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## SUN VALLEY AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### Regular Board Meeting

#### AGENDA

**In person at**

Sun Valley Branch Library  
7935 Vineland Avenue  
Sun Valley, CA 91352

**Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 6:00pm – 8:00pm**

**Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone**

<https://zoom.us>

Enter **987 6658 0221**

<https://zoom.us/j/98766580221>

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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 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, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

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**ITEM 1:** Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Code of Civility

**ITEM 2:** Opening Remarks (President)

**ITEM 3: EMERGENCY** Personnel from Fire and Police departments will always be allowed to address the Board when they are ready in order to facilitate their schedule:

- A. Senior Lead Officer Eric Perez, [38338@lapd.online](mailto:38338@lapd.online), mobile (818) 634-0755
- B. Senior Lead Officer Cesar Contreras, [36373@lapd.online](mailto:36373@lapd.online), mobile (818) 634-0854
- C. Sergeant Jesse Ojeda, [33272@lapd.online](mailto:33272@lapd.online)

**ITEM 4:** Presentation / Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

- A. Representative from City Council District 6.
- B. Diana Gonzalez, City Councilmember Paul Krekorian, CD2, [diana.x.gonzalez@lacity.org](mailto:diana.x.gonzalez@lacity.org)
- C. Michelle Vergara, L.A. Mayor Karen Bass, [michelle.vergara@lacity.org](mailto:michelle.vergara@lacity.org)
- D. Salvador Manriquez, Office of CA State Assemblymember Luz Rivas, 39th District, [salvador.manriquez@asm.ca.gov](mailto:salvador.manriquez@asm.ca.gov)
- E. Field Deputy, Office of LA County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, 3rd District
- F. María Flores, Office of LAUSD Board Member Kelly Gonez, 6th District, [m.d.flores@lausd.net](mailto:m.d.flores@lausd.net), (818) 401-8585)
- G. Lilia Monterrosa, Office of Congressman Tony Cárdenas, 29th District, [lilia.monterrosa@mail.house.gov](mailto:lilia.monterrosa@mail.house.gov)
- H. David Dry, Sr. Field Deputy, Office of LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th District, [DDry@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:DDry@bos.lacounty.gov)
- I. Katherine Castrejon, Office of CA State Senator Caroline Menjivar, 20th District, [Katherine.Castrejon@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Katherine.Castrejon@sen.ca.gov)

**ITEM 5:** Comments from the Empower LA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA)  
Lorenzo Briceno, [lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org](mailto:lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org)

**ITEM 6:** GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS which are within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction (comments only, no discussion)

**ITEM 7:** Board Member Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

**ITEM 8:** Review and discuss the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council Board seats currently Open

- (2) seats available for Residential Stakeholder (both terms end in 2023\*)
- (5) seats available for At-Large Stakeholder (1 term ends in 2023\*, 4 terms end in 2025)
- (4) seats available for Business Stakeholder (3 terms end in 2023\*, 1 term ends in 2025)
- (1) seat available for Community Interest Stakeholder (term ends in 2025)

There are also one year appointed positions for:

- (2) seats available for Senior Representative Stakeholder (age 55+, 1 year appointment, term ends approximately Spring, 2024)

\*The 2023 seats expire end of June 2023. These board seats will need to be reaffirmed at the July 2023 Board meeting and therefore those seats will expire 2027 (4 year term.)

**Qualifications for all seats per the SVANC BYLAWS and STANDING RULES, further information and Candidate Filing Form are available at:**

**ITEM 9: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve María Villarreal's resignation from her current Residential Stakeholder seat and declare it vacant, term ends in 2025. (Chávez, Elections)

María Villarreal will be switching seats from Residential Stakeholder to At-Large Stakeholder, for which she qualifies, to open a Residential seat and give other community members who only qualify for this seat an opportunity to join the Board. The term will end in 2025 as her current Residential seat.

**For ITEMS 10 through 12:** The applicant will make his/her candidate statement. A brief question and answer session will be held after which, a vote will be taken. If appointed, the applicant will be seated on the Board and will have full privileges including the ability to vote, except on funding matters. The new Board members will then read the SVANC Code of Civility which will serve as the Oath of Office.

**ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the appointment of María Villarreal to an At-Large Stakeholder open seat, term ends in 2025 (Chávez, Elections)

**ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the appointment of Douglas Sierra to a Residential Stakeholder open seat, term ends in 2023 (Chávez, Elections)

**ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the appointment of Mariam Moore to a Residential Stakeholder open seat, term ends in 2023 (Chávez, Elections)

**ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the appointment of Steven W. Garcia to a Business Stakeholder open seat, term ends in 2023 (Chávez, Elections)

**ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a cleanup in partnership with the CD6 Team along Ilex Avenue and El Dorado St on June 24 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm with a \$300 budget for food and drinks for the volunteers. (Chávez)

**ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve submitting a CIS regarding **Council File No.: 23-0338** regarding the study of the relocation of the Sun Valley Metrolink Station from to Sunland Blvd and San Fernando Road.

**Council File No.: 23-0338**

Council File Activity:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0338>

Council Motion (approved): [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0338\\_rpt\\_tran\\_5-10-23.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0338_rpt_tran_5-10-23.pdf)

**SVANC Proposed CIS:** <https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/06/CIS-sun-valley-metrolink-station-june-2023.pdf>

**ITEM 16a: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve submitting a CIS to support **Council File 23-0359** to study a potential 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. (Mares)

**Council File 23-0359**

Council File Activity:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=23-0359>

Council Motion: [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0359\\_misc\\_3-24-23.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-0359_misc_3-24-23.pdf)

**SVANC Proposed CIS:**

[https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/06/CIS\\_CF230359\\_democracy-vouchers-program\\_6-13-2023.pdf](https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/06/CIS_CF230359_democracy-vouchers-program_6-13-2023.pdf)

**ITEM 16b: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve sending a sign-on letter to support the motion to study the feasibility of establishing a democracy vouchers program in the City of Los Angeles. (Mares)

<https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/06/svanc-sign-on-letter-of-support-of-democracy-voucher-june-2023.pdf>

Website: <https://www.lademocracyvouchers.org/>

**ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve sending a letter of support to the LASAN Sun Valley Green Neighborhood Infrastructure Project (presentation enclosed).

SVANC Letter of Support:

[https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/06/LetterofSupport\\_Sun\\_Valley-EN.pdf](https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/06/LetterofSupport_Sun_Valley-EN.pdf)

Presentation: [https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/06/LASAN\\_SVANC-Presentation.pdf](https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/06/LASAN_SVANC-Presentation.pdf)

Fact Sheet English: <https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/06/Sun-Valley-Project-Factsheet-Eng-v4.pdf>

Fact Sheet Spanish: <https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/06/Sun-Valley-Project-Factsheet-SP-v2.pdf>

**ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve creating an Instagram page for our Artist-in-Residence's project about Sun Valley residents. (Thum)

[https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/06/SV\\_mock\\_up.jpg](https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/06/SV_mock_up.jpg)

**Note:** Consent calendar items are considered to be non-controversial and will be treated as one agenda item. There will be no discussion on these items unless an item is removed from the consent calendar, in which case it will be considered as time allows on the regular agenda. Any member of the Board may request that an item be removed.

**ITEM 19:** Consent Calendar: one motion and one vote

**A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 9, 2023 (Venegas)

[https://www.svanc.com/archives/minutes/2023/05/2023\\_05\\_09\\_SVANC\\_Reg\\_Mtg\\_Minutes.pdf](https://www.svanc.com/archives/minutes/2023/05/2023_05_09_SVANC_Reg_Mtg_Minutes.pdf)

**B.** Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for April 2023

[https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/06/SVANC\\_April\\_2023\\_MER.pdf](https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/06/SVANC_April_2023_MER.pdf)

**ITEM 20: Report / Discussion** by Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:

**A.** Standing Committees

1. Outreach/Community Affairs – Lily Lee

2. Finance and Budget – Emilie A. Hill

3. Beautification – Wendy Thum

4. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) – Norma O. Chávez

## 5. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Eddie Venegas

### B. Ad Hoc Committees:

1. CHSRA High Speed Rail – vacant
2. Homelessness – Emilie A. Hill
3. Bylaws – Norma O. Chávez
4. Elections – Norma O. Chávez
5. Cindy Sower MyLA311 Project – Eddie Venegas

### C. City-wide community liaisons:

1. LANCC – Wendy G. Thum
2. VANC – Emilie A. Hill
3. NCEPA – vacant
4. PLANCHECKNC – Norma O. Chávez
5. NCBA – Wendy G. Thum
6. C-PAB – vacant
7. Homelessness – Emilie A. Hill
8. Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) – Wendy G. Thum
9. NCSA – Lionel Mares

If anyone from the public wishes to join a committee, please email [info@svanc.com](mailto:info@svanc.com)

**ITEM 21: Public Comment** on matters within the Executive Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

**ITEM 22: Board Members Announcements** on matters within the Executive Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

**ITEM 23:** Adjournment

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