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SUN VALLEY AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Regular Board Meeting

AGENDA

In person at

Sun Valley Youth Arts Center
8642 Sunland Blvd.
Sun Valley, CA 91352

Tuesday / March 10, 2026 / 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

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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 Gabriel Ahedo, 33107@lapd.online, mobile (818) 634-0949
B. Senior Lead Officer Eric Perez, 38338@lapd.online, mobile (818) 634-0755
C. Senior Lead Officer Cesar Contreras, 36373@lapd.online, mobile (818) 634-0854
D. Homeless Coordinator Senior Lead Officer Eric Herrera, 38507@lapd.online
E. Sergeant Josue Merida, 37596@lapd.online
F. LAFD Chief, lafdbatallion12@lacity.org, office (818) 756-8612

ITEM 4: **Presentation** on *Making Sun Valley Climate Resilient* by Dan Kurdyla, San Fernando Valley resident and Environmental Studies graduate and master's student. Mr. Kurdyla is seeking a letter of support for his pilot program that uses a nature-based Sponge Method to address Sun Valley's extreme heat and recurring flood risks. This projects complies with StreetsLA standards. (Chávez, PLUM)

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1D5vCOT_zP6zld2YVq3Q7j0PkKRDce0DGoKEr7d7ZNc/edit?slide=id.g3c06d512e5f_4_8#slide=id.g3c06d512e5f_4_8

ITEM 5: **Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a letter of support for Dan Kurdyla's for the "Making Sun Valley Climate Resilient" Pilot Project (Chávez, PLUM)

ITEM 6: Presentation / Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

A. Lorelie Vallejo (residential area), Bryan Vieyra (industrial area) (Councilwoman Imelda Padilla, CD6, lorelie.vallejo@lacity.com, bryan.vieyra@lacity.org)

B. Dayana Ramos (field deputy), Abkar Kalantarians (Glencrest Hills) (Councilmember Adrin Nazarian, CD2, dayana.ramos@lacity.org, abkar.kalatarians@lacity.org)

C. Genesis Discua (CD6), Betsaira Aguilera (CD2) (L.A. Mayor Karen Bass, genesis.discua@lacity.org, betsaira.aguilera@lacity.org, (213) 257-0224)

D. Fabian Alonso (Assembly member Celeste Rodriguez, 43rd District, fabian.alonso@asm.ca.gov, Office (818) 504-3911)

E. Karen Dominguez (Office of LA County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, 3rd District, KDominguez@bos.lacounty.gov, (213) 595-9198)

F. Cynthia Becerra (Congresswoman Luz Rivas, 29th District, cynthia.becerra@mail.house.gov)

G. Diana Oganesyan, Natalie Vartanian (Office of LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th District, doganesyan@bos.lacounty.gov, navartanian@bos.lacounty.gov)

H. Star Resendez (Office of CA State Senator Caroline Menjivar, 20th District, star.resendez@sen.ca.gov)

I. Ricardo Flores, Arthur Javadyan (Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez, CD7, ricardo.flores@lacity.org, arthur.javadyan@lacity.org)

J. Eric Moon (Congressmember Laura Friedman, California's 30th Congressional District, Eric.Moon@mail.house.gov, office Number: (818) 524-4384)

K. María Flores (LAUSD Board Member Kelly Gonez, 6th District, m.d.flores@lausd.net, (818) 401-8585)

L. vacant (Budget Advocate, Region 1)

ITEM 7: Comments from the Empower LA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) José Galdamez (jose.galdamez@lacity.org)

ITEM 8: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS which are within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction (comments only, no discussion)

ITEM 9: Board Member Comment on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

For ITEM 10: 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 member 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 Valerie Gonzalez to a Business Stakeholder open seat, term ends on June 30, 2027 (Chávez, Elections)

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 11: Consent Calendar: one motion and one vote (11A – 11D)
A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 13, 2026 (Chávez)
B. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on January 15, 2026 (Chávez)
C. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 10, 2026 (Carrasco)
D. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2026 (A. Patch)

ITEM 12: **Motion / Discussion / Vote** to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) for **CF 23- 1113** 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 707. The special teleconferencing rules available to Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils are necessary because it increases the accessibility of our meetings, improves our community engagement, and ensures the health and safety of participants. (Executive Board)

ITEM 13: **Presentation** regarding the Tiny Homes Project located at the Sun Valley Metrolink Station by Hope the Mission CEO Ken Craft and Deputy Chief Program Officer Laura Hardwood (10 mins presentation, 10 mins Q&A)

ITEM 14: **Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve to amend SVANC's Bylaws to allow SVANC the option to opt for the process of following all of the rules of the Selection Process / Affirmation to Board Seats for the full term. This option would be implemented when we find that the City Clerk's process for NC Elections is not going to be expedient for meeting the needs of our NC (Chávez, Bylaws and Standing Rules)

