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**SONC Board Meeting Agenda:
Monday, May 11, 2026, 6:30 pm**

In-Person Meeting

Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
P.O. Box 5721
Sherman Oaks, CA 91413

Website:
www.ShermanOaksNC.org

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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 the April 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.

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

6. **Presentation – Los Angeles County Supervisor, Third district: Lindsey Horvath**

7. **President’s Report.**

- **Ad Hoc Committees status:** Planning Board Retreat

-**Ad Hoc Committees status:** By Laws changes submitted. Next Standing Rules and Policies

-**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 – Six Candidates**

-**SONC Secretary position open after June 30th – two options: A Board Member or hire a minute taker through a DONE approved staffing agency, at SONC’s expense**

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

-**Register For Budget Day at City Hall Saturday, June 27th**

-**SONC Board Meeting Speaker: June 8th Mayor Karen Bass**

8. **Floor Motion – Requires a second**

Council File 26-0600 Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2026-27

Motion: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) strongly supports the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2026 White Paper and its recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 City Budget. This comprehensive report reflects the voices and priorities of communities across Los Angeles, emphasizing transparency, fiscal responsibility, and equitable allocation of resources. Its focus on core city services—including public safety, infrastructure maintenance, homelessness solutions, and community engagement—aligns with the needs we hear directly from our stakeholders. By adopting these recommendations, the City can strengthen public trust, improve service delivery, and ensure that budget decisions are guided by data, accountability, and meaningful community input. We urge City leaders to incorporate these proposals to better serve neighborhoods like Sherman Oaks and communities throughout Los Angeles.

**9. 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**

**Council File 25-1083 Impacts of SB 79 (Wiener) / Comprehensive Report / City
Infrastructure and Utility Systems (SONC website meeting supporting document)**

**Motion to support if amended: Revision to Yard Setback Standards in the Los Angeles Low-
Rise Ordinance CPC-2026- 1797-CA.**

**Our analysis demonstrates that the density targets established by the Low-Rise Ordinance
can be achieved while preserving the prevailing zoning setback standards of a 15-foot
front and rear yard and 5-foot side yards.**

**Maintaining a minimum 15-foot rear yard setback provides critical environmental and
community benefits, including space for tree canopy, landscaping, and permeable
surfaces that support stormwater retention, carbon sequestration, and reduction of
the urban heat island effect. These features also contribute to improved energy
efficiency and overall neighborhood livability.**

**Additionally, a minimum 5-foot side yard setback is consistent with the fire separation
requirements for unprotected openings (e.g., windows and doors) as outlined in the
International Building Code, thereby supporting life safety standards without
compromising development feasibility.**

Therefore, we respectfully request that the Low-Rise Ordinance be amended as follows:

- **Paragraph (iii) Yards b. shall be revised to read: “Side yard setbacks shall be a minimum
of 5 feet.”**
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- **Paragraph (iii) Yards d. shall be revised to read: “Rear yard setback shall be a minimum
of 15 feet from the rear lot line.”**
- **In addition, we request the following:**
- **That all properties impacted by this proposed rezoning be provided mailed notice of the
pending changes.**
- **That this SB 79 implementation ordinance be expressly tied to, and automatically
updated to reflect, any future revisions to, postponement of, or repeal of SB 79.**

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

Floor Motions – require a second

- a. **SONC Monthly Expenditure Report period ending March 31, 2026**
Motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council’s (SONC) Monthly Expenditure
Report (MER) for the period ending March 31, 2026. **(SONC website meeting supporting
documents)**
- b. **SONC Monthly Expenditure Report period ending April 30, 2026**

Motion to approve the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council’s (SONC) Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for the period ending April 30, 2026. **(SONC website meeting supporting documents)**

c. The Web Corner Agreement for SONC Web Services

Motion to approve the agreement between the City of Los Angeles and The Web Corner to provide the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) with web services for FY 2025-2026 and to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,700.00 for those services.

d. Contribution to L.A. Congress of Neighborhoods Event

Motion to approve a contribution of up to \$1000.00 from the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council’s (SONC) FY2026 budget to support the City of Los Angeles – Congress of Neighborhoods - Event in September 2026.

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

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

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

14. Board Member Announcements Closing announcements from Board Members.

15. Adjournment

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