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Government Affairs & Bylaws Committees Joint Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 6:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THIS SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

Making Public Comments During This Meeting: Every person wishing to address this Committee must dial 1-669-900-6833, and enter Webinar ID 81168943092 and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address this Committee.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered, and prior to voting.

General Public Comments (Non-Agenda Item): 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. 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.

Disruption to Meeting: In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(3).

Comments Not Required in Advance: The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(4).

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public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(5),

Timed Public Comment Period: A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(A),

Public Comment Heard Per Item (non-timed): A 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 paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(B).

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: ED-17 re: City Policy / No ICE.**
CF 26-0204. Executive Directive 17 / Ensure Protection for City Residents / Federal Immigration Enforcement Operations / Ordinance. *Position: **FOR***
Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 26-0204 to establish an ordinance instructing City law enforcement to use body-worn cameras to record immigration enforcement incidents, identify supervisory immigration officers, ensure proper reporting and evidence collection, to de-escalate potential conflicts as well as render aid and emergency medical assistance to injured individuals at scene, and to potentially impose impact fees on property owners within the City who provide site control for immigration enforcement operations, further restricting the use of City property for immigration enforcement staging, processing, and operations.
 - b. **Bylaws Committee: Amendments (Follow-Up).**
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. Business & 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 RSBMs, BSMs and CISMBs are elected at large from within the entirety of SONC's geographic boundaries such that three BSM and three CISBM seats are elected every four years and the remaining four BSM and four CISBM seats are elected every four years in staggered fashion.

Bylaw V.4: Four BSM and four CISBM seats will be elected in the same election as RSBM seats in Areas #1, 3, 5, and 7, while the remaining BSM and CISBM seats will be elected in the same election as RSBM 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 RSBM to represent that geographic area, as well as three or four BSMs and 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 BSM and CISBM seats.

Feedback Received: Community Interest is a difficult condition and At-Large is a good replacement. However, I recommend the at-large seat be per area, not community wide [e.g., Area 1 At Large, Area 2 At Large, etc. as opposed to At Large Community Interest]. I have witnessed other neighborhood councils where the community wide at-large seats become manipulated power plays with a disproportionate number of members from the same geographic area with the same grievances. This created dysfunctional neighborhood councils.
> I recommend against staggering the votes. Keep Areas 1, 3, 5, and 7 voting for residential, business and at-large representatives in the same year; the same for Areas 2, 4, and 6. It is tough enough to get folks interested in voting every four years.
> It would be nice to simplify the voting process, including registering to vote.

2. Outreach Committee appointments for: (Standing Rule) [from prior mtg]

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. Closing Announcements

8. Adjournment

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