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Neighborhood Council

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Executive Committee Meeting Agenda:
Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 6:30 pm

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THIS SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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Agenda Note: All items containing motions, at the time of agenda posting, are listed in **blue, bold text**.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Howard M. Katchen, President and Chair
 - a. (If applicable) Chair’s appointment of SONC Board Members (max two) to Executive Committee panel for the balance of this meeting pursuant to the Standing Rules.
2. **Roll Call**
3. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.**
4. **Treasurer’s Report**
Finance Committee items and updates.
5. **Executive Committee Items**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes for Prior Meeting(s).** July 7, 2026
 - b. **Board and/or Committee Appointments & Resignations**
Traffic & Transportation – Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger – **Resignation**
Finance – Lara Alameh – **Appointment**
 - c. **Harold Shapiro Alternate Finance Signer - Appointment**
 - d. **Items For Information, Discussion and/or Possible Actions or motions**
 - 1) Need a Recording Secretary
 - 2) Board Retreat 8-15-26 Status
 - 3) Student Committee
 - 4) Board meeting August 10th LAHSA update presentation: transition to county, Sherman Oaks unhoused count. Possible guest speaker

- Congressmember Brad Sherman?
- 5) SONC, SOHA, Chamber of Commerce Mayoral Debate Wednesday, August 19th
 - 6) SONC sponsored utility box artwork renovation
 - 7) SONC Election Worksheet due 8-31-26
 - 8) Sherman Oaks Community Town Hall LA28 Olympics/Para Olympics
 - 9) Change SONC October meeting date from 12th to 19th

6. Agenda Items for Upcoming SONC Board Meeting

- Agenda motions to date

Motion from the Finance Committee

- a. 2026 Sherman Oaks Street Fair – October 18, 2026 A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's (SONC) participation in the Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce 2026 Street Fair on October 18, 2026, and the expenditure of up to \$2,000 for booth fees and SONC outreach materials.

Motion from Public Safety Committee

- a. CF [26-0906-S4](#) Boyle Heights / East Los Angeles / Cold Storage Warehouse / Fire / 1400 South Los Palos Street / Los Angeles Fire Department / Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program

POSITION: SUPPORT Given the existing CERT program and the important role Neighborhood Councils play in supporting their communities during emergencies, the City should evaluate the feasibility of establishing a standardized CERT certification requirement for a majority of Neighborhood Council board members. “I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council INSTRUCT the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, with assistance from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), to provide a report with recommendations to require the majority of all Neighborhood Council board members to obtain and maintain certification with LAFD’s CERT Program, including implementation options, timelines, costs, exemptions, and renewal requirements. The department should consider more accessible training opportunities, such as providing the CERT Program remotely”

Motion from Government Affairs Committee

- a. CF [26-0906-S4](#). Boyle Heights / East Los Angeles / Cold Storage Warehouse / Fire / 1400 South Los Palos St / Los Angeles Fire Department / Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program.

POSITION: AGAINST, UNLESS AMENDED The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) opposes CF 26-0906-S4, which seeks to establish a standardized Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) certification requirement for a

majority of Neighborhood Council board members. In addition to concerns over the increasing number of mandatory Neighborhood Council training requirements without compensation, SONC questions how the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment can realistically implement a requirement that the majority of all Neighborhood Council board members obtain and maintain certification with LAFD's CERT Program: how the majority of members is selected and whether it is fair to require certification from some members, but not others.

In the past, SONC has supported DONE's adoption of Anti-Bias (ABLE) & gender expression and gender identity training requirements because those items directly pertain to civil rights and anti-discrimination initiatives. Mandatory CERT training, however, does not pertain to civil rights. SONC would support CF 26-0906-S4 if amended to provide the CERT training as a wholly voluntary & optional offering for Neighborhood Councilmembers. SONC would also support CF 26-0906-S4 if amended to mandate this CERT training for members of a Neighborhood Council's Public Safety Committee, similar to the existing requirement for only Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) members to complete the Planning 101 training module. SONC opposes the present proposal to require such training for NCs at large.

7. Executive Committee member announcements.

8. Adjournment

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