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**SONC Board Meeting Agenda:
Monday, April 13, 2026, 6:30 pm**

In-Person Meeting
Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd, 91403

Public Comments: Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered, and prior to voting. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within SONC Jurisdiction period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, issues raised by the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to one minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

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 the March 9, 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.
5. **Scheduled Recess - The Council will stand in Recess.**
6. **Presentation – City Attorney Hydee Feldstein-Soto**
7. **President’s Report.**
 - **Ad Hoc Committees status:** Planning Board Retreat
 - Ad Hoc Committees status:** By Laws
 - Student Committee status**
 - Vacant SONC Board Seats:** Area 2 Business, Area 3 Business & Community Interest, Area 5 Business & Community Interest.
 - 2026 – 2027 SONC Youth Representative Board Search – April Call For Applicants Deadline April 30th**
 - Sherman Oaks Encino Chamber – Plan celebration(s) 100th Anniversary of Sherman Oaks in 2027.**
 - SONC Board Meeting Speaker: May 11th County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath**
8. **Approval of President & Chair’s Board or Committee and liaison Appointments**
 - Board Member Area 7 Business – Lance Khazei
9. **President swears in new Board Member Lance Khazei and previously appointed Board Member Kira Durbin**
10. **Ad Hoc By Laws Committee Second Presentation to SONC Board for Discussion and possible action and approval of proposed Bylaws Amendments to Submit to DONE for review and approval.**
 - A. **Absences (Bylaw V.7) In the event a Board member fails to attend four meetings during a calendar year the Board member will be subject to removal for the remainder of their term. “Absence” is hereby defined to be a failure of a Board member to be in attendance by the time of the vote on the first order of business, unless excused by the President with concurrence of the Board members. “Absence” also occurs by an unexcused departure from the meeting prior to its conclusion. An absence will be excused when granted by the Presiding Officer with concurrence of the Board. An excuse may be requested in advance, or as a matter of personal privilege during a meeting. Late arrival, although constituting an “Absence”, will not deprive a board member from acting on all matters coming before the Board subsequent to that arrival. Excused absence is defined as: 1) Board or committee member is ill, taking care of an ill family member, or death of a family member 2) religious holiday 3) declared emergency. All excused absence requests are to be submitted to the SONC President for determination and approval by board concurrence.**
 - B. **Changing Community Interest & Business Seats to At-Large (Bylaw V.1.c, Bylaw X.2, Attachment B) Bylaw V.1.c: Unlike RSBMs, BSBMs & CISMBs are elected at large from within the entirety of SONC’s geographic boundaries such that three BSBM and CISBM seats are elected every four years and the remaining four BSBM and CISBM seats are elected every four years in staggered fashion. Bylaw V.4: Three BSBM and three CISBM seats will be elected in the**

same election as RSBM seats in Areas #1, 3, 5, and 7, while the remaining four BSBM and four CISBM seats will be elected in the same election as RSBM Areas #2, 4, and 6. Bylaw X.2: Stakeholders shall select one of the seven (7) geographic areas, based on stakeholder status, as stated in Article V, in which they will cast their vote for a RSBM to represent that geographic area, as well as three or four BSBM & three or four CISBMs (depending on election year) for at-large representation. Stakeholders may register for one particular geographic area for each election. They may not vote for candidates in any other geographic area during the election, with the exception of the at-large BSBM and CISBM seats.

- C. **Selection Process Authorized in the Event of Cancelled Elections.**
X.6: In the event the City opts to cancel or postpone Neighborhood Council elections, SONC may adopt an alternate selection process. The board must approve the selection process by a 2/3 vote by the board members present and voting. The selection differs from an election in that an individual vote must be made public by signed ballot or specific show of hands. The selection process must preserve the goals or objectives of council, occur during the time period of the election, include a challenge procedure, and be inclusive/transparent/nondiscriminatory.
- D. **R Vacancy Appointment Eligibility to Include Any SONC Resident.**
By Law [Various]: Any Stakeholder, as defined in Admin. Code 22.801.1(a), who is at least 18 years of age and who lives in or whose residence is located in the boundaries of Geographic Area [1-7] is eligible to run for the Seat or if the Seat is vacant any stakeholder who lives in the geographic boundaries of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council may be appointed.

