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**SONC Board Meeting Agenda:
Monday, August 10, 2026, 6:30 pm**

In-Person Meeting

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd



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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.

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

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call

- a. Welcome and Call to Order.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call and the Establishment of Quorum.

2. Administrative and Board Initiated Motions – Action Items

- a. A motion to approve the SONC Board meeting minutes of July 13, 2026.

3. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within SONC Jurisdiction

4. Comments by LAPD SLOs, Public Agencies, Officials, Staff, and Council District Office

Public Comment for Public Agencies, etc.

Pursuant to Brown Act, there will be no discussion/back-and-forth while in session.

****Scheduled Recess - The Council will stand in Recess****

5. Guest Speaker – 32nd District Congressman – Brad Sherman

6. Presentation Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) – homeless count results

7. President Appointments:

- a. Finance Committee – Lara Alameh, committee member
- b. A motion from the floor to approve Alternate Signer – Harold Shapiro

8. President's Report

-Immediate Need SONC Secretary

-Resignation Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger Traffic & Transportation Committee Chair and Government Affairs Committee member

- Board Retreat Saturday, August 15th 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sherman Oaks Galleria Community Room

- Board Member Funding Training Complete by August 31, 2026

- 2027 SONC hybrid election day Thursday, May 6, 2027 at Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

--SONC, SOHA, Chamber of Commerce Mayoral Debate Wednesday, August 19th 7:00 p.m. at Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center

-Six Vacant SONC Board Seats: Area 2 Business, Area 3 Business & Community Interest, Area 5 Residential, Business & Community Interest.

--Sherman Oaks Encino Chamber – Plan celebration(s) 100th Anniversary of Sherman Oaks in 2027.

- SONC sponsored utility box artwork renovation

-SONC Board and Committee Chair Roster

9. Floor motion – requires a second

- a. A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) 2027 Election Worksheet

10. Finance Motions & Committee Report Finance Committee - Jeffrey Hartsough, Treasurer & Chair. Meets on the 4th Wednesday of the Month

Motion from 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 the Floor – requires a second

b. SONC Outstanding Project Award

A motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$500 to support the inaugural presentation of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's Outstanding Project Award, venue, recognition, refreshments, and related expenses.

11. Planning & Land Use (PLUM) & Vision Committees Motions & Committee Report- Jeff Kalban, Chair. PLUM Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month Vision Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month

Motion revised following committee meeting – requires a second

a. Missing Middle Ordinance Motion

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council requests that if the LA City's Missing Middle Ordinance provides additional incentives for greater density beyond those provided by CA State law, those incentives should encourage gentle density that promotes additional naturally affordable housing, better quality of life, and the development of neighborhoods rather than bulky, high-mass unfriendly development currently proposed in the ordinance. Additional City density incentives should be based on at least the following elements: 1) minimum 15-foot front and rear setbacks, 2) at least 25% deep-soil open space, 3) compliance with the Open Space Element and Landscape Ordinance, and 4) objective design standards that ensure new development is thoughtfully integrated with the existing neighborhood.

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Vision Committee has put together drawings that demonstrate that the Missing Middle goal of bungalow courts and townhomes can be achieved while meeting all the current zoning setbacks (which we support) and the open space requirements we request. See the rendering below.

The Missing Middle Ordinance should also ensure that CA State incentives are implemented in a manner that supports the City's objectives of gentle density.



12. Traffic Transportation Committee Motions & Committee Report - Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Chair.

Motion from committee

- a. **The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) requests the City of Los Angeles (City Council and the Department of Transportation) undertake a study of the potential wide-ranging benefits of adoption by the state of California of a comprehensive telematics-based, ultimately universal pay-how-you drive automobile liability insurance requirement on all vehicles registered in the state, and their drivers. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council approved a similar motion in October, 2019.**

The city of L.A. should undertake this study in coordination with the State of California because it is the state that will need to write and adopt the legislation to enable a state-wide ultimately universal pay-how-you-drive automobile insurance program.

The multiple benefits of universal pay how you drive automobile insurance include: greater road-way safety; insurance cost equity between moderate and good drivers versus immoderate, aggressive, and more dangerous drivers; automobile climate emissions and local air-pollution reduction; a reduction in the growing, outrageous sonic assault of deliberate recreational automobile noise and vibration emissions; an ability to detect, after the fact, street take-over criminality; and a reduction in sometimes problematic motorist-law enforcement interactions as drivers become their own “traffic cops” to reduce their automobile insurance rates and costs.

We ask the city to engage, initially, with members of the State Assembly known to be interested in and/or sympathetic to telematics-based driving insurance, including Assemblymembers Tina McKinnor and Nick Shultz; and to report back to SONC, and other Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils, regarding progress toward making pay-how-you-drive automobile insurance universal in California, in order to deliver

the full range of benefits from this innovation for all Californians: Drivers, non-drivers, pedestrians, transit-users, everyone who lives on an arterial, and who breathes, walks, and lives in Los Angeles.

13. Public Safety Committee Motions & Committee Report- Christy Adair & Susan Collins, Co-Chairs. Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

Motion from 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”

14. Government Affairs Motions & Committee Report - Lindsay Imber, Chair. Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the Month

Motion from committee

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.

15. Committee Reports with No Motion [2 Minutes for Each Report]

a. Green & Sustainability Committee – Elizabeth Meshes, Chair. Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month & Beautification Sub-Committee

b. Human Services Committee, Sarah Adamski & Pamela Haris, Co-Chairs. Meets on the 1st Monday of the Month

a. Outreach Committee - David Silverman, Chair. Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month

b. Student Committee – Devon Jasiukonis

c. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, Budget Advocate & SONC Representative.

16. Board Member Announcements Closing announcements from Board Members.

17. Adjournment

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