

**Sherman Oaks  
Neighborhood Council**

**Government Affairs Committee**

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

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**Minutes**

Tuesday, August 27, 2024, 6:30 pm.

VIRTUAL - ZOOM



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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, Chair, called the meeting to order at **6:32pm.**
- b. Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary, called the roll.
  - i. **Present:** Imber, Katchen, Segarra-Bohlinger, Materna **(4)**
  - ii. **Absent:** **(0)**

**2. Administrative Motions -**

- a. *A motion to approve the Minutes of the July Government Affairs Committee Meeting.*

**Moved:** Materna      **Seconded:** Katchen  
**yes:** Materna, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(4)**  
**no:** **(0)** / **absent:** **(0)** / **abstain:** **(0)**  
**item 2a carries unanimously 4-0-0-0**

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

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

**5. Chairs Report -**

noting substance of motions on tonight's agenda

**6. Action Items:**

- a. **Council File 19-1020: Lived Experience Advisory Board**  
**Position: FOR**

*The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports Council File 19-1020 which seeks to establish a Commission on Lived Experience with Homelessness, composed entirely of people who are currently, or have been in the recent past, homeless in Los Angeles. Considering the recent passage and multiple extensions of an Emergency Ordinance regarding the unhoused resident population, and the quickly approaching Council File deadline, this matter should be considered extremely urgent. We request that the Housing and Homelessness committee Chair, Councilmember Raman of District 4 bring the item to City Council forthwith; and report back to SONC within 30 days.*

**MOVED:** Segarra-Bohlinger      **SECOND:** Katchen  
**yes:** Materna, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (4)  
**no: (0) / absent: (0) / abstain: (0)**  
**item 6a carries unanimously 4-0-0-0**

**b. Council File 24-0867:Term Limits/Youth Representative  
Position: AGAINST**

*The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) opposes Council File 24-0867 which requests two separate actions from the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners:*

- 1) bylaw amendment guaranteeing a youth seat on each NC, and*
- 2) bylaw amendment instituting term limits for all NCs.*

*While SONC supports the goals of request #1 pertaining to youth membership, we oppose this motion due to #2's desire to institute term limits for a vulnerable NC system which already has difficulty achieving membership goals and often relies on seasoned council members for expertise and institutional knowledge.*

**MOVED:**Katchen      **SECOND:** Segarra-Bohlinger  
**yes:** Materna, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (4)  
**no: (0) / absent: (0) / abstain: (0)**  
**item 6b carries unanimously 4-0-0-0**

**7. Closing Announcements-**

*Materna - concern regarding gov't accountability  
imposed fine for alleged misuse of federal funds  
wasted monetary resources*

*"how do we start making noise about this"  
"why isn't anybody being held accountable"*

*Segarra-Bohlinger*

*Congress of Neighborhoods planning committee updates  
Registration open*

*Katchen - emphasizes Congress Attendance, Budget info-session*

*Imber - Exec. Cmte meeting on a Wednesday in September instead of Tuesday*

**8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:19pm**

Respectfully submitted

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