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Government Affairs & Bylaws Committees Joint Special Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 28, 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.

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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, 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](#).

Discussion of possible amendments for **SONC Standing Rules**.

b. **Government Affairs Committee: Ranked Choice Voting.**

[CF 26-0489-S6](#). Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) / Approval Voting (AV) / Voting Reforms / City Elections / Charter Reform. Position: **FOR**

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports the adoption of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) in the City of Los Angeles. By providing voters the option to rank candidates in order of preference such that if a voter's first choice doesn't have a chance to win, that voter's voice can still be heard and counted for their next choice, RCV supports more representative outcomes while giving a voice to candidates and voters who might otherwise not have a chance to be heard in a first past the post voting system. RCV frees voters from political games and calculus of considering how others will vote and allows voters to freely vote by preferential order, rather than all-or-nothing methodology associated with the current first past the post voting system. RCV is used in 49 American jurisdictions, including Oakland, San Francisco, and Redondo Beach. RCV should be adopted by the City of Los Angeles as well.

c. **Government Affairs Committee: Gender-Affirming Healthcare Services.**

[CF 25-0002-S100](#). Secretary Robert F Kennedy, Jr / Gender-Affirming Healthcare Services / Healthcare for Minors / 2025-2026 Legislative Program.

Position: **FOR**.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports City Council's resolution seeking to oppose federal rules that attempt to deprive young people from receiving medical care that is deemed essential by leading medical and public health organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical Association, and World Health Organization. SONC opposes the federal government's attempt to discriminate against minority communities, including the transgender community, by engaging in the genocidal act of denying medically necessary and life-saving gender-affirming care and obstructing deeply personal medical decisions that should be between patients, parents, and medical professionals.

References:

[AMA: Clarification of Evidence-Based Gender-Affirming Care H-185.927.](#)
[AAP: AAP Opposes New HHS Rules Restricting Access to Care for Families.](#)
[Lemkin Institute: Red Flag Alert - Anti-Trans Genocide in the USA #3.](#)
[A4TE: Medical Organization Statements/Endorsements of Trans Care.](#)

Organizations issuing statements in support: American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, American Academy of Dermatology, American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Nursing, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Physician Assistants, American College Health Association, American College of Nurse-Midwives, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American College of Physicians, American Counseling Association, American Heart Association, American Medical Association, American Medical Student Association, American Nurses Association, American Osteopathic Association, American Psychiatric Association, American Psychological Association, American Public Health Association, American Society of Plastic Surgeons, Endocrine Society, Federation of Pediatric Organizations, GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality, National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health, National Association of Social Workers, National Commission on Correctional Health Care, Pediatric Endocrine Society, Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, World Medical Association, World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH).

7. Closing Announcements

8. Adjournment

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