Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

Officers

Howard Katchen, President, 3-R Martin Hernandez, 1st VP, 7-B Lielt Endashaw, 2nd VP, 1-R Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer, 2-CI El-Bethel Debela, Secretary, Y

Board Members

Levon Baronian, 1-B Christy Adair, 1-CI Kira Durbin, 2-R Hunter Laplante 3-CI Ryan Ahari, 4-B David Silverman 4-CI Kylee Peña, 4-R Christopher Maghar, 5-R Tom Materna, 6-B Lindsay Imber, 6-R Jeffrey Kalban, 7-CI Martin Stahl, 7-R

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Board Meeting:

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center 5056 Van Nuys Blvd

Minutes

Monday, July 14, 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, outgoing President, called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

b. Roll Call: Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, outgoing Secretary, called the roll (*outgoing board*)

i.Present: Adair, Ranshaw, Silverman, Peña, Ahari, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Debela, Imber,

Hartsough, Katchen, Segarra-Bohlinger (13)

ii. Absent: Baronian, Mericle, Zadeh, Materna, Shea (5)

2. Transition: Recognition of Past Members, and Introduction of New Board.

Seating of Incoming Board Members & Oath of Office by Councilmember Raman of District 4

Certificates of recognition from offices of

City Council District 4, (Raman)
44th State Assembly District (Shultz)
32nd Congressional District (Sherman)

Roll Call: Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, outgoing Secretary, called the roll (new board)

i. Present: Adair, Endashaw, Ahari, Silverman, Peña, Hernandez, Kalban, Debela, Imber,

Hartsough, Katchen (11)

ii. Absent: Baronian, Maghar, Materna, Zadeh, Stahl (5)

3. Election of Officers for the 2025-2027 Session

Nominations and election of the President for the 2025-2027 Session Kalban Nominates Jeffrey Hartsough to serve as President Hartsough Declines

Imber Nominates Howard Katchen to serve as President

Katchen Accepts

YES: Adair, Endashaw, Ahari, Silverman, Peña, Hernandez, Kalban, Debela, Imber, Hartsough,

Katchen (11) / NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: (0)

ABSENT: Baronian, Maghar, Materna, Zadeh, Stahl (5)

Katchen appointed President 11-0-0-5

Nominations and election of the 1st Vice President for the 2025-27 Session

Imber Nominates Ryan Ahari to serve as 1st Vice President

Ahari Declines

Silverman Nominates Martin Hernandez as 1st Vice President

Hernandez Accepts

YES: Adair, Endashaw, Ahari, Silverman, Peña, Hernandez, Kalban, Debela, Imber, Hartsough,

Katchen (11) / NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: (0)

ABSENT: Baronian, Maghar, Materna, Zadeh, Stahl (5)

Hernandez appointed 1st Vice President 11-0-0-0-5

Nominations and election of the 2nd Vice President for the 2025-27 Session Silverman Nominates Lielt Endashaw to serve as 2nd Vice President Endashaw Accepts

YES: Adair, Endashaw, Ahari, Silverman, Peña, Hernandez, Kalban, Debela, Imber, Hartsough,

Katchen (11) / NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: (0)

ABSENT: Baronian, Maghar, Materna, Zadeh, Stahl (5)

Endashaw appointed 2nd Vice President 11-0-0-0-5

Nominations and election of the Secretary for the 2025-2027 Session

Imber Nominates David Silverman to serve as Secretary

Silverman Declines

Hartsough Nominates El-Bethel Debela

Debela Accepts

YES: Adair, Endashaw, Ahari, Silverman, Peña, Hernandez, Kalban, Debela, Imber, Hartsough,

Katchen (11) / NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: (0)

ABSENT: Baronian, Maghar, Materna, Zadeh, Stahl (5)

Debela appointed Secretary 11-0-0-0-5

Nominations and election of the Treasurer for the 2025-2027 Session Imber Nominates Jeffrey Hartsough to serve as Treasurer Hartsough Accepts

YES: Adair, Endashaw, Ahari, Silverman, Peña, Hernandez, Kalban, Debela, Imber, Hartsough,

Katchen (11) / NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: (0)

ABSENT: Baronian, Maghar, Materna, Zadeh, Stahl (5)

Hartsough appointed Treasurer 11-0-0-5

4. Scheduled Recess - Meeting called into Recess at 7:25

Meeting reconvened at 7:42

Outgoing executive officers seated at diocese to assist newly elected executive officers

El-Bethel Debela, Secretary, Called the Role

Present: Adair, Endashaw, Ahari, Silverman, Peña, Kalban, Debela, Imber, Hartsough, Katchen (10)

Absent: Baronian, Maghar, Materna, Zadeh, Hernandez, Stahl (6)

5. Comments by Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff

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

metrogline@metro.net

 $\underline{metro.net/metrogline}$

Construction updates taking place as early as August 1st

Project area being mediated, potholes, etc.

