

**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

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**Government Affairs
&
Bylaws Committee
Joint Meeting
Minutes**

Thursday, May 28, 2026, 6:30 pm.
Sherman Oaks Library
14245 Moorpark St, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

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.

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

- a. Lindsay Imber, Chair, called the meeting to order at **6:34pm**.
- b. Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger called the roll.

Government Affairs Committee:

- i. **Present:** Durbin, Imber, Materna, Segarra-Bohlinger **(4)**
- ii. **Absent:** Katchen [tardy] **(1)**

Bylaws committee:

- i. **Present:** Durbin, Endashaw, Imber, Shapiro, Silverman **(5)**
- ii. **Absent:** **(0)**

2. Administrative Motions

***Motion to approve the minutes of the March 2026 Gov't Affairs & Bylaws
Joint Committee Meeting***

MOVED: Materna **SECOND:** Silverman

YES: Durbin, Endashaw, Imber, Materna, Segarra-Bohlinger, Shapiro, Silverman
(7) / NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / ABSENT: Katchen (1)

Item 2 carries unanimously 7-0-0-1

3. Comments by Elected or Appointed Officials, City Agencies, and Staff - none

4. Comments on Non-Agenda Items Within Committee Jurisdiction

Remarks from Public

5. Chair's Report

Mayor Bass to attend June 8th SONC Board Meeting

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**.

Revisiting item 6.6 from January meeting:

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.

[Discussion regarding whether duties are implicitly required to be fulfilled by members of Outreach committee; co-chairs/alternates]

Motion to adopt amendment

YES: Durbin, Endashaw, Imber, Katchen, Materna, Segarra-Bohlinger, Shapiro, Silverman **(8)**

NO: (0) / ABSTAIN: (0) / ABSENT: (0) / 8-0-0-0

Amendment adopted unanimously

[Discussion regarding whether Brown Act enforcement methods should be codified in Standing Rules and Bylaws]

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.

MOVED: Durbin **SECOND:** Materna

YES: Imber, Katchen, Materna, Segarra-Bohlinger (4)

NO: Durbin (1) / **ABSTAIN:** Endashaw, Shapiro, Silverman (3)

ABSENT: (0) / 4-1-3-0

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

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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).

Motion to Amend to strike: "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."

MOVED: Katchen **SECOND:** none
Motion to amend not considered

Motion to call the question

MOVED: Materna **SECOND:** Shapiro

YES: Durbin, Endashaw, Imber, Katchen, Materna, Segarra-Bohlinger, Shapiro (7)

NO: (0) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **ABSENT:** Silverman (1) / 7-0-0-1

[ORIGINAL DRAFT MOTION]

MOVED: Imber **SECOND:** Durbin

YES: Durbin, Endashaw, Imber, Katchen, Materna, Segarra-Bohlinger, Shapiro (7)

NO: (0) / **ABSTAIN:** (0) / **ABSENT:** Silverman (1) / 7-0-0-1

7. Closing Announcements

Materna: *Remarks related SB2624: Privacy for immigration support services providers / "Stop Nick Shirley Act"*

[discussion regarding implications of legislation]

Durbin: CIRCLE program rep to attend Human Services Committee Meeting
Monday, June 1st

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:46pm

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stacy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "S" and a trailing flourish.