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**SONC Board Meeting Agenda:
Monday, March 9, 2026, 6:30 pm**

In-Person Meeting

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd



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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.

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 February 9, 2026.

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

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. **Presentation – Ron Galperin, Former Los Angeles Controller and current Budget & Finance Advisory Committee Chair**
7. **President’s Report.**
 - **Green & Sustainability Committee Resignation** – Co-Chair Drew Johnstone
 - Ad Hoc Committees status:** Planning Board Retreat
 - Ad Hoc Committees status:** By Laws
 - Student Committee status**
 - Vacant SONC Board Seats:** Area 2 Business, Area 3 Business, Area 5 Business
Area 5 Community Interest.
 - 2026 – 2027 SONC Youth Representative Board Search – April Call For Applicants**
 - Sherman Oaks Encino Chamber – Plan celebration(s) 100th Anniversary of Sherman Oaks in 2027.**
 - SONC Board Meeting Speaker: April 13th** City Attorney Hydee Feldstein-Soto
8. **Approval of President & Chair’s Board or Committee and liaison Appointments**
 - Board Member Area 5 Residential – Sybil Azur
 - Green & Sustainability – Barbara Lewis
 - Green & Sustainability – Elizabeth Meshes – Chair
 - Human Services Committee – Leslie Overman
 - Human Services Committee - Mercedes Bankston and Kylee Pena – Alternates
9. **President swears in new Board Member Sybil Azur and previously appointed Board Member Kira Durbin**
10. **Traffic Transportation motions & Committee Report - Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Chair. Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month**

Motion: Since the proliferation of Google maps, and smartphone navigation apps, Sherman Oaks residents have seen a sharp influx of commuter traffic on residential streets. While some traffic calming measures have been implemented by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to address the safety and quality of life issues caused by the increased traffic, gaps in implementation have rendered current mitigation efforts inadequate.

Whereas incessant gridlock on small, residential streets poses serious safety hazards; and

Whereas many residential streets lack sidewalks, have sharp turns, and low visibility, exacerbating existing safety issues relating to traffic; and

Whereas traffic and safety hazards have increased exponentially since the last review and implementation of mitigation efforts; and

Whereas existing laws relating to traffic calming e.g. “NO TURN” signs, stop signs, speed reductions, etc. are not being adequately enforced;

Therefore, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) requests that the office of Council District 4, in conjunction with LADOT, work with SONC to review the current status and efficacy of existing mitigation efforts to address gaps in implementation and enforcement; and to explore solutions to reduce traffic in residential areas and redirect motorists to arterial streets.

Specific areas that need immediate attention are Camino de la Cumbre between Coy Drive and Glorietta Drive; Pacheco Drive between Raynetta Drive and Stone Canyon Avenue; and Woodcliff Road. Residents in these areas have reported hazardous conditions and are requesting speed hump installation [specifically, on Camino de la Cumbre between Coy and Glorietta, and on Woodcliff Road], “NO TURN” signage where applicable, [specifically, a “NO LEFT TURN 3PM - 7PM WEEKDAYS” on the North end of Pacheco at Stone Canyon Ave.] and more frequent and ongoing patrols and enforcement by traffic officers.

11. Finance Motions & Committee Report Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair. Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month

- a. **Motion from the floor, requires a second:** Approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council’s (SONC) [Monthly Expenditure Report \(MER\) for the period ending January 31, 2025. \(SONC website meeting supporting documents\)](#)
- b. **Motion from the floor, requires a second:** SONC Summer Series Movies in the Park

A motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$4,900.00 for SONC’s Summer Series Movies in the Park (MITP) screening at the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park on Saturday, June 27, 2026. Funds will go towards film rental/licensing fees, projection services, and family friendly activities. Funding will also be used to acquire SONC branded promotional materials, SONC printed materials, and event logistical support.

12. 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

- a. **Motion:** [Council File 25-1083](#)

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports the Citywide Implementation Option C1, which would delay implementation of SB 79 in low-resource areas, high fire severity zones, HPOZs, and low sea level areas until 2030. Option C1 also proactively incentivizes qualifying single-family and low-density neighborhoods to allow three-story apartment buildings with 4–16 units.

However, our support for Option C1 is expressly conditioned on the following:

1. **The proposed changes must be clearly defined as an incentive program, not a rezoning or upzoning, and must be explicitly structured so that the incentives can be withdrawn if SB 79 is amended or repealed.**
 2. **All existing setback requirements of the underlying zone must be maintained.**
 3. **All property owners and residents affected by SB 79 must receive mailed notification of the proposed changes to ensure robust outreach beyond online notices.**
13. **Government Affairs Motions & Committee Report - Lindsay Imber, Chair. Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month**

Motion from the floor, requires a second: Support [CF 26-0204](#). Executive Directive 17 / Ensure Protection for City Residents / Federal Immigration Enforcement Operations / Ordinance.

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.

14. **Motion from the floor, requires a second: Support Council File [26-0002-S8](#), AB 1633 (Haney)/Private Detention Facility Tax Law/ Corporate Profiteering /ICE Funded Immigration Detention Centers (Hernandez - Blumenfeld - Jurado - Padilla - Rodriguez - Soto-Martinez)**

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports motion made by LA City Council on February 26, 2026 to include Support for State Assembly Bill (AB) 1633 in its 2025-2026 State Legislative Program Support. The legislation will create the Private Detention Facility Tax Law and thus curb corporate profiteering from ICE-funded immigration detention centers in the state of California. The privatization of prisons in the United States has devastating effects on incarceration rates, sentence lengths, and the costs of imprisonment, which becomes a taxpayer burden. ICE has been given a budget of \$45 Billion dollars to fund the building of new immigration detention centers that will house both adults and children. Privately operated companies have been an important partner for ICE as the US government carries out its immigration agenda. ICE contracts with corporations to build and operate these facilities and to transport undocumented individuals who are in custody. If these private corporations did not exist, it would be difficult for the federal government to execute its plans. The two largest private prison corporations reported significant profits during the recent earnings calls. These types of operations have been highly criticized for keeping detainees longer than reasonable in efforts to increase their profits.

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

- a. **Green & Sustainability Committee – Elizabeth Meshes, Co-Chair. Meets on the 2nd Wednesday 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. **Public Safety Motions & Committee - Christy Adair & Susan Collins, Co-Chairs. Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month**
- e. **Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, Budget Advocate & SONC Representative.**

16. Board Member Announcements Closing announcements from Board Members.

17. Adjournment

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