

**Sherman Oaks  
Neighborhood Council**

**Government Affairs Committee**

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

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**Minutes**

Tuesday, September 24, 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, Segarra-Bohlinger, Materna **(3)**
  - ii. **Absent:** Katchen **(1)**

**2. Administrative Motions -**

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

**Moved:** Materna      **Seconded:** Segarra-Bohlinger  
**yes:** Materna, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger **(3)**  
**no:** **(0)** / **absent:** Katchen **(1)** / **abstain:** **(0)**  
**item 2a carries unanimously 3-0-1-0**

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

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

**5. Chairs Report -**

waiting on updates for new Metro expansion, Airport business, etc.

**6. Action Items:**

- a. **Council File 24-0910:** Entrance Obstruction / Buffer Zone / Religious Institution Entrance / Persons Right to Protest

**Position: Against**  
**Draft Motion:**

*The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council opposes Council File 24-0910*

*Protest has long been a tool to advocate for accountability and responsibility from our government, institutions, and individuals. It has a long history in winning better wages and better working conditions, and in bringing about expanded civil rights for minority groups.*

*If passed, this law would mean that the right to protest would be fundamentally restricted across wide swaths of the city and would enjoin labor, victims, and students and parents from exercising their fundamental rights at locations aligned with their grievances.*

*Some examples of how this ordinance could harm legitimate union activities include:*

- 1. Teachers unions being unable to picket outside schools during contract negotiations or strikes.*
- 2. Healthcare workers being barred from protesting unsafe working conditions outside hospitals or clinics.*
- 3. City workers being prevented from demonstrating outside government buildings like City Hall, which could be deemed a "community/public facility."*
- 4. Service workers at stadiums, theaters, or other "public assembly" locations being restricted from engaging in labor actions at their workplaces.*

*The proposed 100-foot buffer zone is especially problematic, as it could effectively push union activities so far from relevant sites as to render them ineffective. The 8-foot "bubble" around individuals could also criminalize basic union outreach activities like handing out leaflets or engaging passersby in conversation about labor issues*

*Additionally, this motion may open the City to future liability claims as the law would likely be challenged in court and subject the City to a long legal battle regarding protected first amendment rights. We are currently on pace to exceed our budgeted legal liabilities this fiscal year and additional expenditures will have to come from our limited reserves.*

*The right to protest and organize is fundamental to a functioning democracy and has been crucial in securing better conditions for countless workers throughout Los Angeles' history. This ordinance poses too great a threat to those essential rights due to its vague definitions and overly broad scope. We strongly oppose its passage.*

**MOVED:** Segarra-Bohlinger  
*motion not considered*

**SECOND:** none

**7. Closing Announcements-**

Congress of Neighborhoods on Saturday  
remarks about accountability at city hall  
Street Fair on October 20th

**8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:46pm**

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tracy". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.