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Tuesday, November 24, 2020

7:00 pm

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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
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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Administrative Motions**
 - a. Approval of the minutes of the October 27, 2020 meeting.
4. **Comments by Public Officials**
5. **Chair's Report**
 - a. [CF 20-1205](#). Army Corp of Engineers / Sepulveda Basin: Adopted.
 - b. Bylaws, rules, and regular order.
6. **Action Items Which May Be Voted Upon**
 - a. [CF 20-0004-S1](#). Republic of Artsakh / Azerbaijan Military Forces / Ceasefire / Commendatory Resolution.
 - i. Possible motion and vote. Guest speaker: Avo Babian.

Los Angeles is a sister city of Yerevan, Armenia (since 2007) and friendship city of Shushi, Artsakh (since 2013). See: [CF 13-0004-S2](#). Commendatory Resolution / Republic of Armenia / Republic of Artsakh; and [CF 14-0621](#). City of Stepanakert / Donation of Surplus Fire Hoses.
7. **Additional Items for Discussion**
 - a. [CF 20-0668](#). Redistricting Process / 2020 Decennial United States Census Data.
 - [CF 20-0668-S1](#). 2020 Redistricting Commission / Appointments.
 - Sherman Oaks is presently represented on the Los Angeles City Council (since 2011 redistricting) by Council District 4 (Councilmember David Ryu / CM-Elect Nithya Raman).
 - Ryu has nominated Councilmember Mike Woo (1985-93, LA City Council District 13) of Silver Lake to represent CD4 on the 2020 Los Angeles Redistricting Commission.
 - Sherman Oaks is presently represented on the Board of Education by Board District 3 (Board Member Scott Schmerelson).
 - Schmerelson has nominated Board Member Loraine Lundquist (2018-19, Northridge East Neighborhood Council) to represent BD3 on the 2020 Los Angeles Redistricting Commission.
 1. In 2012, the redistricting of CD 4 (then-Councilmember Tom LaBonge) into Sherman Oaks [and the San Fernando Valley in general] was [deemed](#) by Councilmember Bill Rosendahl (CD11) as an “outrageous case of gerrymandering.” LaBonge himself deemed the north-westerly expansion of CD4 to include Sherman Oaks as “very odd.”

Incoming CM Raman has [stated](#), “It’s not healthy for so much power to be concentrated among so few people -- and our current districts are simply too large to be governed effectively...We could redistrict our city in a way that’s easier for residents to understand. That’s a change I’ll fight for if I’m elected.”

This meeting’s discussion will be an introduction to the redistricting concept that, at some point during a future meeting, may evolve into a comprehensive evaluation regarding appropriateness/effectiveness of Sherman Oaks and/or other neighborhood representation via CD4 and/or BD3 vs representation through an adjacent District, such as but not limited to CD2 (Krekorian) or CD5 (Koretz) [LA City Council], to better align with other Valley communities, and/or BD4 (Melvoin) or BD6 (Gonez) [School Board].

[CF 20-0668](#) deadline is August 31, 2021.

Potential conversation with elected officials/offices.

b. Possible agenda items for next meeting.

8. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items Within the Committee’s Jurisdiction**
9. **Closing Remarks by Committee Members**
10. **Adjournment**

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

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