



**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (shermanoaksnc.org)

February 12, 2025

Nithya Raman, Councilmember 4th District
Los Angeles City Council and its Committees
Linda Gravani, Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC)

Neutral — [CF 25-0000-S2](#). February 2025 Council Sessions / Public Comment / Communications(s) from Public. // // // [CF 25-0000-S1](#). January 2025 Council Sessions / Public Comment / Communications(s) from Public.

To Councilmember Nithya Raman, All City Councilmembers, and President Linda Gravani,

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) in a 14-0 vote at its February 10, 2025 meeting adopted a position to call upon our Councilmember Raman and the other Councilmembers to **restore telephone public comment at City Council sessions**. SONC also requests VANC President Gravani share this motion at an upcoming Alliance meeting to secure support from other Neighborhood Councils to restore this public comment offering at City Hall.

Adopted motion:

Whereas the Los Angeles City Council meets during regular business hours when stakeholders tend to be at work or in school; and

Whereas regular meetings are held at City Hall, located at 200 N. Spring Street, which is a considerable commute for the vast majority of Los Angeles residents; and

Whereas many stakeholders have disabilities that limit their mobility; and

Whereas infrastructure and standard operating procedure for telephonic public comment has been well established and implemented in recent years until January 2025;

Therefore the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) respectfully requests that Councilmember Nithya Raman of District 4 take immediate action to reinstate the option for members of the public to comment remotely via telephone during regular City Council Meetings.

We also request that a District 4 representative report back to SONC on the status of this proposal at the next regularly scheduled board meeting, or within 30 days.

Thank you for your attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

With Pride and Determination—
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