New Traffic Control Plan on Van Nuys between Delano and Oxnard

Reduced from 3-lanes each side, to 2-lanes each side

Pedestrian tunnel between Bessemer and Aetna

Mid-August to early-mid September, change in "sight line" from bridge work Ongoing through 2026

East San Fernando Light Rail Transit Project to build station on Oxnard / Van Nuys

Project Cost: 695 Million (projected Estimate) State and Local (Measure M) Funding

Question regarding conversion to lightrail

All new construction "light rail ready"

2057 light-rail completion date

Question regarding bus stops Bus stops won't change

Victor Reyes, Field Deputy, 44th Assembly District (Shultz) assemblymember.shultz@asm.ca.gov victor.reyes@asm.ca.gov

Great Turnout at last community meeting
Next meeting Backdoor Bakery, Aug 16th 9am-10:30pm
Carseat Safety event September 13th, Fashion Square Mall
September 20th, Jumpin Java, Studio City
Financial Proposals moving through State Assembly
Shultz voted for film and tax credit for movie / music production
Recess begins next week (July 21st), roughly three weeks long

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

comments from members of the public

7. Administrative and Executive Initiated Motions

a. SONC Board Meeting Minutes, June 2025 From Floor:

A motion to approve the minutes of June 2025

MOVED: Imber SECOND: Katchen

YES: Adair, Endashaw, Ahari, Silverman, Peña, Kalban, Debela, Imber, Hartsough,

Katchen (10) / NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: (0)

ABSENT: Baronian, Maghar, Materna, Zadeh, Hernandez, Stahl (6)

item 7a carries unanimously 10-0-0-6

b. Approval of the Appointment of a Member to Fill a Vacancy: 2-R

A motion to approve the appointment of Kira Durbin to fill the vacancy of the Area 2 Resident position.

MOVED: Imber SECOND: Kalban

YES: Adair, Endashaw, Ahari, Silverman, Peña, Kalban, Debela, Imber, Hartsough (9)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: Katchen (1) / INELIGIBLE: (0)

ABSENT: Baronian, Maghar, Materna, Zadeh, Hernandez, Stahl (6)

item 7b carries unanimously 9-0-1-0-6

A motion to amend to request verification of appointees qualifications according to bylaw criteria and 2025 neighborhood council handbook

MOVED: Katchen SECOND: none

withdrawn / not considered

c. Approval of the Appointment of a Member to Fill a Vacancy: 3-CI

A motion to approve the appointment of Hunter Laplante to fill the vacancy of Area 3 Community Interest position, effective August 2025.

MOVED: Imber **SECOND:** Silverman

YES: Adair, Durbin, Endashaw, Ahari, Silverman, Peña, Kalban, Debela, Imber,

Hartsough, Katchen (11) / NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: (0) ABSENT: Baronian, Maghar, Materna, Zadeh, Hernandez, Stahl (6)

item 7c carries unanimously 11-0-0-0-6

8. President's Report

New members: setting up your SONC e-mail; website board member profiles
Public Records Act (PRA) necessitates dedicated email address for SONC
Reminder to new & returning board members on mandatory DONE training requirements including requirements to vote.

Movies in the Park Series: Kicked off in June, great turnout

Next movie: The Wild Robot, July 26 at Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park.

9. Government Affairs Committee Report and Motions- Lindsay Imber, Chair.

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month

a. City Council Motion to Suspend Brown Act Due to Emergency

CF 25-0647-S1

POSITION: Against Unless Amended

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.

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

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

YES: Durbin, Endashaw, Ahari, Silverman, Peña, Kalban, Debela, Imber, Hartsough, Katchen

(10) / NO: Adair (1) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: (0)

ABSENT: Baronian, Maghar, Materna, Zadeh, Hernandez, Stahl (6)

item 9a carries 10-1-0-0-6

b. Rental Market Price Gouging Complaints After Wildfire Event.

CF 25-0006-S77

POSITION: For If Amended

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.

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

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

YES: Endashaw, Ahari, Peña, Debela, Imber, Durbin (6)

NO: Adair, Kalban, Hartsough, Katchen (4) / ABSTAIN: Silverman (1) / INELIGIBLE: (0)

ABSENT: Baronian, Maghar, Materna, Zadeh, Hernandez, Stahl (6)

item 9b carries 6-4-1-0-6

10. Traffic & Transportation Motions and Committee Report- Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Chair

Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month did not meet in July

a. Review of Traffic Calming Measures & Strategies, Sherman Oaks Hills

MOTION: The 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.

