

**Government Affairs  
Committee**

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Neighborhood Council**

**Government Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at **7:08pm** by Chair Imber.
2. **Roll Call** - Present: Pamela Harris, Gil Imber, Howard Katchen, Tom Materna  
- Absent: -
3. **Administrative Motions**
  - a. Approval of the minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting.  
**Moved by:** Tom Materna. **Seconded by:** Howard Katchen.  
**Yes:** Imber, Katchen, Materna  
**No:** - / **Abstain/NV:** Materna / **Absent:** -  
**The minutes are approved (3-0).**
4. **Comments by Public Officials**  
Alexandria Naseef, LA City Council 4th District
5. **Chair's Report**  
Metro Meeting on 2/25 at 10:00 AM. Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project #41.
6. **Action Items Which May Be Voted Upon**
  - a. [CF 21-0031](#). CARE+ Cleanups / COVID-19 Crisis / Homeless Encampments / Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines.
    - i. Possible presentation by CD4, motion, and vote.  
Public comment followed. Discussion followed.

**Motion to Postpone to Next Month's Meeting**

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

Public comment followed. Discussion followed.

**Yes:** Harris, Imber, Materna

**No:** Katchen / **Abstain/NV:** - / **Absent:** -

**The motion to postpone 6.a is agreed to (3-1).**

- b. [CF 21-0002-S61](#). Asian Americans / Pacific Islanders / Hate Crimes / Discrimination / Harassment / Violence / COVID-19 Pandemic.  
[CF 21-0264](#). Hate Crimes / Asian American Community / Cultural Sites / Coronavirus Pandemic.
- i. Possible motion and vote.

“Given the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC)’s prior support for and Community Impact Statement (CIS) submitted to [CF 20-0002-S81](#), Asian and Pacific Islander, Jewish, Immigrant and Other Communities / COVID-19 Pandemic / Denounce Anti-Asian Bigotry, Anti-Semitism, Hateful Speech, Violent Action, introduced by Councilmember David Ryu and seconded by Councilmember Bob Blumenfield in May 2020, SONC reaffirms its support for [CF 21-0002-S61](#) and [CF 21-0264](#) regarding the condemnation of discrimination, harassment, and hate crimes, and urges LA City Council to not allow CF 21-0002-S61 and CF 21-0264 to sit idle in Committee without a vote for months on end, as it did with CF 20-0002-S81.”

**Motion to Adopt 6.b**

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

Public comment followed. Discussion followed.

**Yes:** Harris, Imber, Katchen, Materna

**No:** - / **Abstain/NV:** - / **Absent:** -

The motion to adopt 6.b is agreed to (4-0).

**7. Additional Items for Discussion**

- a. [CF 20-0668](#). Redistricting Process / 2020 Decennial US Census Data.  
[CF 20-0668-S1](#). 2020 Redistricting Commission / Appointments.
- Ongoing discussion on the 2021 redistricting process.
  - See: [History of Los Angeles City Council Districts](#).
  - [Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association Recommendations](#).

Public comment followed. Discussion followed.

Outreach - solicit public input at April’s meeting.

**Motion to follow redistricting process and partake an outreach effort to solicit stakeholder input.**

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

**Yes:** Harris, Imber, Katchen, Materna

**No:** - / **Abstain/NV:** - / **Absent:** -

The motion to adopt 7.a is agreed to (4-0).

- b. NC election eligibility, SONC bylaws, and voting access.  
Public comment. Discussion followed.

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 **8:38 pm**.

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

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