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**Government Affairs & Bylaws Committees Joint Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 6:30 pm

**In Person Meeting**

Sherman Oaks Public Library  
14245 Moorpark St, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

**Virtual Access Option**

Webinar ID: **811 6894 3092**

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**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 Committee's jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Committee is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during this General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future meeting. Public comment is limited to one minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Committee.

**Making Public Comments Virtually:** When prompted by the presiding officer, press "Raise Hand" (if on Zoom) or \*9 (if on a telephone) to indicate a desire to address the committee. If you are on Zoom, you will see a timer graphic indicating your time remaining to speak. If you are on a telephone, you will be told when 10 seconds remain in your allotted time. Public comment for this meeting will be heard during each eligible agenda item.

*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, composed of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.*

- 1. Welcome, Call to Order, Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum**
- 2. 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

### a. **Government Affairs Committee: Sepulveda Transit Corridor Mod-Alt 5.**

CF 26-0046. Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project / San Fernando Valley / Westside / Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) / Modified Alternative 5 / Proposed Phasing Plan. *Position: FOR*

*Draft Motion:* The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 26-0046, hereby supporting the selection of 'Modified Alternative 5' as the Locally Preferred Alternative by the Metro Board of Directors, as originally proposed by SONC in 2025, then-named Alternative 6R.

### b. **Bylaws Committee: Amendments.**

Discussion & motion(s): Review and amendment of the SONC Governing Documents: Bylaws; Standing Rules, Policies & Procedures; Rules of Debate.

> Submission Deadline to EmpowerLA: April 1, 2026.

#### 1. Absence Policy (Bylaw V.7)

##### **Absence from Board Meetings**

In the event a Board member fails to attend four meetings during a calendar year the Board member will be subject to removal for the remainder of their term. "Absence" is hereby defined to be a failure of a Director to be in attendance by the time of the vote on the first order of business, unless excused by the President with concurrence of the Board members. "Absence" also occurs by an unexcused departure from the meeting prior to its conclusion. An absence will be excused when granted by the Presiding Officer with concurrence of the Board. An excuse may be requested in advance, or as a matter of personal privilege during a meeting. Late arrival, although constituting an "Absence", will not deprive a board member from acting on all matters coming before the Board subsequent to that arrival.

**Excused absence is defined as**, 1) Board or committee member is ill, taking care of an ill family member, or death of a family member 2) religious holiday 3) a conflict with another neighborhood council meeting or related event 4) employment, business obligation 5) declared emergency 6) school or education 7) any unforeseen non-routine event. All excused absence requests are to be submitted to the SONC President for determination and approval by board concurrence.

#### 2. Board/Committee Alternate Seats (Bylaw V.1 / Standing Rule C.4.d)

**Bylaw V.1:** The President, with approval from the Board, may appoint a SONC stakeholder(s) as an alternate member of the Council, who shall meet the same qualifications as the Board Member(s) they are appointed as an alternate for. Alternates may be appointed for a specific seat or for a single designated area (of the seven designated areas) & may only vote due to board member absence.

**Standing Rule C.4.d:** Committee Chairs, with concurrence from the President and approval of the Executive Committee, may appoint a SONC stakeholder(s) to serve as an alternate member of their committee.

3. Community Interest At Large Seats (Bylaw V.1.c)

**Bylaw V.1.c:** ~~One (1) CISBM may be elected in each of the seven (7) designated areas.~~ Unlike RSBM and BSBMs, CISMBs are elected at large from within the entirety of SONC's geographic boundaries such that three CISBM seats are elected every four years and the remaining four CISBM seats are elected every four years in staggered fashion.

**Bylaw V.4:** Four CISBM seats will be elected in the same election as RSBM and BSBM seats in Areas #1, 3, 5, and 7, while the remaining CISBM seats will be elected in the same election as RSBM/BSM Areas #2, 4, and 6.

**Bylaw X.2:** Stakeholders shall select one of the seven (7) geographic areas, based on stakeholder status, as stated in Article V, in which they will cast their vote for a BSBM and RSBM to represent that geographic area, as well as three or four CISBMs (depending on election year) for at-large representation.

Stakeholders may register for one particular geographic area for each election. They may not vote for candidates in any other geographic area during the election, with the exception of the at-large CISBM seats.

4. General Public Comment before Elected Officials (New Bylaw or Rule)

a. Electronic Public Comment (New Bylaw or Rule)

**Bylaw/Rule:** To the extent practicable, the General Public Comment period shall be placed toward the start of the agenda and shall precede Comments by Elected Officials, Staff, etc. The Outreach Committee shall be charged with establishing a form on the SONC website through which to receive electronic public comment prior to each meeting of the full council. The agenda shall indicate to the public how to submit electronic comments online.

5. Limit Presentations (Bylaw VIII.2)

**Bylaw VIII.2:** When crafting agendas for each regular monthly meeting of the full council, the President shall restrict guest presentations to a cumulative total of **30 minutes** in length, allocating this time to no more than two guest speakers or entities. This provision shall not be applicable to board member presentations relating to motions appearing on the agenda. Pursuant to Bylaw VI.2.c, the Second Vice President shall serve as timekeeper for presentations.

6. Outreach Committee appointments for: (Standing Rule)

Newsletter Editor, Website Admin, Social Media, Photographer

**Standing Rule C.1.d:** The Outreach Committee shall appoint from its membership an editor for the monthly newsletter, administrator for the SONC website, manager for SONC social media, and photographer/videographer or archivist to work in concert with the social media manager. The same person may serve in more than one role.

7. Require Vice or Co-Chair for all committees (Standing Rule)

**Standing Rule C.4.c:** Each committee shall receive appointments for no fewer than: One Chair and One Vice Chair; or Two Co-Chairs.

**7. Closing Announcements**

**8. Adjournment**

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