

**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

Government Affairs Committee

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

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Minutes

Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 7:00 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 **7:09pm.**
- b. Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Secretary, called the roll.
 - i. **Present:** Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (**3**)
 - ii. **Absent:** Materna (**1**)

2. Administrative Motions -

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

Moved: Imber **Seconded:** Katchen
yes: Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (**3**)
no: (**0**) / **absent:** Materna (**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 -

Sherman Oaks not directly affected by fires
board members should still be active in assisting community members

6. Action Items:

- a. Discussion regarding removal of remote comment option at City Council Meetings

MOTION:

Whereas the Los Angeles City Council meets during regular business hours when stakeholders tend to be at work or in school; and

Whereas regular meetings are held at City Hall, located at 200 N. Spring Street, which is a considerable commute for the vast majority of Los Angeles residents; and

Whereas many stakeholders have disabilities that limit their mobility; and

Whereas infrastructure and standard operating procedure for telephonic public comment has been well established and implemented in recent years until January, 2025;

Therefore the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) respectfully requests that Councilmember Nithya Raman of District 4 take immediate action to reinstate the option for members of the public to give comment remotely via telephone during regular City Council Meetings.

We also request that a District 4 representative report back to SONC on the status of this proposal at the next regularly scheduled board meeting, or within 30 days.

MOVED: Segarra-Bohlinger **SECOND:** Imber
yes: Katchen, Imber, Segarra-Bohlinger (3)
no: (0) / absent: Materna (1) / abstain: (0)
item 6a carries unanimously 3-0-1-0

7. Closing Announcements-

Katchen- difficult period in city of L.A. with regard to the budget
wildfires exacerbated an already tight budget
“rancor in the ranks”

Mayor requested departments to evaluate statuses in wake of fires
supplemental budget requests issued

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:29pm

Respectfully submitted