Ad Hoc By Laws Committee Standing Rules Additions and Amendments. for Discussion and possible action and approval

- E. **Alternate Seats for Committees (Standing Rule C.4.d) Committee Chairs, with concurrence from the President and approval of the Executive Committee, may appoint a SONC stakeholder(s) to serve as an alternate member of their committee.**
- F. **General Public Comment (New Standing Rule) To the extent practicable, the General Public Comment period shall be placed toward the start of the agenda and shall precede Comments by Elected Officials, Staff, etc. The Outreach Committee shall be charged with establishing a form on the SONC website through which to receive electronic public comment prior to each meeting of the full council. Where cumulative public comment for a particular item is no more than 10 speakers per item, public comment time offered to each speaker shall be at least one minute in length.**
- G. **Limit Presentations (New Standing Rule) As a guideline when crafting agendas for each regular monthly meeting of the full council, guest speakers or presentations should be limited to one per meeting. This provision shall not be applicable to board member presentations relating to motions appearing on the agenda.**
- H. **Vice and Co-Chairs for Committees (Standing Rule C.4.c) Committees are encouraged to have appointments for no fewer than: One Chair and One Vice Chair; or Two Co-Chairs.**
11. **Motion from the floor, requires a second: SONC Discussion and Possible Action on LAWA's VNY Development Plans**

Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) is pursuing plans to convert several vacant commercial and underused "related aviation" lots at Van Nuys Airport into newly developed and redeveloped aviation areas without environmental studies being completed *before* lease contracts are awarded.

PROPERTY #1 – Hart Street RFP: Includes an empty lot designated in Ordinance 177327 as “Area 9” and protected for commercial use. LAWA issued a RFP on Dec. 5, 2025 that solicits a commercial property for aviation use *before* obtaining any regulatory approval or conducting any environmental and Best Use analysis.

PROPERTY #2 – Roscoe Blvd RFP: While the RFP text mimics the approved Airport Plan language, it solicits the property as “aviation” rather than “*special* aviation area.” In practice, this encourages proposals for activities not authorized under current zoning (Ordinance 177327 - Area 4).

While the RFP *references* correct zoning and FAA-approved use, it materially solicits proposals beyond that scope. This creates both a legal risk and a public harm: the property should remain reserved for a critically needed Hush House (for engine run-ups and maintenance isolation) and/or natural disaster operations. LAWA issued a RFP on Dec. 5, 2025 *before* obtaining any regulatory approval or conducting any environmental and Best Use analysis.

PROPERTY #3 – Woodley Ave RFP: It includes two underused, paved “parking lots” designated in Ordinance 177327 as Area 8, which are protected for restricted aviation-related uses such as aircraft maintenance and aviation classroom instruction. On December 5, 2025, LAWA issued an RFP that effectively blurs these restrictions by combining a small “aviation area” lot with the “related aviation” restricted property. This creates an opportunity for a de facto Fixed Base Operation (FBO)—one that could fuel transient jet traffic—before obtaining any regulatory approvals or conducting required environmental review or Best Use analysis.

LAWA is also advancing an unvetted, speculative “land swap” plan in which multiple sites of airport commercial land would be converted into aviation-use land without regulatory approval, in defiance of existing zoning laws (Ordinance 177327), and without any environmental impact review, aviation forecasts, Best Use analysis, or feasibility studies.

LAWA is pushing a narrative that this “land swap” is to protect a community on the West side of the airport **HOWEVER**, nearly every home in that community signed a Fumefighters United VNY petition opposing LAWA’s plans and citing it will make their exposures to harm worse.

Community members have stated on the public record that this initiative will result in a dramatic increase in transient traffic, again maximizing the adverse impacts of ground pollution and the overflight consequences of blight, noise, and air pollution across the entire Valley without LAWA producing the CEQA-required *lesser-impact* alternatives.

