

**Sherman Oaks
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Lindsay Imber, President 6-R
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Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary 5-R

Board Members

Levon Baronian, 1-B
Christy Adair, 1-CI
Thelma Mericle, 1-R
David Silverman 4-CI
Kylee Peña, 5-R
Tom Materna, 6-B
Row Zadeh, 6-CI
Neal Roden, 7-B
Jeffrey Kalban, 7-CI
Susan Collins, 7-R
Dylan Shea, Y
El-Bethel, Y

Regular Board Meeting:

Minutes

Monday, September 9, 2024 - 6:30pm
VIRTUAL

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. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

a. Call to Order: Lindsay Imber, President, called the meeting to order at **6:32pm**

b. Roll Call: Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary, called the roll

i. Present: Baronian, Adair, Mericle, Silverman, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kaban, Collins, El-Bethel, Hartsough, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)**

ii. Absent: Peña, Shea [tardy], Katchen [tardy] **(3)**

c. Approval of President's Appointment to Fill Vacancy 4-B

Motion to postpone to October board meeting

MOVED: Segarra-Bohlinger **SECOND:** Baronian

YES: Baronian, Segarra-Bohlinger **(2)**

NO: Adair, Mericle, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Hartsough, Imber **(9)**

ABSTAIN: Silverman, Shea, El-Bethel, Katchen **(4)**

ABSENT: Peña **(1)**

Motion to postpone item 1c fails 2-9-4-1

A motion to approve the President's appointment of Ryan Ahari to SONC to fill the vacancy for Area 4 Business

MOVED: Imber **SECOND:** Kalban

YES: Adair, Mericle, Silverman, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Hartsough, Imber
(10) / **NO:** Segarra-Bohlinger **(1)** / **ABSTAIN:** Baronian, El-Bethel, Katchen **(3)**

ABSENT: Peña, Shea **(2)**

Item 1c carries 10-1-3-2

2. Comments by Public Agencies, Officials, and Staff

Diane Rana, Field Deputy, 44th state Assembly District (Friedman)

Aug 31 last day of recent legislative cycle
13 Bills from Friedman's office to Governor's office
State of the Entertainment Industry Forum
Sept 24th 5pm, ZOOM
Final car seat safety event, glendale
CHP officer to assist with installation
help with state agencies available
818-558-3043

Scott Schmerelson, School Board, District 3

new school year
Sherman Oaks Elementary Centennial
originally Cahuenga Park
then Dickens Street
100th Day, April 23rd
Wellness Fair, Mulholland Middle School
Thurs Sept 19 4pm-6pm

Taleen Keuroghlian, Field Deputy, Council District 4 (Raman)

Burglaries, fear/anxiety
updates on arrests, working with LAPD
power outages, related to heat
DWP reports infrastructure damage, earthquake
wildfire safety fair, Sept. 4th LAFD, mysafeLA
taleen.keuroghlian@lacity.org

Joel Gonzalez, NEA, DONE

Congress of Neighborhoods
awareness and engagement, 2025 NC election season
webinar, Mon Sept 30th 6:30pm

bylaw verification amendments, article 10 section 4
stakeholder verification
Sept 30th application deadline
vote-by-mail, City Clerk' website updated
NC Election Day: Tuesday, June 10th, 2025

3. General Public Comment

brief discussion followed

4. Guest Speaker: LAPD Captain Christopher Zine (taken out of order at approx 7:20 ahead of items 2,3)

brief discussion regarding

burglary

“tourist” crime, mention of South American countries

“gang activities”

“Perception of Crime”

“reduce and deter crime”

undercover officers

license plate readers

swapped/stolen plates of vehicles

“much more organized than usual”

“need the community's help”

lack of “cooperation” from victims

window sensors / alarms

lack of people setting their alarms

motion lights, audible alarms

wifi “jammers”

backup batteries for alarms

image quality on cameras

“fortification”

trim bushes / remove hiding places

“suspicious” vehicles

gunoccupied homes most frequently targeted

brief q&a followed

5. President's Report

heatwave

stay hydrated / cool

6. Administrative motions

a. A motion to approve the minutes of August 2024 SONC board meeting

MOVED:Katchen **SECOND:** Collins

YES: Adair, Mericle, Silverman, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Shea, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(13)** / **NO:** **(0)**

ABSTAIN: Baronian, El-Bethel, Ahari [ineligible] **(3)** **ABSENT:** Peña **(1)**

Item 6a carries 13-0-3-1

7. Committee Reports

a. Government Affairs Committee- Lindsay Imber, Chair.

