

**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

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Howard Katchen, President, 3-R
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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
Christopher Maghar, 5-R
Tom Materna, 6-B
Lindsay Imber, 6-R
Jeffrey Kalban, 7-CI
Martin Stahl, 7-R

Vacant Board Seats

2-B
3-B
4-R
5-B
5-CI
6-B

Board Meeting:

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd

Minutes

Monday, September 8, 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, President, called the meeting to order at 6:47pm

b. Roll Call: EL-Bethel Debela, Secretary, called the roll

i. Present: Baronian, Adair, Durbin, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Hernandez, Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen **(15)**

ii. Absent: Maghar, Laplante **(2)**

2. Administrative and Board Initiated Motions – Action Items

a. From Floor:

*A motion to approve the SONC Board meeting minutes of August 11, 2025.
Fix the spelling errors.*

And the 2a motion mistake

MOVED: Kira Durbin

SECOND: Jeff Kalban

YES: Baronian, Adair, Durbin, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Hernandez, Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen (13)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: Stahl (1) / INELIGIBLE: Jasiukonis (1) / **ABSENT:** Maghar, Laplante (2)

Item 2a carries unanimously /13-0-1-1-3

3. Motion to Approve Consent Calendar Items -

- **Green & Sustainability appointment – Elizabeth Meshes as Co-Chair**

MOVED: David Silverman **SECOND:** Jeff Kalban

YES: Baronian, Adair, Durbin, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Hernandez, Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen, Stahl (14) **NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE:** Jasiukonis (1) / **ABSENT:**Maghar, Laplante (2)

Item 3a carries unanimously /14-0-0-1-3

- **Homelessness Liaison appointment – Pamela Harris**

MOVED: David Silverman **SECOND:** Jeff Kalban

YES: Baronian, Adair, Durbin, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Hernandez, Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen, Stahl (14)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Jasiukonis (1) / **ABSENT:**Maghar, Laplante (2)

Item 3b carries unanimously /14-0-0-1-3

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- **Community Impact Statement Filers – Jeffrey Hartsough, Lindsay Imber and Howard M. Katchen**

MOVED: David Silverman **SECOND:** Jeff Kalban

YES: Baronian, Adair, Durbin, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Hernandez, Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen, Stahl (14)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Jasiukonis (1) / **ABSENT: ABSENT:**Maghar, Laplante (2)

Item 3c carries unanimously /14-0-0-1-3

Regional Grievance Panelist – Howard M. Katchen **MOVED:** David Silverman **SECOND:**

Jeff Kalban **YES:** Baronian, Adair, Durbin, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Hernandez, Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen, Stahl (14)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Jasiukonis (1) / Maghar, Laplante (2)

Item 3d carries unanimously /14-0-0-1-3

4. Comments by LAPD SLOs, Public Agencies, Officials, Staff, and Council District Office Public Comment for Public Agencies, etc.

-Pursuant to the Brown Act, there will be no discussion/back-and-forth while in session.

Katie Abrams, Field Deputy, Supervisor Lindsay Horvath

Last week down a motion by supervisor

Emergency rent relief; 20 million dollars in assistance by wildfires and immigrants affected by ICE available
Majority voted to delay by 2 weeks after the counties fluster meeting at the LA County Supervisors Office
Board Meeting

In Downtown LA Tuesday September 10 there will be rent or mortgage rate relief for fires and immigrants affected, as well as low income people losing housing

Event Better Angel Resource Connect Day at Saint Nicholas of Myra church in Encino

Resources include safe link wireless free phones, Metro phones, Assisted birth certificates, La housing authority housing referrals, La county of Mental Health, Free meals, hygiene kits, and Live music

Metro taking application for 2022 youth council the Application closes on Tuesday Sept 30th

Only requirement is the individual must be 14-17 years of age

Taleen Kueroghlian, Field Deputy, CD4 Councilmember Nithya Raman

Labor Day pool party hosted at VNSO, was a great success and showcased local music