Proceeding with RFPs and development lease contracts and a “land swap” initiative *before* completing environmental and feasibility studies invites a significant and unexamined increase in aircraft operations within an already congested airspace, even as the NTSB has publicly warned that the BUR/VNY corridor is reportedly the next collision danger zone.

For these reasons, we are asking City Council to bring forward a Council File. A completed request is provided below. The action is to issue the letter to Councilmember

Nithya Raman, and copying Councilmembers Bob Blumenfeld, Imelda Padilla, Monica Rodriguez, John Lee and Katy Yaroslavsky.

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

Dear Councilmember Raman ,

On behalf of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC), we write in support of a motion calling for a targeted amendment to Ordinance No. 177327, which governs land use at Van Nuys Airport (VNY), to prohibit any changes to existing land use restrictions until completion of the new VNY Specific Plan. Alternatively, or simultaneously, we support a proposed Resolution making clear that City Council expects the Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) to apply heightened scrutiny to any awards arising from Los Angeles World Airports' (LAWA) December 5, 2025 RFPs, to ensure that all proposals comply with existing land use restrictions for all properties involved. This Ordinance amendment and/or Resolution should also explicitly apply to any speculative “land swap” concepts.

The current regulatory framework for the airport, established through the 2006 Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Plan and codified by Ordinance 177327, provides clear land-use designations intended to guide development within the airport footprint. These distinctions—particularly between Aviation, Airport Commercial, “Related” Aviation and “Special Aviation” uses—were adopted by the City Council after careful consideration of aeronautical and municipal needs, to ensure appropriate aeronautical activity, compatibility with surrounding communities, recognition of environmental constraints, and consistency with the City’s adopted planning framework.

Recent proposals and solicitations issued by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) raise concerns that these established land use boundaries could be effectively altered through parcel consolidation or land reclassification prior to completion of the forthcoming Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan. In particular, development concepts that combine parcels with different use designations, or that require conversion between Aviation and Airport Commercial land categories, risk undermining the integrity of the existing ordinance before the comprehensive planning process directed by Council File 23-1339 is completed.

The ordinance amendment being proposed offers a practical and narrowly tailored safeguard. It does not halt development at the airport. Rather, it simply ensures that any projects moving forward remain consistent with the land use designations already adopted by the City until the new Specific Plan process has been completed and considered by the Council.

Preserving the integrity of the 2006 Plan during this interim period, and ensuring zoning remains consistent with the land-use designations established in Ordinance 177327, is essential to maintaining transparency, public confidence, and orderly planning. If land-use categories are effectively altered through individual project solicitations or administrative actions prior to the Specific Plan update, the broader planning process risks being preempted by piecemeal decisions that may result in irreversible adverse consequences for our district and the San Fernando Valley region.

Additionally, a proactive Resolution by City Council, directed to BOAC, may help prevent unauthorized, unvetted, or premature actions that might otherwise force City Council to invoke its authority under Charter Section 245.

For these reasons, and because development at VNY Airport directly affects our district— bringing increased noise, pollution, blight and operational impacts—the SONC respectfully urges you to take the lead in filing this proposed action(s). The motion directs the Department of City Planning, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare an amendment clarifying that any land-use or zoning changes within the Van Nuys Airport Plan area may occur only through the ongoing Specific Plan process.

Finally, in developing the new Specific Plan, we strongly urge the City Council to preserve the existing land-use designations established in Ordinance No. 177327 to ensure continuity, protect the community, and maintain the integrity of the airport’s planning framework, particularly given the dense population of the San Fernando Valley.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and for your continued attention to responsible planning at Van Nuys Airport.

