

**Sherman Oaks  
Neighborhood Council**

**Government Affairs Committee**

Lindsay Imber, Chair  
Howard Katchen  
Tom Materna  
Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger

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**Minutes**

Sherman Oaks Martin Pollard Branch Library  
Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 6:30 pm.



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*The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.*

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

- a. Lindsay Imber, President, called the meeting to order at **6:34pm.**
- b. Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary, called the roll.
  - i. **Present:** Tom Materna, Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Lindsay Imber **(3)**
  - ii. **Absent:** Howard Katchen **(1)**

**2. Administrative Motions -**

- a. *A motion to approve the Minutes of the February 28, 2022 Government Affairs Committee Meeting.*  
**moved:** Imber      **seconded:** Segarra-Bohlinger  
**approved without objection by unanimous consent**

**3. Comments by Elected or Appointed Officials, City Agencies, and Staff - none**

**4. Public Comment - *brief discussion followed***

**5. Chairs Report - Lindsay Imber, Chair**

return to in-person meetings.  
tech for hybrid meetings, wifi at Louis Armstrong middle school  
Committee Announcements.  
vacancy on committee available to stakeholders, board members

**6. Action Items That May Be Voted Upon for Transmission to the Board**

- a. **For [If Amended] Homeless Shelter Notification Requirements:  
CF23-0264. Emergency Shelter / Notifications / Permitting**

*In so far as communication and transparency in government is vital to our community, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF23-0264, if amended, to clarify notification requirements of emergency homeless shelter property owners when a homeless shelter provider has not been identified at the time the project application is filed. SONC believes notification requirements should be expanded beyond the currently-required written notification to only owners of properties abutting the subject property to include, at minimum, 500 ft surrounding the project site. Furthermore, we would request notification to the appropriate Neighborhood Council, so that the NC can best assist with outreach efforts to both community stakeholders and parties that may avail themselves of the shelter's services.*

**Moved:** Imber      **Seconded:** Materna  
**Yes:** Imger, Materna   **No:** (0)      **Absent:** Katchen      **Abstain:** Segarra-Bohlinger  
**item 6a carries 2-0-1-1**

**b.For Democracy Vouchers Program for Local Elections.**

**CF23-0359. Democracy Vouchers Program / City Elections**

*Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports CF23-0359 to study a potential democracy vouchers program to benefit local voters regarding local elections, and to give local community members a greater voice when it comes to representative issues in the City of Los Angeles, with the hope that such a program creates a more equitable atmosphere for campaign financing, and increases local participation and engagement in elections and productive political activity.*

*Motion to amend: strike language regarding "establish", replace with "study a potential"*

**Moved:** Imber      **Seconded:** Segarra-Bohlinger  
**Yes:** Imber, Materna, Segarra-Bohlinger (3)   **No:** (0)      **Absent:** Katchen (1)   **Abstain:** (0)

*Motion as amended*

**Moved:** Imber      **Seconded:** Segarra-Bohlinger  
**Yes:** Imber, Materna, Segarra-Bohlinger (3)   **No:** (0)      **Absent:** Katchen (1)   **Abstain:** (0)

**c.For LAPD's Diversion and Recidivism Programs. CF23-0270.**

*The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports CF23-0270 to evaluate diversion and recidivism programs implemented by LAPD or in collaboration with other agencies to mitigate and prevent crime. Supporting alternative and proven approaches to public safety and crime reduction, such as community engagement, diversion, and recidivism programs, is of utmost importance in an atmosphere where existing legislation & policy, such as Prop47, discourages incarceration.*

**Moved:** Imber      **Seconded:** Segarra-Bohlinger  
**Yes:** Imber, Materna, Segarra-Bohlinger (3)   **No:** (0)      **Absent:** Katchen (1)   **Abstain:** (0)  
**Item 6c carries 3-0-1-0**

**7. Announcements / Closing Remarks**

traffic & transportation meeting frequency, Metro Sepulveda corridor remarks

**8. Adjournment**

**meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:46pm**

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted".