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

Tuesday, March 31, 2026, 6:30 pm

**In Person Meeting**

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

**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.

**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).

**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. **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: May 1, 2026.

1. Selection Process Authorized in the Event of Cancelled Elections.  
Bylaw X.1: "The Neighborhood Council's election will be conducted pursuant to any and all City ordinances, policies and procedures pertaining to Neighborhood Council elections as administered by the City Clerk or SONC will conduct a selection process each election cycle in accordance with the current SONC Selection Manual."  
*Submitted by Treasurer.*
2. SONC Board Member Terms Reduced from Four to Two Years.  
Bylaw V.4: "Board Members shall serve a two (2) ~~four (4)~~ year term commencing after being seated.  
*Submitted by Treasurer.*
3. R Vacancy Appointment Eligibility to Include Any SONC Resident.  
Bylaw [Various]: Any Stakeholder, as defined in Admin. Code 22.801.1(a), who is at least 18 years of age and who lives in or whose residence is located in the boundaries of Geographic Area [1-7] is eligible to run for the Seat or if the Seat is vacant any stakeholder who lives in the geographic area of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council may be appointed.  
*Submitted by Treasurer.*

*Bylaws Committee: Amendments Already Adopted (Information Only).*

*All items previously adopted by the Bylaws Committee, as appearing on the [agenda for the SONC Board Meeting on February 9, 2026](#) as Item #11, will be submitted by this committee for the upcoming Board agenda to join any amendments adopted by this committee earlier in this agenda.*

7. **Closing Announcements**
8. **Adjournment**

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