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**SONC Board Meeting Agenda:
Monday, December 8, 2025, 6:30 pm**

In-Person Meeting

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd

Public Comments: Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered, and prior to voting. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within SONC Jurisdiction period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, issues raised by the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to one minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

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. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call and the Establishment of Quorum.

2. Administrative and Board Initiated Motions – Action Items

- a. A motion to approve the SONC Board meeting minutes of the November 10, 2025.

3. LARPBO Update SONC Neighborhood Purposes Grant provided – Christopher Helminiak

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. **LAUSD Board President – Scott Schmerelson**
7. **Presentation – Los Angeles Homelessness Services Authority (LAHSA) – Matthew Mitnick**
8. **Presentation – Los Angeles World Airports – Jessica Barker, External Affairs Director, Van Nuys Airport**
9. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within SONC Jurisdiction**
10. **President’s Report.**
 - a. **Vacant SONC Board Seats:** Area 2 Business, Area 3 Business, Area 4 Residential, Area 5 Business, Area 5 Community Interest and Area 5 Residential.
 - b. **Board Member** committee participation
 - c. **Ad Hoc Committees status:** Planning Board Retreat and By Laws
 - d. **Student Committee status**
 - e. **SONC Board Meeting Speakers:** January 12th Los Angeles City Attorney Hydee Feldstein-Soto
11. **Finance Motions & Committee Report Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, 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 October 31, 2025.](#)
12. **Traffic & Transportation Committee - Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Chair. Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month**
 - a. **Motion - VNY Specific Plan Status Report**

Whereas, in November 2023 motions were presented by CD 6 Councilmember Imelda Padilla, to the Los Angeles City Council (Council File 23-1338 & CF 23-1339) to mandate new policies for Van Nuys Airport (VNY) future aviation development projects to better protect communities, including critically needed criteria in the development of a new Specific Airport Plan for VNY which has not been updated in 20 years. As stated in the original motion, "A Specific Plan will help PROTECT the residents of CD2, CD3, CD4, CD6 and CD12 and everyone surrounding the Van Nuys Airport."

and whereas, Councilmember Raman (CD4) seconded both motions, and they were subsequently passed by City Council after passing both the Planning & Land Use Committee and the Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee.

and whereas, to date none of the criteria outlined in the motions and requested by City Council to be undertaken via its subsequent approval of these motions has been delivered. Primarily, as requested a new Specific Plan for VNY.

Therefore, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council requests that LA City Council and respective CD6 and CD4 Council Members provide SONC and the public with a status report and update on the progress of the creation of the new VNY Specific Airport plan that was requested to be developed and undertaken by LAWA/VNY in concert with the City Planning Department and with involvement of a Citizens Advisory Committee that was to consist of "at least one local resident/stakeholder from, but not limited to, Council Districts 2, 3, 4, 6, and 12; and provide an option for Council District office staff participation", as written in the approved LA City Council motion. Information on who specifically is working on this effort, the details of which departments these resources have been assigned from or are affected, engaged or involved are requested.

And, SONC also requests that no new development or planning for projects at VNY take place until there is significant action and progress achieved on the aforementioned and cited City Councils motions.

b. Motion - CF-15-0002-S125
Position: FOR

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council hereby supports City Council Motion CF15-0002-S125 (Koretz) calling for administrative action by the FAA to adopt Special Federal Aviation Regulations that would reduce helicopter noise in Los Angeles County as soon as possible. This action was approved by the LA City Council in 2016 after several years of non-action and non-response by the FAA to multiple requests. It is now again requested that the LA City Council take further action to address the continuing issue of noise pollution created by low flying helicopters that are unregulated and do not follow the designated noise corridors as approved by the FAA, or follow the designated rules for nighttime curfews, and that fly at low altitudes that interfere with residential homeowners rights to peaceful enjoyment of their property.

Excessive noise is detrimental to health and considered to be a major source of stress in urban settings; and there currently exists intrusive noise pollution from helicopters constantly flying over and hovering over residential areas in the Los Angeles area.0

Section 119D of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 (HR 3547) required the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to achieve reductions in helicopter noise throughout Los Angeles by 2015. However, 10 years after the enactment of HR 3547, the FAA is still unsuccessful in meeting the directives in the bill

c. Motion - Traffic Signal at Kester and Weddington

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) requests the office of Council District 4 in conjunction with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and any other relevant agency to install a traffic signal at the corner of Kester Avenue and Weddington Street, in addition to crosswalks crossing Kester. This intersection is considered

hazardous by residents of the area, and families with children attending Kester Avenue Elementary. Installing a traffic signal at this intersection will likely reduce the number of collisions; particularly those involving pedestrians, and families walking their children to and from school.

d. Motion - Hazardous conditions at Beverly Glen Boulevard and No Name Drive

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) requests the office of Council District 4 in conjunction with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and any other relevant agency to explore and implement traffic calming measures such as a speed-limit reduction and/or signage warning drivers to be aware of cross-traffic at the intersection of Beverly Glen Boulevard and No Name Drive. Residents of the area have reported excessively high speeds of vehicles traveling south bound on Beverly Glen when approaching and passing No Name Drive; and lack of awareness due to limited visibility resulting in collisions.

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

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

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

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

d. 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

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

f. Green & Sustainability Committee - Drew Johnstone, Co-Chair & Elizabeth Meshes Meets as Called by the Co-Chairs

g. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Representative.

14. Board Member Announcements Closing announcements from Board Members.

15. Adjournment

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