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Government Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

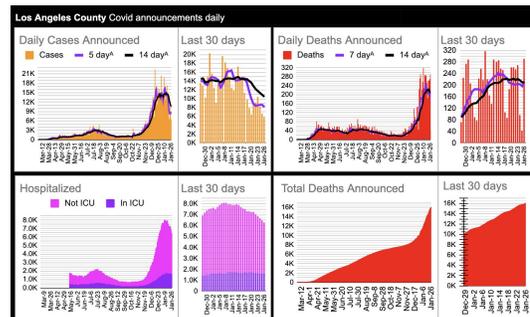
7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at **7:03pm** by Chair Imber.
2. **Roll Call** - Present: Kira Durbin (*left after Item 4*), Gil Imber, Howard Katchen, Tom Materna
- Absent: Pamela Harris
3. **Administrative Motions**
 - a. Approval of the minutes of the December 22, 2020 meeting.
Moved by: Tom Materna. **Seconded by:** Gil Imber.
Yes: Imber, Katchen, Materna
No: - / **Abstain/NV:** Durbin / **Absent:** Harris
The minutes of the December 22 meeting are approved (3-0).

4. **Comments by Public Officials**

Ryan Ahari, CA 46th
Assembly District
Alexandria Naseef, LA City
Council 4th District



5. **Chair's Report**
 - [CF 20-0944](#), [20-0945](#), [20-0429](#). Mask wearing requirement (non)-update, COVID vaccine update, EDD/unemployment update.
6. **Action Items Which May Be Voted Upon**
 - a. [CF 21-0002-S3](#). Domestic Terrorism / USA Patriot Act Expansion / Federal Crimes Identification.
 - i. Possible motion and vote.
Discussion followed.

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports City Council File 21-0002-S3 and any legislation that defines “domestic terrorism” as a federal crime, accompanied by appropriate penalties and sentences.

Moved by: Gil Imber. **Seconded by:** Howard Katchen.

Discussion followed.

Yes: Imber, Katchen, Materna

No: - / **Abstain/NV:** - / **Absent:** Durbin, Harris

The motion 6.a is adopted (3-0).

- b. [CF 21-0002-S18](#). SB 9 (Atkins) / Housing Development Ministerial Approval / Duplex and Parcel Map Division / Environmental Review Exemption.

[CF 21-0002-S21](#). SB 10 (Weiner) / Midrise (sic), Medium-Density Housing / Public Transportation / Jobs-Rich Neighborhoods.

Possible motion and vote.

Discussion followed.

Given the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC)’s prior Community Impact Statements in City Council Files [20-0002-S101](#) and [CF 20-0002-S107](#), submitted on August 12, 2020, SONC hereby supports similar council files [CF 21-0002-S18](#) and [CF 21-0002-S21](#), in opposition to SB 9 (Atkins) and SB 10 (Weiner), for reasons including but not limited to the elimination of community review or public hearing, overriding of local land use control regulations and protocols, and changes to housing procedures without any provisions for affordable housing also known as affordability requirements.

Moved by: Tom Materna. **Seconded by:** Howard Katchen.

Discussion followed.

Yes: Imber, Katchen, Materna

No: - / **Abstain/NV:** - / **Absent:** Durbin, Harris

The motion is adopted (3-0).

7. Additional Items for Discussion

- a. [CF 20-0668](#). Redistricting Process / 2020 Decennial US Census Data. [CF 20-0668-S1](#). 2020 Redistricting Commission / Appointments.

Public Comment followed. Discussion followed.

- Ongoing discussion on the 2021 redistricting process for City Council and LAUSD School Board: Appropriateness of Sherman Oaks’ placement in CD 4.
- See: [History of Los Angeles City Council Districts](#).
- [Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association 2021 Redistricting](#)

[Recommendations for Sherman Oaks and the San Fernando Valley](#). A copy of SOHA's letter has been posted as a supporting document to the SONC Government Affairs Committee page on the website at <https://www.shermanoaksnc.org/government-committee.php>.
Presentation by Guest Speaker Bob Anderson.
Discussion followed.

- b. [CF 21-0039](#). Capital Improvement Expenditure Plan / Infrastructure Conditions / Equity / Low-Income Communities of Color.
- c. Possible agenda items for next meeting.
 - i. FAA noise report.

8. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items Within the Committee's Jurisdiction
Public Comment followed.

9. Closing Remarks by Committee Members
Discussion followed.

10. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned via general consent at **8:49 pm**.

*All Council File (CF) items contain a hyperlink to the applicable source legislation.

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