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Government Affairs Committee Regular Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 28, 2026, 6:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

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1. **Welcome, Call to Order, Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum**
2. **Motion to approve 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. **Mandatory CERT Training for Neighborhood Councils.**

CF [26-0906-S4](#). Boyle Heights / East Los Angeles / Cold Storage Warehouse / Fire / 1400 South Los Palos St / Los Angeles Fire Department / Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program.

POSITION: AGAINST, UNLESS AMENDED

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) opposes CF 26-0906-S4, which seeks to establish a standardized Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) certification requirement for a majority of Neighborhood Council board members. In addition to concerns over the increasing number of mandatory Neighborhood Council training requirements without compensation, SONC questions how the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment can realistically implement a requirement that the majority of all Neighborhood Council board members obtain and maintain certification with LAFD's CERT Program: how the majority of members is selected and whether it is fair to require certification from some members, but not others.

In the past, SONC has supported DONE's adoption of Anti-Bias (ABLE) & gender expression and gender identity training requirements because those items directly pertain to civil rights and anti-discrimination initiatives. Mandatory CERT training, however, does not pertain to civil rights.

SONC would support CF 26-0906-S4 if amended to provide the CERT training as a wholly voluntary & optional offering for Neighborhood Councilmembers.

SONC would also support CF 26-0906-S4 if amended to mandate this CERT training for members of a Neighborhood Council's Public Safety Committee, similar to the existing requirement for only Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) members to complete the Planning 101 training module.

SONC opposes the present proposal to require such training for NCs at large.

7. Closing Announcements

8. Adjournment

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