Sincerely,

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

FUNDING MOTIONS from the Finance Committee

- a. SONC Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) February 28, 2026**

A motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council’s (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending February 28, 2025. [SONC MER for period ending February 28, 2026](#) (SONC website meeting supporting documents)

- b. Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) – Insight Center for Community Economic Development**

A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) in the amount of \$400.00 to Insight Center for Community Economic Development (ICCED) to support ICCED’s development of a Sherman oaks community Assessment Quality of Life Index – A Sherman Oaks-centered comprehensive data assessment that can strengthen safety, preparedness, and civic participation. [NPG Application – Insight Center for Community Economic Development](#) (SONC website meeting supporting documents)

[Motion from the floor, requires a second:](#)

- c. A motion to approve Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) – Project Breaking Barriers**

A motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Project Breaking Barriers to support three 2026 IGNITE programs that provide immersive experiences in career exploration and leadership

development for youth aged 13-20.

[NPG Application – Project Breaking Barriers](#) (SONC website meeting supporting documents)

Motion from the floor, requires a second: Approval of Consent Calendar

d. SONC Human Services Committee Outreach Materials

Expenditure of up to \$1,590.00 for Human Services outreach materials. These funds will directly support the committee’s ability to engage and serve our community through: Reusable SONC-branded tablecloths for visibility and professionalism at community events. Printed Resource Guide flyers for distribution at every outreach event, ensuring residents have access to vital local services. SONC-branded reusable bags filled with essential hygiene items (such as wipes, toothpaste, and toothbrushes) to provide immediate, practical support to community members in need. This motion strengthens SONC’s presence at outreach events, builds trust with residents, and ensures that our Human Services Committee can both inform and assist our neighbors with dignity and care.

[Supporting Human Services committee 2026 Budget](#) (SONC website meeting supporting documents)

e. SONC Community Meeting (Traffic and Public Safety Committees)

Expenditure of up to \$500.00 to support a community meeting jointly sponsored by the SONC Traffic and Transportation Committee and the SONC Public Safety Committee. Participation by LADOT, Street Lighting, and LAPD is anticipated.

f. Canva Pro License 2026-2027 Renewal

Expenditure of up to \$300.00 for the renewal of the 2026-2027 Canva Pro license under the EmpowerLA team account.

g. Zoom License 2026-2027 Renewal

Expenditure of up to \$600.00 for the renewal of the 2026-2027 Zoom license used by the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) to facilitate virtual meetings.

h. SONC Movie in the Park (MITP) July 2026 Event

Expenditure of up to \$4,900.00 for SONC’s Summer Series Movies in the Park (MITP) screening at the Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park on Saturday, July 25, 2026. Funds will go towards film rental/licensing fees, project services, and family friendly activities. Funding will also be used to acquire SONC branded promotional materials, SONC printed materials, and event logistical support.

i. Permits for use of the Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center (SOEVAC) Auditorium, Building A, for SONC Board Meetings

Expenditure of up to \$1,000.00 for permits to use the Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center (SOEVAC) auditorium for SONC Board meetings in July 2026 through December 2026.

j. Neighborhood Council Budget Day

Contribution of up to \$500.00 from the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council’s (SONC) FY2026 budget for Neighborhood Council Budget Day

June 27, 2026.

**k. City of Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods
Contribution of up to \$1,000.00 from the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's
(SONC) FY2026 budget to fund Congress of Neighborhoods September 2026.**

**l. SONC Board Retreat
Expenditure of up to \$1,000.00 in support of a SONC Board retreat.**

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

**a. Government Affairs Committee - Lindsay Imber, Chair. Meets on the 4th
Tuesday of the Month**

**b. Green & Sustainability Committee – Elizabeth Meshes, Co-Chair. Meets on
the 2nd Wednesday of the Month**

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

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

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

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

**g. Traffic Transportation Committee Report - Stacey Segarra-Bohlinger, Chair.
Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the Month**

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

14. Board Member Announcements Closing announcements from Board Members.

15. Adjournment

Motions are introduced either by the Committee from which they were adopted, in which case the motion requires no second (denoted by “from committee”); or by an individual board member (“from floor”), in which case the motion requires a second. Items initiated via Consent Calendar are considered and voted on as one motion; members may request to take an item out of Calendar to consider said item individually.

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