create a Budget Advisory Group and insist that the Advisory Group includes a member from the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates, as under the city charter section 909, the neighborhood councils can provide advice on the city budget priorities. Given the tenuous state of the city budget, there must be process change, more accountability and better stewardship of tax payers' funds and delivery of city services. Budget Advocates represent the 12 service regions of the city, possess extensive knowledge of the city budget and budget process and provide informed recommendations on the city budget, city services and city department efficiencies annually to the City Council and the Mayor in their White Paper. The inclusion of a Budget Advocate will ensure that the neighborhood councils have an important voice in shaping solutions to the city's financial challenges and will strengthen community involvement in the city's budget process and decisions.

c. Neighborhood Council Communication with Nonmunicipal Government

Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) joins the [Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council \(GTLNC\)](#) in affirming their "[Declaration of Commitment to Representative Government](#)" and remaining true to the conditions and obligations of elected office; SONC objects to any attempt on the part of any Los Angeles City office or agency to interfere with and constrain the collective First Amendment rights of SONC, and to abridge the communication of its resolutions and advocacy to any level of local, county, state or federal government, relevant to and on behalf of its stakeholders under its own authorized, unique, and unambiguous name.

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

- a. **Motion:** The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council **supports, if amended** [CF 25-0660](#) the efforts of The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services (Streets LA) in mitigating layoffs by transferring employees in positions at-risk for layoffs internally to other needed positions. We request that City Council take additional steps as necessary to reduce layoffs in these, and other departments, in order to maintain services necessary for the safety and habitability of Los Angeles; including eliminating currently vacant positions as opposed to ones that are actively filled; and transferring funds from non-essential departments, and eliminating non-essential expenditures.

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

- a. **Motion:** Approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) [Monthly Expenditure Report \(MER\) for the period ending June 30, 2025](#).

- b. **Motion:** 2025 Sherman Oaks Street Fair – October 19, 2025. A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) participation in the Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce 2025 Street Fair on October 19, 2025, and the expenditure of up to \$2,000 for booth fees and SONC outreach materials.
- c. **Motion:** 2025 RAP Fall Festival and SONC Movie Night – October 25, 2025 A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) participation in the VNSO Park's Fall Festival on October 25, 2025 and the expenditure of up to \$3,500 for SONC's Fall Movie in the Park as part of the Fall Festival. Funding will go towards film rental/licensing fees, projection services, SONC branded promotional materials, SONC printed materials, and event logistical support.

14. 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.**

16. Board Member Announcements Closing announcements from Board Members.

17. Adjournment

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