



**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (shermanoaksnc.org)

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To Los Angeles City Council and its Committees
Council President Paul Krekorian
Council Member, District 4 Nithya Raman

General Public Comment Period at City Hall Should Be at or Near Start of Mtg

Whereas Rule 7 in Chapter II of Rules of The Los Angeles City Council states:
During each regular meeting, the council shall provide a member of the public the opportunity to address the Council on any issue within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. This shall be referred to as “General Public Comment,” which generally shall be taken up at or near the beginning of each regular meeting.

And whereas members of the public often comment on agenda items during General Public Comment period; in particular, those who are unable to attend meetings in-person and use remote telephonic comment offered exclusively during regular council meetings;

And whereas members of the public generally have limited available free time during regular business hours;

And whereas members of the public have vocalized a general consensus opposing new meeting schedules placing general public comment after all agenda items have been considered;

Therefore the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) respectfully asks Council Member Nithya Raman (District 4) and Council President Paul Krekorian (District 2) to acknowledge and affirm rule 7 in Chapter II, and rules 76 & 77 in Chapter XII of The Rules of The Los Angeles City Council, which state that General Public Comment shall be heard at or near the beginning of meetings, and that an affirmative two-thirds vote of all members of the Council is required to suspend or amend council rules, respectively;

And henceforth maintain stringent adherence to The Rules of The Los Angeles City Council as adopted December 1986, as amended January 2019.

Thank you for your consideration.
With Pride and Determination—

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