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**SUN VALLEY AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
**AGENDA**

**In person at**

**Hope Fellowship Church**

**12055 Wicks St.**

**Sun Valley, CA 91352**

**Tuesday / April 8, 2025 / 6:00pm – 8:30pm**

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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](mailto:33107@lapd.online), mobile (818) 634-0949

**B.** Senior Lead Officer Eric Perez, [38338@lapd.online](mailto:38338@lapd.online), mobile (818) 634-0755

**C.** Senior Lead Officer Cesar Contreras, [36373@lapd.online](mailto:36373@lapd.online), mobile (818) 634-0854

**D.** Homeless Coordinator Senior Lead Officer Eric Herrera, [38507@lapd.online](mailto:38507@lapd.online)

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

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

**ITEM 4:** Presentation and conversation with Guest Speakers Council member Imelda Padilla and Empower LA General Manager Carmen Chan (60 minutes)

**A.** SVANC questions to Council member Imelda Padilla

**B.** SVANC questions to Empower LA General Manager Carmen Chan

- ITEM 5:** Presentation / Announcements from elected officials or their representatives
- A. Loreli Vallejo (residential area), Nayda Cantabrana (industrial area) (Councilwoman Imelda Padilla, CD6, [lorel.vallejo@lacity.com](mailto:lorel.vallejo@lacity.com), [nayda.cantabrana@lacity.org](mailto:nayda.cantabrana@lacity.org))
  - B. Dayana Ramos (field deputy), Diana Gonzalez (Homelessness) (Councilmember Adrin Nazarian, CD2, [dayana.ramos@lacity.org](mailto:dayana.ramos@lacity.org), [diana.x.gonzalez@lacity.org](mailto:diana.x.gonzalez@lacity.org))
  - C. Betsaira Aguilera (L.A. Mayor Karen Bass, [betsaira.aguilera@lacity.org](mailto:betsaira.aguilera@lacity.org), (213) 257-0224)
  - D. Gus Villela (Assembly member Celeste Rodriguez, 43rd District, [gus.villela@asm.ca.gov](mailto:gus.villela@asm.ca.gov), Office (818) 504-3911)
  - E. Karen Dominguez (Office of LA County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, 3rd District, [KDominguez@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:KDominguez@bos.lacounty.gov), (213) 595-9198)
  - F. Cynthia Becerra (Congresswoman Luz Rivas, 29th District, [cynthia.becerra@mail.house.gov](mailto:cynthia.becerra@mail.house.gov))
  - G. 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))
  - H. Katherine Castrejon (Office of CA State Senator Caroline Menjivar, 20th District, [Katherine.Castrejon@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Katherine.Castrejon@sen.ca.gov) )
  - I. Ricardo Flores, Arthur Javadyan (Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez, CD7, [ricardo.flores@lacity.org](mailto:ricardo.flores@lacity.org), [arthur.javadyan@lacity.org](mailto:arthur.javadyan@lacity.org))
  - J. María Flores (LAUSD Board Member Kelly Gonez, 6th District, [m.d.flores@lausd.net](mailto:m.d.flores@lausd.net), (818) 401-8585)
  - K. Alena Escobeda (Budget Advocate, Region 1)

**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)

**Note:** Consent calendar items 9A – 9D 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 9:** Consent Calendar: one motion and one vote

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on April 9, 2024 (Venegas, Chávez)
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 11, 2025 (Chávez)
- C. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 11, 2025 (Rivera, Chávez)
- D. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2025 (C. Valle)

**ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a community cleanup along the San Fernando Rd. Bike Path from Sunland Blvd to Hollywood Way on Saturday, May 31, 2025 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am in partnership with Council District 2 and with local businesses to provide food and beverages for the volunteers (Valle, Beautification)

**ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the retroactive expense made to purchase popcorn and popcorn supplies for up to \$70 needed for the Grand Opening of the DeGarmo Park X-

Treme Ninja Course event on March 28 (Chávez)

- ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement to support **Council File 25-0006-S56** East San Fernando Valley / Disproportionate Burden / Debris Transport / Facilities and Landfills / Haul Routes / Hazardous Waste / Equitable Distribution / 2025 Wildfire Emergency Response and Recovery (D. Sierra)  
[https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2025/25-0006-S56\\_misc\\_1-24-25.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2025/25-0006-S56_misc_1-24-25.pdf)
- ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement to **oppose Council File 24-1584** (related motion CF- 23-0002-S149) Cannabis Regulation / Temporary Licenses / Cannabis Event / Cannabis Consumption Lounge / AB 1775 (Haney) (Chávez)  
[https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2024/24-1584\\_mot\\_12-13-24.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2024/24-1584_mot_12-13-24.pdf)
- ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement to **support Council File 24-0002-S16** SB 680 (Rubio) / Sex Offenders Registration / Unlawful Sexual Acts / Minor Sexual Exploitation (Chávez)  
[https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2024/24-0002-S16\\_misc\\_04-02-25.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2024/24-0002-S16_misc_04-02-25.pdf)
- ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement to **support Council File 25-0316** New Los Angeles County Department / Regional Homelessness Response System / Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority / City Homelessness Contracts  
[https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2025/25-0316\\_misc\\_03-21-25.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2025/25-0316_misc_03-21-25.pdf)
- ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement to request Council member Imelda Padilla and Council member Adrin Nazarian support Senate Bill 526 (authored by Senator Caroline Menjivar) Accountability for Aggregate Facilities and to request an equal motion be brought to City Council (Chávez)  
[https://sd20.senate.ca.gov/news/senate-bill-526-accountability-aggregate-facilities?utm\\_campaign=caroline-menjivar-sen-menjivar-calls-for-accountability-for-aggregate-facilities&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_content=link#0](https://sd20.senate.ca.gov/news/senate-bill-526-accountability-aggregate-facilities?utm_campaign=caroline-menjivar-sen-menjivar-calls-for-accountability-for-aggregate-facilities&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_content=link#0)
- ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement to all elected officials to **oppose California Senate Bill 79** relative to the impact of City of Los Angeles neighborhoods in the vicinity of rail stations and multi-family residential developments. (Chávez)  
[https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202520260SB79](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB79)  
<https://legiscan.com/CA/text/SB79/id/3059553>
- ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement to all elected officials to **oppose California Senate Bill 607** relative to (Chávez)  
<https://legiscan.com/CA/text/SB607/2025>
- ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement to **oppose California Assembly Bill 1333** relative to public safety (Chávez)  
<https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB1333/id/3137018>
- ITEM 20: Report** by the **2024-2025** Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:  
**A. Standing Committees**

1. Outreach/Community Affairs – Douglas Sierra
2. Finance and Budget – Cindy I. Valle – Continue to work on the 2025-2026 Admin Packet and working closely with the Executive Committee to reduce expenses
3. Beautification – Cindy I. Valle
  - We had a great clean-up event on March 16. We want to thank all those who supported us: The Foothill Division Cadets led by Sergeant Ojeda; SLO Perez and SLO Herrera for keeping us safe; Rosalío García for providing the morning snacks; EC Electric and Caterers for lunch; Northeast Graffiti Busters for delivering the tools on a Sunday; the Climate Corps Initiative: The Blandford Family; Hope the Mission; CD6 staff (Nayda, Rebecca, and Chris), Betsaira from the Mayor's office and her guest;
  - The next Beautification meeting is on Friday, April 18
  - Coordinating with Council District 2 our next cleanup
  - Partnering with Assembly member Celeste Rodriguez for a clean-up
  - Join us for our first Sun Valley Earth Day on April 13 beginning with a cleanup at 9:00 am followed with lots of workshops and resources at 11:00 am
4. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) – Norma O. Chávez
  - Our monthly meeting is back to Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 pm at our office
  - Public Hearing on April 8 at 9:30 am regarding the Self-Service Car Wash to be located at 8431 N Sunland Blvd. The agenda with zoom info will be available at [planning4la.org/hearings](http://planning4la.org/hearings) 72 hours prior to the meeting.
  - Public Hearing on April 22 at 10:30 am regarding an apartment complex with three buildings, a total of 17 units with attached garage, and 33 parking spaces to be located at 8032 N Fair Ave (11146-11148 Lorne St). The agenda with zoom info will be available at [planning4la.org/hearings](http://planning4la.org/hearings) 72 hours prior to the mtg
  - La Raza's 10-foot wall and zero landscaping was approved with conditions and among those are two SVANC requested: trees and parking designated for employees' vehicles and no food trucks
5. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Eddie Venegas
  - We had a good turnout at our March meeting. We had a presentation from the LAPD Domestic Abuse Response Team. We were able to provide some donations of clothes and toys donated by SVANC Board members and a CD6 staff member.
  - This month, we will have a presentation on Opioids Overdose Prevention and the use of Narcan
  - For the May meeting, we will have a presentation by Dante Cornejo from MySafeLA regarding Home Hardening and Home Fire Insurance
  - President Norma Chávez and I are working on putting together the CERT class we have been wanting to provide for our community
  - The committee and president Norma Chávez are already working on organizing our second annual National Night Out

**B. Ad Hoc Committees:**

1. Environmental and CHSR – Wendy Thum
2. Homelessness – Monica Vacas
3. Bylaws – Norma O. Chávez – We are pending update of the Standing Rules
4. Elections – Norma O. Chávez
  - SVANC was unable to trigger elections for the third season in a row. We have been provided the list of five certified candidates who will be affirmed.

Congratulations to those Board members who got certified: Rosalío García, Cindy Valle, and Monica Vacas.

