

**Sherman Oaks  
Neighborhood Council**

**Government Affairs Committee**

Lindsay Imber, Chair  
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Tom Materna  
Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger

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**Sherman Oaks  
Neighborhood Council**

**Government Affairs  
Special Meeting**

**Minutes**

Wednesday, October 29, 2025, 6:30 pm.  
VIRTUAL - ZOOM



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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.*

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

- a. Lindsay Imber, Chair, called the meeting to order at **6:37pm.**
- b. Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger called the roll.
  - i. **Present:** Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (3)
  - ii. **Absent:** Durbin, Materna (2)

**2. Administrative Motions**

- a. *A motion to approve the Minutes of the August 2025 Government Affairs Committee Meeting.*  
**MOVED:** Katchen    **SECOND:** Imber  
**YES:** Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (3)  
**NO:** (0)    **ABSTAIN:** (0)    **ABSENT:** Durbin, Materna(0)  
**item 2a approved unanimously 3-0-0-2**

**3. Comments by Elected or Appointed Officials, City Agencies, and Staff - none**

**4. Public Comment - remarks from the public on non-agenda items**

**5. Chairs Report - no updates**

**6. Committee Business and Discussion, Potential Motions**

- a. **Reestablishing the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program - CF 25-1136**

*The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 25-1136 to reestablish the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program. Prior to 2023, SONC and many other neighborhood councils enjoyed a positive working relationship with local neighborhood prosecutors, through which SONC and other city agencies were able to resolve issues of public concern. Dismantling this program negatively impacted public services because many neighborhoods lost a local link to the City Attorney's office. Reestablishing the program will restore this vital resource to our communities, thus improving public services.*

**MOVED:** Imber      **SECOND:** Katchen  
**YES:** Imber, Segarra-Bohliger, Katchen (3)  
**NO:** (0) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **ABSENT:** Durbin, Materna (2)  
**item 6a carries unanimously 3-0-0-2**

**b. Transfer of \$150,000 from Homeless Services Account to Police Fund**

**CF 24-1085-S1**

**POSITION: AGAINST**

*The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) stands in firm opposition to transferring any funding from Account 0619 - Homeless Services Account to cover overtime for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). While the city remains under an active emergency order relating to homelessness, in the wake of revelations on gross mismanagement of funds by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, it's unconscionable that any funding would be transferred out of accounts dedicated toward alleviating the suffering of unhoused residents. The LAPD's budget accounts for 23.6% of the total City budget for Fiscal Year 2026; the largest operating budget for any city department or agency. The funding dedicated to housing and homelessness is a small fraction of what is already dedicated to the LAPD. If CD5 is in need of additional funding for police that cannot be accounted for within their current budget, Councilmember Yaraslovsky, and other Councilmembers supporting this motion, should find that funding within their own office's operational or discretionary budgets rather than removing funding from an account that should be utilized to address the ongoing crisis relating to homelessness.*

**MOVED:** Segarra-Bohliger      **SECOND:** Imber  
**YES:** Imber, Segarra-Bohliger, Katchen (3)  
**NO:** (0) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **ABSENT:** Durbin, Materna (2)  
**item 6b carries unanimously 3-0-0-1**

**c. Expenditures for Lawyers to Defend City in Suit Filed Against LAPD**

**DRAFT MOTION:** *The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) vehemently opposes any future City Council motion seeking to allocate funding to hire Best Best & Krieger, or any 3rd party law firm, to defend the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) in upcoming litigation stemming from lawsuits filed by the Los Angeles Press Club, and investigative reporting outlet Status Coup for police misconduct and use of excessive force against journalists.*

**MOVED:** Segarra-Bohlinger      **SECOND:** Imber

**MOTION TO AMEND:** to create Community Impact Statement (CIS) for Council File 25-1223, and add language: *The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports Council File 25-1223*

**MOVED:** Imber      **SECOND:** Segarra-Bohlinger  
**YES:** Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger, Katchen (3)  
**NO:** (0) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **ABSENT:** Durbin, Materna (2)  
**Motion to amend item 6c carries unanimously 3-0-0-2**

**MOTION AS AMENDED READS:** *The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports Council File 25-1223 and vehemently opposes any future City Council motion seeking to allocate funding to hire Best Best & Krieger, or any 3rd party law firm, to defend the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) in upcoming litigation stemming from lawsuits filed by the Los Angeles Press Club, and investigative reporting outlet Status Coup for police misconduct and use of excessive force against journalists.*

**MOTION AS AMENDED**  
**YES:** Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger, Katchen (3)  
**NO:** (0) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **ABSENT:** Durbin, Materna (2)  
**item 6c carries unanimously 3-0-0-2**

**d. Pet Fairs & Increasing Adoption Rates - CF 25-1221**

*SONC supports CF25-1221 in order for Animal Services to place animals in adoptive homes, and thus mitigate the euthanasia rate by providing animals with living homes*

**MOVED:** Katchen      **SECOND:** Imber  
**YES:** Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger, Katchen (3)  
**NO:** (0) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **ABSENT:** Durbin, Materna (2)  
**item 6d carries unanimously 3-0-0-2**

**e. Expanding Private Use of Helipads for LA28 - CF 25-1181. 2028**

*The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) opposes Council File 25-1181, which proposes to expand existing helicopter pad inventory for private use. SONC opposes this proposal to convert or offer public property for private use, and SONC also opposes this motion in accordance with prior SONC positions regarding air traffic, namely at the Van Nuys Airport (VNY). SONC remains committed to its constituency regarding concerns over increased noise, pollution, and other disruption posed by increased air traffic, including helicopter and electric vertical takeoff/landing (EVTOL) traffic, in the skies over Sherman Oaks.*

**MOVED:** Imber      **SECOND:** Katchen  
**YES:** Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger, Katchen (3)  
**NO:** (0) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **ABSENT:** Durbin, Materna (2)  
**item 6d carries unanimously 3-0-0-2**

**7. Closing Announcements-**

Segarra-Bohlinger -

Update on Score of world series games

Katchen -

Webinar regarding particulars of The Olympics

Imber -

Metro prognosticated LA28 funding would be made available for Sepulveda  
Transit Corridor project  
Did not pan out

Member of the Public -

Interested in establishing “beautification committee” for clean-up in Sherman Oaks

*Brief discussion regarding beautification and resources*

**8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:38pm**

Respectfully submitted

