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Government Affairs Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 6:30 pm

In-Person Meeting

Sherman Oaks Public Library
14245 Moorpark St

Virtual Meeting - for Public Participation Only

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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, composed 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. **Call to Order & Roll Call**
2. **Administrative Motions**
 - a. **Motion to approve Gov't Affairs Meeting minutes for February 2023.**
3. **Comments by Elected or Appointed Officials, City Agencies, and Staff**
4. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items Within Committee Jurisdiction**

5. Chair's Report

- SONC return to in-person meetings.
- Committee Announcements.

6. Action Items That May Be Voted Upon for Transmission to the Board

a. **[For If Amended Homeless Shelter Notification Requirements.](#)**

[CF 23-0264](#). Emergency Homeless Shelter / Property Owners and Providers / Notification Requirement / Permitting Process.

Introduced by: Lindsay Imber.

Draft Motion: Insofar as communication and transparency in government is vital to our community, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports [CF 23-0264](#), if amended, to clarify notification requirements of emergency homeless shelter property owners when a homeless shelter provider has not been identified at the time the project application is filed. SONC believes notification requirements should be expanded beyond the currently-required written notification to only owners of properties abutting the subject property to include, at minimum, the immediate block near the project site. Furthermore, we would request notification to the appropriate Neighborhood Council, so that the NC can best assist with outreach efforts to both community stakeholders and parties that may avail themselves of the shelter's services.

b. **[For Democracy Vouchers Program for Local Elections.](#)**

[CF 23-0359](#). Democracy Vouchers Program / City Elections / Representative Decision-Making.

Introduced by: Lindsay Imber.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports [CF 23-0359](#) to establish a democracy vouchers program to benefit local voters regarding local elections, and to give local community members a greater voice when it comes to representative issues in the City of Los Angeles, with the hope that such a program creates a more equitable atmosphere for campaign financing, and increases local participation and engagement in elections and productive political activity.

c. **[For LAPD's Diversion and Recidivism Programs.](#)**

[CF 23-0270](#). Democracy Vouchers Program / City Elections / Representative Decision-Making.

Introduced by: Lindsay Imber.

Draft Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports [CF 23-0270](#) to evaluate diversion and recidivism programs implemented by LAPD or in collaboration with other agencies to mitigate and prevent crime. Supporting alternative and proven approaches to public safety and crime reduction, such as community engagement, diversion, and recidivism programs, is of utmost importance in an atmosphere where existing legislation & policy, such as Prop 47, discourages incarceration.

d. Emergency items since the posting of the agenda.

7. Adjournment

*All Council File (CF) items contain a hyperlink to the applicable source legislation. Motions transmitted to the Board, unless otherwise noted, request a Community Impact Statement (CIS) submitted to the appropriate council file (if applicable) and a letter to Council District 4. Additional correspondence, if applicable, is indicated following the *Draft Motion*.

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