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month

i. CF 19-1020. Commission on Lived Experience w Homelessness.

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.

Motion to Call the Question

MOVED:Katchen **SECOND:** Collins

YES: Baronian, Mericle, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Hartsough **(8)**

NO: Adair, Silverman, Shea, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(6)**

ABSTAIN: El-Bethel, Ahari [ineligible] **(2)** **ABSENT:** Peña **(1)**

Motion to Call the Question fails 8-6-2-1

NOTE: this motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

MOVED: Gov't Affairs **SECOND:** n/a

YES: Baronian, Adair, Silverman, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Shea, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(12)** / **NO:** Mericle, Collins **(2)**

ABSTAIN: El-Bethel, Ahari [ineligible] **(2)**

ABSENT: Peña **(1)**

Item 7a.i carries 12-2-2-1

ii. CF 24-0867. Neighborhood Council Bylaws / Youth Participation

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.

NOTE: this motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

MOVED: Gov't Affairs **SECOND:** n/a

YES: Baronian, Adair, Mericle, Silverman, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Shea, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (14) / **NO:** (0)

ABSTAIN: Abstain: El-Bethel, Ahari [ineligible] (2)

ABSENT: Peña (1)

b. Finance Committee- Jeffrey Hartsough, Chair. Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month

i. MER

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending July 31, 2024.

NOTE: this motion is presented by committee and does not require a second

MOVED: Finance cmte. **SECOND:** n/a

YES: Baronian, Adair, Mericle, Silverman, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (13) / **NO:** (0)

ABSENT: Peña (1) / **INELIGIBLE:** Shea, El-Bethel, Ahari (3)

Item 7b.i carries 13-0-1-3

ii. Outreach Expense Reimbursement

A motion to approve the reimbursement of \$26.30 to Kylee Peña, SONC Board member and Chair of the Outreach Committee, for materials purchased at The Home Depot on July 20, 2024, to stabilize and support the Photo-Op Barbie Box used at the SONC Movie in the Park on August 17, 2024.

MOVED: Hartsough **SECOND:** Katchen

YES: Baronian, Adair, Mericle, Silverman, Zadeh, Materna, Roden, Kalban, Collins, Hartsough, Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (13) / **NO:** (0)

ABSENT: Peña (1) / **INELIGIBLE:** Shea, El-Bethel, Ahari (3)

Item 7b.ii carries 13-0-1-3

c. Budget Advocates- Howard Katchen, SONC Representative.

Saturday 9/14 - 9:30am, full orientation session for Budget Advocates
1st Monday- 7pm, 3rd Saturday- 9:30am
budgetadvocates.com

d. Outreach Committee- Kylee Peña, Chair.

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

Roden provides update
October 20th, Street Fair
volunteers needed
Hartsough encourages distributing voting promotional material

e. Planning & Land Use (PLUM) & Vision Committees- Jeff Kalban, Chair.

PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month

Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month

Oct 3rd, Vision, reviewing Community Plan Update
the Housing Element, CHIP
Citywide Housing Incentive Program
enough room along commercial corridors
CHIP draft 3 emphasizes commercial corridors
protects single-family, rent stabilized, and historic buildings
September 26th, planning meeting on ZOOM
Sept 19th, Green Queen, 13711 Ventura Blvd
World Market, Columbus and Ventura, Conditional Use Permit
off-premises beer and wine

f. Public Safety Committee- Susan Collins, Chair.

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

Oct. 6th event, location TBD
next meeting on ZOOM, more details re: event
no CERT update

g. Human Services Committee- Pamela Harris and Sarah Adamski, Co-Chairs.

Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month

no update

h. Airport Committee- Bob Bramen, Chair.

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month / Alternates with Traffic&Trans

Materna Provides update, no recent meetings

new Los Angeles World Airports manager

updates re citizens advisory council, citizens “outvoted”

8. Board Member Announcements

stakeholder alerted Christy Adair regarding

expedited tree removal successful

Congress of Neighborhoods, registration open

Nov 11 is a city holiday, November board meeting will be 3rd Monday (nov. 18)

Property Tax Season, county assessor as potential guest speaker

9. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn approved without objection at 9:07pm

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stacy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, sweeping initial letter.