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## SUN VALLEY AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, **6:30pm – 8:30pm**

Due to the temporary closure for maintenance of our regular meeting venue, Sun Valley Library, this meeting will take place in person at a new location.

**In Person at:  
12055 Wicks St.  
Sun Valley, CA 91352**

**Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone**

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Every person wishing to address the Board must dial **(669) 900-6833**, and enter **987 6658 0221** and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial \*9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

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.

**SB 411 Updates:**

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

(C) The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time.

(D) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(E) (i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

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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)

**E.** Senior Lead Officer Gabriel Ahedo, [33107@lapd.online](mailto:33107@lapd.online), mobile (818) 634-0949

**ITEM 4:** Presentation by Edvin Mailyan (Partner), Lesa Slaughter and Eduard Linetskly (Compliance), and Mike Saghian (Licensing) regarding the permanent license for Cana Roots, cannabis store, located at 11045 Sherman Way, Sun Valley, CA 91352 with Department of Cannabis Regulation No. **LA R-24-100085-ANN** (Chávez, PLUM)

**NOTE:** The applicant requested to appear directly to the SVANC Board and not at the Planning and Land Use Management Committee. The PLUM committee members have not been able to ask questions and as a result there are no recommendations.

**ITEM 4a: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve writing a letter/resolution/CIS with recommendations from the Board regarding SVANC's position on the approval of the permanent licensing of Cana Roots, cannabis store, located at 11045 Sherman Way, Sun Valley, CA 91352 with Department of Cannabis Regulation No. **LA R-24-100085-ANN** (Chávez, PLUM)

**ITEM 5:** 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. Jessica Guzman (Office of CA State Assembly member Luz Rivas, 43rd District, [jessica.guzman@asm.ca.gov](mailto:jessica.guzman@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 6:** Comments from the Empower LA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) Lorenzo Briceno ([lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org](mailto:lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org))

**ITEM 7:** GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS which are within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction (comments only, no discussion)

**ITEM 8:** Board Member Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

**ITEM 9: Motion Discussion / Vote** to approve re-submission of the correct Admin Package for Fiscal Year 2023- 2024 (Valle, Finance)  
<https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/04/2023-2024-SVANC-admin-packet.pdf>

**ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a budget not to exceed \$100 for promotional items for a SVANC Outreach table at the *Rally in the Valley Robotics Challenge and S.T.E.A.M. Expo* at the Fenton Academies at 8926 Sunland Blvd, Sun Valley on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm (Chávez)

**ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve sending a letter/resolution/CIS to Council member Imelda Padilla and Council President Paul Krekorian and copy the East Valley Department of Transportation Parking Enforcement to ask for parking enforcement in all

the streets with limited overnight parking of oversized vehicles (Moore)

**Motions:** <https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/04/All-Sun-Valley-Overnight-Parking-CFs.pdf>

**Letter:** <https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/04/SVANC-CD2-CD6-Letter-re-DOT.pdf>

**ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to review and approve a letter/resolution/Community Impact Statement to [Council File 15-0389-S2](#) to oppose to non-certified Neighborhood Council community groups having the same privileges as certified Neighborhood Councils. (Sierra)  
<https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/04/SVANC-CIS-15-0389-S2-NOC-REVISED.pdf>

**NOTE:** This is currently in Committee.

**ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to review and approve a letter/resolution/Community Impact Statement (CIS) *for, if amended* for [Council File 23-0623 ED1](#) to ask that at least six conditions be met for any proposed ED1 project to get approved. (Douglas, Chávez)  
**CIS:** <https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/04/SVANC-CIS-ED1-23-0623-Draft-2-NOC-REVISED.pdf>

**ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to review and approve a letter/resolution/Community Impact Statement against [Council File 23-1422 LAPD AIR SUPPORT DIVISION](#) - Helicopter and budget cutbacks (Chávez)  
<https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/04/SVANC-CIS-23-1422-lapd-air-support.pdf>.)

Based on a report of Controller Kenneth Mejia

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-12-13/la-city-controller-releases-lapd-helicopter-audit>

**ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve sending a letter/resolution/CIS to Council member Imelda Padilla and Council President Paul Krekorian to ask them to initiate a motion to allocate funds from the Willits Settlement to build/repair sidewalks adjacent to the future Rory Shaw Wetlands Park and all the streets surrounding the Sun Valley Recreation Center. (Moore)  
<https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/04/SVANC-CD2-CD6-Letter-re-Sidewalks-.pdf> (large file)

**ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve sending a letter/resolution/CIS to Council member Imelda Padilla and Council President Paul Krekorian to ask them to initiate a motion to effectuate a new community benefits Trust Funds in the name of AMH Recycling with its respective Community Advisory Board to mitigate damages caused by the operations of AMH Recycling in the surrounding neighborhood (Moore)  
**Letter:** <https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/04/SVANC-CD2-CD-Letter-re-Motion-Establish-Trust-Fund-AMH.pdf>

**ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve partnering with Senator Menjivar's office as a co-sponsor for a Cal-Trans Clean-Up on Saturday, April 27th, 8am-11am, location to include the 5 North Freeway Northbound Sunland on-ramp and immediate surrounding areas. (Hill, Beautification)

**Details:** Senator Menjivar's office will provide water and snacks, CalTrans will provide clean-up equipment (gloves, trash bags, trash pickers/grabbers, vests) and close the on-ramp to traffic.

**ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve providing Glenwood Elementary School with volunteer support for the renovation of their school garden area, Saturday date TBD, pending NPG approval and disbursement by the City Clerk's Office. (Hill, Beautification)

**ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve spending up to \$100 on water and snacks for volunteers at Glenwood Elementary School's garden renovation day, if the immediate preceding motion is passed. (Hill, Beautification)

**ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve Norma O. Chávez's participation as PLUM chairperson in hearings pertaining to the committee to state the status of such projects with respect to SVANC. (Chávez, PLUM)

**ITEM 21: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a retreat/training for SVANC Board members in May 2024 (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 22: Consent Calendar: one motion and one vote**

**A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 13, 2024 (Venegas)

[https://www.svanc.com/archives/minutes/2024/02/2024\\_02\\_13\\_SVANC\\_Reg\\_Mtg\\_Minutes.pdf](https://www.svanc.com/archives/minutes/2024/02/2024_02_13_SVANC_Reg_Mtg_Minutes.pdf)

**B.** Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on March 27, 2024 (Venegas)

[https://www.svanc.com/archives/minutes/2024/03/2024\\_03\\_27\\_SVANC\\_Special\\_Mtg\\_Minutes.pdf](https://www.svanc.com/archives/minutes/2024/03/2024_03_27_SVANC_Special_Mtg_Minutes.pdf)

**C.** Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2024 (C. Valle)

[https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/04/SVANC\\_January\\_2024\\_MER.pdf](https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/04/SVANC_January_2024_MER.pdf)

**D.** Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2024 (C. Valle)

[https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/04/SVANC\\_February\\_2024\\_MER.pdf](https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2024/04/SVANC_February_2024_MER.pdf)

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

**A.** Standing Committees

1. Outreach/Community Affairs – Monica Vacas
2. Finance and Budget – Cindy I. Valle
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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- On our website: [www.svanc.com](http://www.svanc.com)
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For information on the NC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website [www.svanc.com](http://www.svanc.com).

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