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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, January 9, 2024, 6:00pm – 7:50pm**

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

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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, [38338@lapd.online](mailto:38338@lapd.online) mobile (818) 634-0854

**C.** Sergeant Jesse Ojeda, [33272@lapd.online](mailto:33272@lapd.online)

**D.** LAFD Chief, [lafdbatallion12@lacity.org](mailto:lafdbatallion12@lacity.org) , office (818) 756-8612

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

**A.** Rafael Gonzalez (Councilwoman Imelda Padilla, CD6, [rafael.a.gonzalez@lacity.org](mailto:rafael.a.gonzalez@lacity.org) )

**B.** Diana Gonzalez (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, 43rd District, [salvador.manriquez@asm.ca.gov](mailto:salvador.manriquez@asm.ca.gov) )

**E.** Savannah Portillo Heap (Office of LA County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, 3rd District, [SPortillo@lacounty.bos.gov](mailto:SPortillo@lacounty.bos.gov) (213) 595-9198)

**F.** María Flores(LAUSD Board Member Kelly Gonez, 6th District, [m.d.flores@lausd.net](mailto:m.d.flores@lausd.net), (818) 401-8585)

**G.** Laura Juarez (Office of Congressman Tony Cárdenas, 29th District, [laura.juarez@mail.house.gov](mailto:laura.juarez@mail.house.gov) )

**H.** Diana Oganessian, Natalie Vartanian (Office of LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th District, [doganessian@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:doganessian@bos.lacounty.gov) , [navartanian@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:navartanian@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) )

**J.** Lionel Mares (Budget Advocate, Region 1, [lionel.mares@svanc.com](mailto:lionel.mares@svanc.com) )

**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: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or board resolution to [CF 23-1114](#) to authorize the use of teleconferencing for Neighborhood Council meetings, including board meetings and committee meetings, in accordance with the rules established by Senate Bill 411 and the subsequent motion passed by the City Council on November 1, 2023. The special teleconferencing rules available to Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils are necessary in order to accommodate the needs of its board members (Chávez) <https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/01/SVANC-CIS-CF-23-1114-TELECONFERENCING.pdf>

**ITEM 9: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or board resolution to [CF 23-1113](#) to request financial support for expenses acquired to transition to teleconferencing meetings, if ITEM 8 approved (Chávez)

<https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/01/SVANC-CIS-CF-23-1113-20240109.pdf>

**ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a letter to the City Attorney, City Council President Paul Krekorian, Councilmember Imelda Padilla and the Board of Neighborhood Council Commissioners to take into consideration the intention of the author of SB-411 and to allow  $\frac{2}{3}$  of seated Neighborhood Council board members to vote to go virtual. (Mares)

[https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/01/20240109\\_LETTER\\_CITY\\_ATTORNEY\\_TELECONFERENCING.pdf](https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/01/20240109_LETTER_CITY_ATTORNEY_TELECONFERENCING.pdf)

**ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve SVANC's participation in a City Council District 2 Candidate forum in partnership with all the neighborhood councils in Council District 2 and create a Candidate Forum Ad Hoc Committee (Chávez)

**ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve SVANC's participation in a City Council District 6 Candidate forum in partnership with all the neighborhood councils in Council District 6. This will also be an assignment for the Candidate Forum Ad Hoc Committee created in ITEM 13, if approved. (Chávez)

**ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a letter to Councilmember Krekorian and Councilwoman Padilla to urge them to bring a City Council motion to add regulations to the process of how cannabis business licenses are approved. (Chávez, PLUM)  
Letter: <https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/01/SVANC-Ltr-CD2-CD6-cannabis-licenses.pdf>

**ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a letter of support for the application for a Conditional Use Beverage permit at 7209 North Vineland Avenue in conjunction with a 2,475 sq. ft. market with hours of operation from 7am-11pm S-Th & 7am-12pm Fri-Sat. Case Number: ZA-2023-7101-CUB, ENV 2023-7102-CE (Chávez/Sierra, PLUM)  
Letter: [https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/01/SVANC-20240109\\_LETTER\\_SUPPORT\\_CUB\\_FIESTA\\_LIQUOR.pdf](https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/01/SVANC-20240109_LETTER_SUPPORT_CUB_FIESTA_LIQUOR.pdf)

LA City Planning Case Documents:

<https://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo/search/encoded/MjcxMjI50>

Photos: <https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2023/11/Fiesta-Liquor-Store-NOV-2023.pdf>

**ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve opening new SVANC Instagram and Twitter accounts given that the previous accounts' passwords are not accessible (Chávez)

**ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Register to Vote Campaign in partnership with the Sun Valley Branch Library consisting of three activities: a book display, tabling to assist with registrations, and Coffee and Donuts with the SVANC Board members and voting registrations (Chávez, Moore)

**Details:**

**A.** Voting related Book Display sponsored by the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council with a SVANC pamphlet with information on voting to be displayed beginning

January 12, 2024

- B. Tabling at the library to assist with voting registrations on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 3:30 pm at the Library's entrance hallway
- C. Coffee and Doughnuts with the SVANC Board members and register to Vote at the library on February 15, 2024 at 6:30 pm

**ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve up to \$120 for Coffee and Doughnuts and Register to Vote with SVANC's Board members event at the Sun Valley Branch Library on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 6:30 pm. (Chávez, Moore)

**ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve sending a letter to Councilwoman Imelda Padilla to urge her to send a letter to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) to request the implementation of a series of measures that will address protections for overburdened and under-regulated communities, and would also improve the health and quality of life for all who live in the Los Angeles region. (Moore, Environmental AHC)  
Letter: <https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/01/SVANC-Letter-to-CD6-AQMD.pdf>

The following will be copied in the letter:

South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), California Air Resource Board (CARB), Assemblywoman Luz Rivas (District 43), California State Senator Caroline Menjivar (District 20)

**ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve sending a letter to Councilwoman Imelda Padilla to request she initiates a City Council motion requesting the Los Angeles County Public Works take timely action to flatten the grounds of future Rory Shaw Wetlands Park grounds to address the issue of cumulative environmental and serious health impacts on the surrounding community, as well as raising serious safety and security concerns. The Los Angeles County Public Works will also be copied in the letter.  
(Moore, Environmental AHC)  
Letter: <https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/01/SVANC-Letter-to-CD6-Rory-Shaw-2024-01-09.pdf>

**ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve making changes in membership of the Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee (Vacas)

**ITEM 21: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant, NPG, for Glenwood Elementary School for \$300 to support a campus beautification project that consists of a garden and a mural that would become a reading and relaxing space for students. The funds will help with expenses for plants, building materials, paint, and/or an irrigation system. (Chávez)  
**NPG:** <https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/01/NCFP107-NPG-Application-rev3-GLENWOOD-GARDEN-2024.pdf>  
**Grant Letter:** [https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/01/SVANC-Grant-Letter-REV-1\\_5\\_24.pdf](https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/01/SVANC-Grant-Letter-REV-1_5_24.pdf)

**ITEM 22: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve using the funds from the Clean Streets account to support the NPG request for \$300 from Glenwood Elementary School for their campus beautification project (Chávez)

**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 23:** Consent Calendar: one motion and one vote

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 12, 2023 (Venegas)
- B.** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 10, 2023 (Venegas)
- C.** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 14, 2023 (Venegas)
- D.** Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for October 2023 (S. García)
- E.** Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2023 (S. García)

**ITEM 24: Report** by Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:

- A.** Standing Committees
  - 1. Outreach/Community Affairs – Monica Vacas
  - 2. Finance and Budget – Steven Garcia
  - 3. Beautification – Emilie A. Hill
  - 4. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) – Norma O. Chávez
  - 5. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Eddie Venegas
- B.** Ad Hoc Committees:
  - 1. Environmental – Mariam Moore
  - 2. Homelessness – Monica Vacas
  - 3. Bylaws – Norma O. Chávez
  - 4. Elections – Norma O. Chávez
- C.** City-wide community liaisons:
  - 1. LANCC – Lionel Mares
  - 2. VANC – Monica Vacas, Douglas Sierra (alternate)
  - 3. NCEPA – Eddie Venegas, Rosalio Garcia
  - 4. PLANCHECKNC – Norma O. Chávez, Mariam Moore (alternate)
  - 5. NCBA – Lionel Mares, co-representative vacant
  - 6. C-PAB – Norma O. Chávez, Eddie Venegas (alternate)
  - 7. Homelessness Liaison – Monica Vacas, Emilie A. Hill (alternate)
  - 8. NCSA – Lionel Mares
  - 9. LADWP-NC MOU – Symbria Virgen

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

**ITEM 25: Public Comment** on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

**ITEM 26: 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 27:** Adjournment

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