

Government Affairs Committee

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Government Affairs Committee Meeting Agenda

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Virtual Meeting

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*(See the final page of this agenda for relevant text of Section 54953.8)**

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1. **Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call**
 - Welcome and Call to Order by the Chair.
 - Roll Call and the Establishment of Quorum.
2. **Administrative Motions**
 - a. **Motion to approve Gov't Affairs Meeting minutes for Prior Meetings**
3. **Comments by Elected or Appointed Officials, City Agencies, and Staff**
4. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items Within Committee Jurisdiction**
5. **Chair's Report**
6. **Committee Business and Discussion, Potential Motions**
 - a. **City-Wide Expansion of CIRCLE Program.**

Discussion and possible motion relative to [CF 25-0331](#). Goat Utilization / Brush Clearance / High Fire Severity Zones.
Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 25-0331 to explore an optimal pathway to create a single city-wide program for unarmed crisis response, such as the Crisis and Incident Response Through Community Led Engagement (CIRCLE) Program.
 - b. **Goats for Brush Clearance in High Fire Zones.**

Discussion and possible motion relative to [CF 25-0749](#). Goat Utilization / Brush Clearance / High Fire Severity Zones.
Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 25-0749 and the innovative approach of utilizing goats for brush clearance in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. In 2022, SONC adopted a motion to support [CF 22-0600-S61](#), a since-expired budget motion proposing the use of goats to perform park brush clearance on Department of Recreation and Parks land. SONC reiterates its support for the adoption of such a program in the City of Los Angeles, the benefits of which include fiscal savings, wildfire prevention, and nature sustainability.
 - c. **SONC Quorum Motion re City Hall.**

Follow up and discussion regarding quorum / public comment motion previously passed by SONC.
[See minutes for meeting on May 27, 2025, Item 6.b.](#)
 - d. **Charter Reform Commission.**

Discussion and Possible Motion regarding Charter Reform Commission.
7. **Closing Announcements**
8. **Adjournment**

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(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.