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

MOVED: Traffic & Transportation Committee **SECOND:** N/A

Motion to refer back to committee

MOVED: Katchen SECOND: none

Motion not considered

Motion to call the question

MOVED: Imber **SECOND:** n/a

YES: Adair, Durbin, Endashaw, Silverman, Peña, Kalban, Debela, Imber, Hartsough

Katchen (10) / NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: (0)

ABSENT: Baronian, Ahari, Maghar, Materna, Zadeh, Hernandez, Stahl (7)

Motion to call the question carries unanimously 10-0-0-7

Motion As Presented

YES: Adair, Durbin, Endashaw, Silverman, Peña, Kalban, Debela, Imber, Katchen (9)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: Hartsough (1) / INELIGIBLE: (0)

ABSENT: Baronian, Ahari, Maghar, Materna, Zadeh, Hernandez, Stahl (7)

item 10a carries unanimously 9-0-1-0-7

b. Preferred Parking District Violation Enforcement

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.

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

MOVED: Traffic & Transportation Committee **SECOND:** N/A

YES: Adair, Durbin, Endashaw, Silverman, Peña, Kalban, Debela, Imber, Hartsough

Katchen (10) / NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: (0)

ABSENT: Baronian, Ahari, Maghar, Materna, Zadeh, Hernandez, Stahl (7)

item 10b carries unanimously 10-0-0-7

11. Finance Committee Report and Motions- Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair ('23-'25)

Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month

a. Consent Calendar: MER, Movies, Co-Sponsor Backpack. 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.

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

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

YES: Adair, Silverman, Peña, Kalban, Imber, Hartsough, Katchen (7) NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Durbin, Endashaw, Debela (3) ABSENT: Baronian, Ahari, Maghar, Materna, Zadeh, Hernandez, Stahl (7)

item 11a carries unanimously 7-0-0-3-7

12. Motions from Floor

a. Masked Law Enforcement Identification & LEO Impersonation Files.

CF 25-0747 CF 25-0756 POSITION: For

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.]

MOVED: Imber SECOND: Adair

YES: Adair, Durbin, Endashaw, Silverman, Peña, Kalban, Debela, Imber, Hartsough

Katchen (10) / NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: (0)

ABSENT: Baronian, Ahari, Maghar, Materna, Zadeh, Hernandez, Stahl (7)

item 12a carries unanimously 10-0-0-7

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

CF 25-0759 POSITION: For 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.

YES: Adair, Durbin, Endashaw, Silverman, Peña, Kalban, Debela, Imber, Hartsough Katchen (10) / NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: (0)
ABSENT: Baronian, Ahari, Maghar, Materna, Zadeh, Hernandez, Stahl (7)
item 12b carries unanimously 10-0-0-0-7

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

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.

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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.

MOVED: Hartsough SECOND: Kalban

YES: Adair, Silverman, Peña, Kalban, Imber, Hartsough, Katchen (7)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Durbin, Endashaw, Debela (3) ABSENT: Baronian, Ahari, Maghar, Materna, Zadeh, Hernandez, Stahl (7)

item 12c carries unanimously 7-0-0-3-7

13. 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 5-7 story "market rate" housing near transit

Drastic rezoning

"Giveaway to developers" not a solution to affordability

Housing element responsibly plans for an appropriate number of new housing

Focus on affordability, commercial corridors, preservation

"NO on SB79"

Sepulveda Transit Corridor

Alternate #4, elevated rail line, nose, displacement

Alternative #5 and #6 supported by board

Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Report due August 30th

"NO on alternative 4"

b. Human Services Committee, Sarah Adamski & Pamela Haris, Co-Chairs

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month

b. Outreach Committee - David Silverman, Chair

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

May meet 3rd Tuesday this month

Reminder of Movies in the Park

Picking up steam, youth members joined committee

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

Meets as Called by the Chair

e. Airport Committee - Bob Bramen, Chair.

Dormant Committee - Airport Matters may be heard in Traffic & Transportation Committee moving forward

f. Public Safety Committee - Susan Collins, Chair

Christy Adair provides update

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

Last month 2 hour in-person meeting

(\$45 charged for 2 hours)

Next meeting will be virtual

g. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Representative

Meets on the First Monday of the Month at 7pm
Third Saturday of the Month at 9:30am
Officer elections held, new leadership at the helm
Budget Day took place June 21st
Areas of concern submitted in each regional group
Included in record

14. Board Member Announcements

Hartsough: Celebrate Bastile Day like the French, no on SB79

Peña: Take movie night flyers, bounce house in august, invite neighbors Durbin: celebrate Bastile day by being engaged, thanks to supporters

Katchen: Bastille day, extremely important, it was the people who revolted against the monarchy

Lead to democracy in France

15. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn approved without objection at 9:45pm

Respectfully submitted