

**Government Affairs
Committee**

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Government Affairs Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020)
AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THIS SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL MEETING WAS BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

1. **Call to Order** - Gil Imber, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.
2. **Roll Call** - Present were Gil Imber, Kira Durbin, Tom Materna. Quorum was established.
3. **Administrative Motions**
 - a. There were no minutes from a prior meeting.
4. **Comments by Public Officials** -
Brad Fingard, Council District 4.
5. **Chair's Report.**
Howard Katchen and Pamela Harris were introduced and seated on the Committee.
6. **Action Items Which May Be Voted Upon**
 - a. [CF 20-0690](#). Murder of George Floyd / Condemnation.
 - i. Motion by Gil Imber. Seconded by Kira Durbin.
Public Comment followed.
 1. Motion to Amend by Kira Durbin to amend language.
Seconded by Tom Materna.
Yes: Kira Durbin, Pamela Harris, Gil Imber
Abstain: Tom Materna // Absent: Howard Katchen
(On the Motion as Amended)
Yes: Kira Durbin, Pamela Harris, Gil Imber
Abstain: Tom Materna // Absent: Howard Katchen

Motion as Adopted by Committee to be Presented to SONC Board (3-0): Black Lives Matter. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) agrees with the Los Angeles City Council’s proposed Resolution pertaining to the circumstances of “murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 25, 2020,” and the “national outpouring of anguish, anger and introspection on issues of race and policing, among other issues.” Despite the subsequent arrests of Derek Chauvin, Thomas Lane, JA Keung, and Tou Thao in accordance with CF 20-0690, SONC nonetheless urges the City Council to adopt its Resolution in some form, and specifically the aforementioned language pertaining to “murder,” “anguish, anger and introspection on issues of race and policing,” and unconditional condemnation of “the murder in the strongest possible terms.” SONC also implores the City Council to adopt the language, “Black Lives Matter.” Be it resolved that SONC shall communicate its position through the issuance of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on CF 20-0690 and through a letter to the Councilmember for District Four, David Ryu, who seconded the original motion CF 20-0690.

- b. [CF 20-0686](#). George Floyd / After-Action Report / Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Actions / Civil Unrest / May 29, 2020.
 - i. Motion by Tom Materna. Seconded by Pamela Harris.
Public comment & discussion followed.
Yes: Kira Durbin, Tom Materna, Pamela Harris, Gil Imber
Absent: Howard Katchen

Motion as Adopted by Committee to be Presented to SONC Board (4-0): The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports the City Council’s motion that the Chief of Police report with an after-action report of the events leading up to and the Police Department’s actions during the period of civil unrest that began on May 29, 2020 in response to the killing of George Floyd. Be it resolved that SONC shall communicate its position through the issuance of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on CF 20-0686 and through a letter to the Councilmember for District Four, David Ryu.

7. Additional Items for Discussion

- a. Overview of Government Affairs Committee, purpose, membership.
Discussion followed.
- b. [CF 20-0608](#). Office of Anti-Corruption and Transparency / Independent Auditors and Investigators / Land Use Approval Oversight and Monitoring / Quid Pro Quo Activity.
Discussion followed.
- c. Possible agenda items for next meeting.
Next meeting of SONC Government Affairs: Tues, June 30.

8. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items Within the Committee’s Jurisdiction

9. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned by general consent at 8:36pm.

*All action items in **6.** contain a hyperlink to the source legislation under consideration by this Committee.

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