ITEM 15: **Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve Letter/Resolution/CIS regarding **State Assembly Bill 1421** – Relative to a study/implementation of a mileage tax upon all California motorists and its impacts on City of Los Angeles residents (Chávez)
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1421

ITEM 16: **Motion / Discussion / Vote** to adopt the recommendations from the City Attorney's Neighborhood Council Advice Division (NCAD), regarding the approved Sun Valley Voices (SVV) Project, using the City Release Form (Thum, Outreach)
file:///C:/Users/Norma%20Chavez/Downloads/Los%20Angeles%20City%20Photo%20or%20Image%20Release.docx.pdf

NOTE: The City Attorney's NCAD made the following recommendations regarding this project:

- NCAD recommends only 18 years old and older to be interviewed for the NC website. If you choose to interview minors, please do not use the last name of the minor or any identifying information - i.e. no mention of where they attend school, no last name, etc.
- The interviewee will sign a media waiver/image release allowing their interview to be posted on the NC website, social media and other types of communication from the NC. Please see the attached media waiver/image release form to be signed by all participants. If the NC decides to interview minors, please also use the form specifically addressed for minors' participation.

- Interviewee may mention their connection to Sun Valley Area, however, they will not be permitted to reference or promote any private business.
- If someone would like to submit answers to the NC questions/survey, the NC can make the questions/survey available online with a response going directly to the NC. Please note that any documents containing responses to interview questions or a survey in the possession of the NC may be subject to disclosure if a California Public Records Act request is submitted requesting the responses.
- The NC must make it very clear that their opinions and identity may/will be posted on their webpage, social media and other types of communications from the NC.
- If the NC considers a future project of assembling the best interviews into a documentary about Sun Valley, please contact NCAD beforehand.

ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to allow access to the Chair of Outreach to SVANC's social media accounts and official communications sites so that Project videos may be posted for the community, If the recommendations from the City Attorney's Neighborhood Council Advice Division (NCAD) are adopted (Thum, Outreach)

ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a letter/resolution/CIS (Community Impact Statement) to Council Member Imelda Padilla and Council Member Adrin Nazarian and copying the Board of Supervisors and their field representatives on extending the Metrolink LA Zone to pass Sun Valley (Douglas Sierra)

ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the proposed project to be located at 8525 Glenoaks Blvd. This is currently a church and the applicant is proposing to keep the church and add an accessory SFR and an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) with dining room and kitchen. (Chávez, PLUM)
CUZ 1983-423-PA3 https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumber/CUZ-1983-423
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ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a change in membership of the PLUM Committee. William Leiva has resigned from the committee as his work schedule conflicts with that of the meeting and is not able to attend. Cristina Cosgrove wants to join. (Chávez, PLUM)

ITEM 21: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve partnering with the Sun Valley Recreation Center for their Egg Hunt on

ITEM 22: Report by the **2025-2026** Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:

A. Standing Committees

1. Outreach/Community Affairs – Wendy G. Thum – There was no meeting in February due to the holiday. Two motions have been added to the agenda.
2. Finance and Budget – Alison Patch - Budget council file to track: **26-0600** (provided by Cristina Cosgrove, VANC)
3. Beautification – Cindy I. Valle – Held the February meeting in which we had a presentation from Lily Lee to prepare for the Tree Care Event on February 28. The event went great! We worked on 13 trees. We cleaned the wells, removed lots of trash and weed, and applied mulch. I thank the board members who attended the event: Rosalío, Daniel, and Norma. We thank Karen from Empower LA for joining us and working hard along us. We look forward to more involvement from the rest of the Board. Phase II will take place on March 21 and Phase III, and last phase, on March 28. I am currently working on bringing the Volunteers Cleaning Communities (VCC) organization to our Beautification Committee to discuss pointers on improving outreach.

4. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) – Held the PLUM meeting for February and provided lots of updates on approved projects and notices of demolition received. Two motions were added to the agenda to support the project on Sun Valley Climate Resilience and an ADU at the LA Baptist Church. At our March 26 meeting, we will be reviewing an application by Alliance MIT to approve a ten feet fence and an addition to their building.
5. Emergency Preparedness – Eddie Venegas – We held the February meeting with a very informative presentation by the Alzheimer's Association on *The Impact of Alzheimer's and Dementia in Our Community.* We are currently working on our coming Emergency Preparedness Workshop in partnership with the Sun Valley Branch Library on April 11 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Norma and I met with the librarian and filled out the required paperwork. They are very excited about this project and are preparing their swag for the event. We are reaching out to the agencies and elected officials who will be joining us to booth.