Hosting a sunset hike with tree people on Mulholland drive, Meet with the council member who will be there.
Infrastructure for the Magnolia-Tyrone crosswalk will begin in October, for more safety. Estimated timeline is TBD

Party homes that affect the neighborhood contact the city office, or Taleen

Concerns about homelessness, caused the narcotics district to get involved

New district director is Jay Anderson, who will be here next month

Victor Reyes, Field representative, Assemblymember Nick Schultz

In session in Sacramento last week for all legislative bills etc to get through the senate 600 comments in opposition to SB79
5 bills have gone to the governors desk

Thursday sept 18 is the virtual town hall,

Sat sept 20 there will be jumping java community coffee with assembly member 10-11:30

Sep 27 Car Seat safety Burbank

Oct 4 Human Service committee at fashion square 8-12

Nov 12 Cal Trans executive director comes speak with the community, at Oakwood High School 5-6

Emily Aronson from the Sherman Oaks Library is the new Librarian

Introduced herself and she has previously worked at both the Northridge and Studio City branches Great events coming up at the library including book sales and music bingo for adults.

5. SONC Board Recess - Meeting Recess at 7:08 Meeting reconvened at 7:25

El-Bethel Debela, Secretary, Called the Role:

Present: Baronian, Adair, Durbin, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Jasiukonis, Hernandez, Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen **(15)**

Absent: Maghar, Laplante **(2)**

6. Presentation – Alison Simard, Public Information Director, LA Civil Rights + Human Rights and Equity Department

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

Comments from members of the public

8. President's Report. - Board Member meeting attendance

- **Board Member Committee Participation**

Kylee Pena is resigning from the Board and Outreach committee, but will be partaking in Human Services Committee

All SONC board members should join a committee and attend meetings. As well as complete your training, and complete it by 60 days from seating at the board.

- **Ad Hoc Committees status: Planning Board Retreat and By Laws**

2 ad hoc committees have been created, in which we have enough to start the process

Bylaws committee includes Lindsay, Kira, David, and Lielt

Retreat: Jefree, Christy, Martin

- **Board meeting speakers:**

October 20th Assemblymember Nick Schultz and FilmLA(portal for motion picture and intelligence) Opening in November, TBD!

December 8th Scott Schmerelson, President of the LAUSD School Board

- **2025 Empower LA Awards – Nomination SONC Vision Committee**

Nominations have closed to empower LA and we have put forth our SONC Vision Committee, Jeff Kalban oversees PLUM, and Vision sub committee. They do substantial work, a 400 page long document has been compiled beginning in 2012, that describes the vision for Sherman Oaks in terms of businesses and transportation.

- **Idea to Create a SONC Community Recognition Award**

Last PLUM meeting - Metro Rick Mayer, proposed an idea to create a SONC community recognition award. Questions that lie are how it would be determined or what candidates for it?

9. Finance Motions & 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 July 31, 2025.**

MOVED: *Finance Committee*

SECOND: *Does not require a second*

YES: Adair, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Hernandez. Endashaw, Hartsough,

Katchen, Durbin (11)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Jasiukonis, Debela (2) / **ABSENT:** Ahari, Baronian, Maghar, Laplante (4)

Item 9.a carries unanimously /11-0-0-2-5

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

a. Motion: CF 25-0749. Goat Utilization / Brush Clearance / High Fire Severity Zones. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 25-0749

MOVED: *Government Affairs Committee* **SECOND:** *Does not require a second*

YES: Adair, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Hernandez. Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen, Durbin (12)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Jasiukonis (1) / **ABSENT:** Ahari, Baronian, Maghar, Laplante (4)

Item 10.a. carries unanimously /12-0-0-1-5

b. Motion: CF 25-0331. Unarmed Crisis Response / Single City-Wide Program / Crisis and Incident Response Through Community Led Engagement (CIRCLE) / Unarmed Model of Crisis Response (UMCR) The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 25-0331.

