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Green & Sustainability Regular Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

6:30 P.M.

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A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(A),

A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(B).

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- a. a. Call to Order by Chair
 - 6:34 p.m.
- b. b. Roll Call and the Establishment of Quorum.
 - Elizabeth Meshes - present
 - Amanda Martin - present
 - Harold Shapiro - absent
 - Mihran Kalaydjian - present at 6:36
 - Hana Weinstein - present
 - Martin Stahl - present
 - Barbara Lewis - present at 6:35

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on [June 10, 2026](#).
 - Motion to Approve
 - Martin Motioned
 - Hana seconded
 - Aye
 - Martin
 - Amanda
 - Hana
 - Elizabeth
 - Barbara
 - Mihran
 - No
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 - Abstain
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III. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. Beautification Subcommittee Approved by Board

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

V. FUNDING MOTIONS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Plant-Based Treaty Presentation

- MOTION TO ENDORSE THE PLANT BASED TREATY

WHEREAS, food systems contribute significantly to greenhouse gas emissions, land degradation, biodiversity loss, and water consumption; and

WHEREAS, plant-based food systems and sustainable agricultural practices can support climate resilience, environmental sustainability, public health, and resource conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Plant Based Treaty is an international grassroots initiative designed to complement the Paris Agreement (which is supported by the state of California) by addressing the environmental impacts of animal agriculture and promoting a transition toward more sustainable food systems; and

WHEREAS, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Green & Sustainability Committee supports initiatives that promote environmental stewardship, climate action, sustainable resource use, and community education;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports the principles and goals of the Plant Based Treaty as a framework for encouraging sustainable, equitable, and climate-conscious food systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council encourages education, awareness, and voluntary community-based efforts that support sustainable and plant-forward food practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be forwarded to appropriate elected officials, neighborhood councils, and relevant stakeholders as determined by the Board.

- Motion to Approve
 - Amanda motioned
 - Martin seconded
- Aye
 - Amanda
 - Hana
 - Martin
 - Barbara
 - Elizabeth
 - Mihran
- No
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- Abstain
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b. **Motion:** Support for [Los Angeles City Council File 26-0925](#) – Modern Organics Processing and Composting Master Plan moved by Bob Blumenfield and Adrin Nazarian

Motion:

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports Los Angeles City Council File 26-0925, which directs the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) to develop a Modern Organics Processing and Composting Master Plan to expand local composting capacity, increase the beneficial use of compost within the City, and improve compliance with state organic waste reduction laws. SONC further authorizes the submission of a Community Impact Statement in support of the Council File.

Whereas:

- California's SB 1383 requires jurisdictions to reduce organic waste sent to landfills, recover edible food, and procure recycled organic products. The proposed Master Plan would help Los Angeles meet these requirements while reducing methane emissions and improving environmental outcomes.
- Los Angeles currently produces approximately 350,000 tons of compost and mulch annually, yet only a small percentage is used locally. Much of the material is transported long distances outside the City, resulting in unnecessary transportation costs and greenhouse gas emissions while limiting the direct benefits to Los Angeles communities.
- Recent state legislation (SB 279 and AB 2346) provides new opportunities for local governments to expand decentralized composting, support community composting programs, and invest procurement funds into local composting infrastructure rather than relying primarily on large-scale external facilities.
- The proposed Master Plan would identify opportunities to increase local composting capacity, develop partnerships with educational institutions and other public agencies, support urban farms and community gardens, improve soil health, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and advance the goals of the Mayor's Climate Action Plan to use at least 50% locally produced compost and mulch by 2030.
- The motion also directs LASAN to solicit input from Neighborhood Councils and other community stakeholders during development of the Master Plan, providing Sherman Oaks residents with an opportunity to participate in shaping the City's organics management strategy.

Therefore, Be It Resolved:

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports Los Angeles City Council File 26-0925 and urges the Los Angeles City Council to adopt the proposed Modern Organics Processing and Composting Master Plan. SONC further encourages LASAN to prioritize neighborhood-serving composting infrastructure, maximize local use of compost and mulch, reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with long-distance transport, and engage Neighborhood Councils throughout the planning process.

- Motion to Discuss
 - Martin motion
 - Mihran second
 - Motion to Approved
 - Aye
 - Amanda
 - Mihran
 - Hana
 - Martin
 - Barbara
 - Elizabeth
 - No
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 - Abstain
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- c. If the above motion is approved, request feedback from committee members/residents for where compost materials could be utilized within the Sherman Oaks area.
- Add to newsletter or website
 - Send message to Adrin Nazarian thanking for proposing the file and that it will be on the agenda for SONC next month and invite him to come
- d. Building Decarbonization Coalition Sign-On Request
- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe9JkZ1JE8AMNSUJjxdcpSlynBc7i822mUZNFmsMuv2TPh8Q/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=117285538352590082402>
- Amanda
 - Consider whether to recommend support, submit a letter, or pursue Neighborhood

- Council action
 - Motion removed
 - Amanda as the motion is past due
 - Suggestion to include SB222 in September agenda for Governor sign request
- e. Updates
 - Tree planting or shade mapping initiative update
 - Budget for cosponsored event for beautification & green energy with the Office of Beautification in the City of Los Angeles.
 - Mihran - Draft event proposal
 - Remove and add to next month's agenda
 - Cosponsored event with the Forest Advisory and TreePeople's West Valley Greening Project in Sherman Oaks
 - Mihran - Remove and add to next month's agenda
 - All moved to next month's agenda
- f. Plants for the SONC movies in the park
 - Moved to September agenda
- g. Subcommittee for Beautification Update
 - Barbara Lewis
 - [Goals](#)
- h. Add Mayor Bass's Climate Action Plan discussion to next month's agenda for this committee's thoughts
- i. Committee priorities (Items not discussed - agendized for next month)
 - Recognize local businesses taking meaningful sustainability actions in Sherman Oaks
 - Identify recognition criteria
 - Create nomination/application process
 - Determine recognition format (SONC newsletter, social media spotlight; recognition at SONC meeting, certificate, press release)
 - Establish review process (monthly, quarterly)
 - Build branding materials for recognition
 - Outreach strategy
 - Shredding event for reuse/recycle
 - Event Scope
 - Extend to broader recycling (e.g., e-waste, textile, batteries small electronics, compost giveaway, resource table)
 - Potential partners
 - Nithya Raman
 - Bob Blumenfield (CD3)
 - Identify location
 - Determine material handling
 - Event framing (e.g., Green business table, Compost information, Water conservation resources, Native plant resources, Neighborhood cleanup sign-ups)
 - Promotion planning Media/Newsletter integration Multistream Waste Bin
 - Identify candidate locations (Pick 5 locations of high traffic)
 - Near parks
 - Near transit
 - Commercial corridors
 - Areas with recurring litter
 - Identify someone to photograph/document them
 - Howard: What information is needed to formally request bins
 - Request preliminary cost/options from LA San.
 - Encouraging climate-resilient parking lot improvements
 - Create a simple concept initiative: "Cool & Green Parking Lots Initiative"
 - Identify 3–5 example locations

- Research:
 - Existing incentive programs
 - LADWP programs
 - Tree planting partnerships
 - State/federal grants
- Develop:
 - One-page concept sheet
 - Before/after visuals
 - Benefits summary
- Start with outreach to willing businesses/property owners
- j. California Air Resources Board
 - <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/CARB/bulletins/41ddf8b>
- k. Next meeting will occur at the same Zoom link on September 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT (End time is approximately 7:45 p.m. or shortly thereafter)

- a. Adjourned at 7:50pm

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