B. Ad Hoc Committees:
1. Environmental and CHSR – Wendy G. Thum
2. Homelessness – Monica Vacas
3. Bylaws – Norma O. Chávez – There is a motion in the agenda to amend the bylaws to allow for board member selections given that the City Clerk is proposing using the elections funds to balance the budget and have terms remain for a couple more years. We were unable to meet as a committee with such short notice after learning about this budget proposal. We will meet to update the bylaws and add more changes to the Standing Rules.
4. Elections – Norma O. Chávez – Discussed at LANCC and VANC (Cristina Cosgrove)
   - **A.** Neighborhood Council Election Update – City Council & Ballot Timeline: Key meetings occur between March–June, before the commission wraps up, City Attorney must finalize ballot language by end of July**.** Final City Council meeting before recess is July 3; recess begins July 7. Neighborhood councils urged to stay engaged and use the VANC agenda to track updates.
   - **B.** City Clerk's Proposal & Election Postponement: City Clerk proposed postponing NC elections to 2029 due to budget constraints. A $915,000 allocation exists for hybrid elections in 2026, but the clerk recommended using it to balance their budget instead. This would extend NC board terms by two years**.** There is a major concern regarding lack of communication from the City Clerk's office about this proposal. Budget Advocates met with departments, including the City Clerk, but were not informed about the election-postponement recommendation. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) requested outreach funding assuming elections would occur in 2027. The Mayor's office will ultimately decide whether NC elections occur. City Council will act only after the Mayor releases the budget. Mayor's reelection considerations may influence the decision. NCs encouraged to contact: The Mayor, Councilmembers, and the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners
5. SABER – Norma O. Chávez **–** There was no meeting for the month of February. The next project has been discussed at previous meetings to plan the Sun Valley Earth Day celebration with a San Fernando Rd Cleanup on April 25 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm with a resource fair from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. It seems that we will be working Council District 2 to clean Hollywood Way to Sunland Blvd. We will be staging at Arminta St. We would like to get the schools involved. We also want to partner with the Beautification committee for this event so we can plan it together.

C. City-wide community liaisons:
1. LANCC – Norma O. Chávez – Motions in the agenda. Next meeting on Saturday, March 7, 2026. I hope to be able to attend or listen as I will be tabling at the Hermoso Respiro Event in Council District 2.
2. VANC – Cristina Cosgrove – I attended my first meeting and brought the following information:
   - **A.** There was a presentation from the *The Valley Economic Alliance* regarding their history, mission, focus area and their business assistance program. Visit https://thevalley.net/ for full details.

B. Rob Quan shared information regarding the **Charter Reform**: LA City Charter changes require voter approval, the 13-member Charter Reform Commission is advisory only, recommendations must be submitted to City Council by April 2. The Commission was created in June 2024; members appointed shortly after. Major challenges: tight timeline limiting deliberation, lack of staffing power and limited authority over staff, Mayor's office influence over process and staffing. The Commission's four main issue areas: government structure, better government, planning & infrastructure, budget & personnel Neighborhood councils were initially excluded; now included but only minor technical changes have been recommended so far. Public participation is essential, especially for neighborhood councils. Process has been convoluted, with pre-planned motions and issues around public comment. Next major meeting on the 18th (possibly shifting to the 19th) is critical for NC-related recommendations. Neighborhood councils encouraged to: attend in person, submit written public Comments, submit CIS statements to ensure their voices are heard.

C. Budget Recommendations & Elevating Budget Issues: budget recommendations presented on September 13 were unanimously approved by the working group, strong push to include this language in motions to reinforce budget advocates' recommendations, and emphasis on elevating the city budget as a core issue tied to broader citywide challenges and reforms.

3. NCEPA – Cindy I. Valle
4. PLANCHECKNC – Norma O. Chávez
5. NCBA – Alison Patch, Rosalío García
6. C-PAB – Norma O. Chávez, Rosalío García (alternate) – Applications to the CPAB are done every year so the committee has shrunk from 19 members to 11 members. The new Board has voted to hold bimonthly meetings with the community and the other months meet as committees for some time to see if those meetings become more effective and less repetitious of information. The task at the moment is to recruit more community members so the board can then be divided into committees based on the needs of the community.
7. Homelessness Liaison – Monica Vacas
8. NCSA – Sam Khalaf
9. LADWP- NC MOU – William Leiva – At the January and February LADWP committee meetings, a proposed irrigation and lawn assistance program was discussed. The program, which is still in development and pending funding approval, would: fully fund front lawn replacement for qualifying households, apply to households earning under $55,000 annually, replace existing sprinkler systems and current grass, not applicable to business owners, be administered through the Department of Water and Power. At this time, the program is still being processed and finalized.
10. Charter Reform – Sam Khalaf – Please read the written statement presented by Charlene Allen attached to the agenda published in the newsletter, in a separate document.

If anyone from the public wishes to join a committee, please email info@svanc.com

ITEM 23: Public Comment on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

ITEM 24: 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 25: Adjournment

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