MOVED: *Government Affairs Committee* **SECOND:** *Does not require a second*

YES: Adair, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Hernandez. Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen, Durbin (12) **NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE:** Jasiukonis (1) / **ABSENT:** Ahari, Baronian, Maghar, Laplante (4)

Item 10.b. carries unanimously /12-0-0-1-5

- **c. Motion Charter Reform Commission – Community Impact Statement Motion**

MOVED: *Government Affairs Committee* **SECOND:** *Does not require a second*

YES: Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Hernandez. Endashaw, Debela, Katchen, Durbin (12) **NO: (0) / ABSTAIN:** Hartsough (1) / **INELIGIBLE:** Jasiukonis (1) / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Maghar, Laplante (3)

Item 10.c. carries unanimously /12-0-1-1-4

11. 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

- **Motion:** Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor Alternative Transportation Modes

MOVED: *Planning & Land Use (PLUM) Vision Committees* **SECOND:** *Does not require a*

Second **YES:** Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Hernandez. Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen, Durbin (13)

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / INELIGIBLE: Jasiukonis (1) / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Maghar, Laplante (3)

Item 11.a. carries unanimously /13-0-0-1-4

12. Public Safety Motions & Committee - Christy Adair & Susan Collins, Co-Chairs. Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

- **Motion:** 20-0263-S3 LA Alliance for Human Rights, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al. / Outside Counsel / Appropriation

MOVED: *Public Safety Committee* **SECOND:** *Does not require a second*

YES: Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Hernandez. Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen (12) **NO:** (0) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **INELIGIBLE:** Jasiukonis (1) / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Durbin, Maghar, Laplante (4)

Item 12.a. carries unanimously /12-0-0-1-5

13. Traffic & Transportation Motions & Committee Report Traffic & Transportation Committee - Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Chair. Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month

- **a. Motion:** Parking Issues The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council requests the office of Council District 4 (Raman) in conjunction with the Department of Transportation and Parking Enforcement to perform oversight and seek remedies relating to the following persistent issues regarding parking:

MOVED: *Traffic & Transportation Committee* **SECOND:** *Does not require a second*

YES: Adair, Ahari, Silverman, Materna, Imber, Kalban, Stahl, Hernandez. Endashaw, Hartsough, Debela, Katchen (12) **NO:** (0) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **INELIGIBLE:** Jasiukonis (1) / **ABSENT:** Baronian, Durbin, Maghar, Laplante (4)

Item 13.a. carries unanimously /12-0-0-1-5

14. Committee Reports with No Motion [2 Minutes for Each Report]

a. Human Services Committee, Sarah Adamski & Pamela Haris, Co-Chairs. Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month

- The backpack drive was very successful, special thanks to shutterbox for the photobooth, and the generator to power the event. The circle program is still very active, and number/flyer is on the website. Influx of unhoused in the area.

b. Outreach Committee - David Silverman, Chair. Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month

- Delay in the rollout of the social media plan. Oct 19 is the street fair from 10-6. Need people to work the desk and say what SONC is about, as well as set up and take down. Oct 25 is the final movie of the season, currently deciding what movie will be shown. Sign up sheets for both of those events will be sent during the first week of October.

c. Green & Sustainability Committee - Drew Johnstone, Chair. Meets as Called by the Chair

- No updates

d. Airport Committee - Dormant Committee - Airport Matters May Be Heard in Traffic & Transportation Until This Committee Meets Again

- No updates

e. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Representative.

- Information committee heads will be reaching out to discuss strategic plans for budget and operation in the coming months. Discussions to meet with Mayor Bass hopefully in October, TBD!

15. Board Member Announcements Closing announcements from Board Members.

- Susan Collins has been appointed as a liaison for the homeless committee
- Assembly should be voting on SB79, make sure to send a comment for no on SB79 to Assemblymember Nick Shultz

- **Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn approved without objection at 9:03. pm**

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Respectfully submitted,

EL-Bethel Debela