- Congratulations to the two new candidates who were certified and will be affirmed as soon as the process becomes available: William Leiva (Residential seat) and Alison Patch (Residential seat)

**C. City-wide community liaisons:**

1. LANCC – Norma O. Chávez – Unable to attend but brought a CIS from agenda
2. VANC – Ben Blandford – Attended and brought recommendations for CISs
3. NCEPA – Cindy I. Valle, Eddie Venegas
4. PLANCHECKNC – Norma O. Chávez – Next meeting is on April 12
5. NCBA – Cindy Valle, Rosalío García
6. C-PAB – Norma O. Chávez, Rosalío García –
  - Community Police Academy graduation is on April 10 at 6:00 pm. Congratulations to our Board members who will be graduating: Ben Blandford, Rosalío García, and Anthony Rivera.
  - The Community-Police Advisory Board meeting will be on April 30. The locations is to be determined.
7. Homelessness Liaison – Monica Vacas
8. NCSA – Cindy Valle
9. LADWP-NC MOU – Eddie Venegas

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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<p><b>Regular Board Meeting MINUTES</b>  <b>Tuesday, February 11, 2025</b>  <b>6:00 pm – 7:50 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Meeting At</b>  <b>Sun Valley Branch Library</b>  7935 Vineland Avenue  Sun Valley, CA 91352  <b>Zoom Webinar ID #: 987 6658 0221</b></p>

\* No training sessions completed, not eligible to vote \*\*No funding training, not eligible to vote on fund matters

BOARD MEMBER	BOARD POSITION	PRESENT	ABSENT	NOT VOTING ELIGIBLE
Arreola, Kelly	Senior Representative Director	X		
Blandford, Ben <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President</b>	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Carrasco, Yudicela	Residential Stakeholder Director		X	
Chávez, Norma O. <b>President</b>	At-Large Stakeholder Director	X		
García, Rosalio	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Sierra, Benjamin	Youth Representative Director	X		
Sierra, Douglas	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Rivera, Anthony <b>Secretary</b>	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Thum, Wendy	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Vacas, Monica	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Valle, Cindy I. <b>Treasurer</b> joined at 6:06 pm	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Venegas, Eddie <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President</b>	Business Property Director	X		
<b>TOTAL: 12</b> <b>Quorum: 7 (at least one officer)</b>	<b>11 Present, 1 Absent, 2 Ineligible</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

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

Norma O. Chávez, president, called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. and began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Code of Civility. Roll call was taken by Ms. Chávez and quorum was established with 11 members present at the time of roll call.

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

Ms. Chávez shared information on the fliers for coming events in the community.

**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) 634-075
- No meetings in January due to the fires
  - Devastation in the fire area is a whole different experience. It is very impactful! I was deployed to Palisades to help with the repopulation going back home for those who could.
  - Priority 2, priority 3 calls response, tactical alert
  - Crime stats: for the last two years crime has gone down.
  - Requested that those who were given clubs for their vehicles they use them. Some are still available.
  - There is gas stealing going on at BIMBO, about \$1500 damage on each truck. It has been happening for a month. There was lack of communication. This is an online report.

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

- A. Lorelie Vallejo (Councilwoman Imelda Padilla, CD6, [lorelie.vallejo@lacity.org](mailto:lorelie.vallejo@lacity.org))  
Nayda Cantabrana was present and provided updates from CD6.
- Lorelie is setting up a reading event for teens. It is called Love of Literacy. This will take place at the Sun Valley Branch Library.
  - LADWP is still accepting application for claim for food spoiled during the fires.
  - Clean-up taking place at Tujunga. Also, there is a care and a care plus cleanup operation happening at Pendleton by LA Sanitation
- D. Gus Villela (Assembly member Celeste Rodriguez, 43rd District, [gus.villela@asm.ca.gov](mailto:gus.villela@asm.ca.gov), Office (818) 504 3911)
- Coffee and Conversation with the Assembly member is on the works
  - Her swearing in will be taking place on March the 2<sup>nd</sup> at Mission College at 10:30 am
  - Waving lots of fees due to the fires. Sticker fees – none
  - SNAP- access to hot meals from February 10 to March 10
  - Legislature: AB 495 Family Safety. Safety Plans – immigration enforcement
  - CalTrans – clear the graffiti on Freeways, Arleta and Sheldon (CalTrans property), Pernose, Bradley
  - Freeways need lights repaired and lines painted
  - EDD general contractor indirectly affected by the fires, fee waiver
- E. Karen Dominguez (Office of LA County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, 3rd District, [KDominguez@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:KDominguez@bos.lacounty.gov), (213) 595-9198)
- Internship opportunity - \$20 per hour, 14 to 20 hours a week, undergraduates
  - Internship opportunity at the District Office answering phone calls
  - Tacos for Taxes event
  - Silicosis Bill from Luz Rivas

**ITEM 5:** Comments from the Empower LA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) Lorenzo Briceno ([lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org](mailto:lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org)) unable to attend due to a training scheduled at the same time

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

Louis Bolanos – Interesting article in the LA Times, inconvenient truths about the fires. CA Title 24 – The LAFD and County, LA Planning Department, license contractors should cover eaves of house and requirements in 2008 are not being met. Inspections need to be done.

Marcelo Meza is very concerned with many landfills opening in Sun Valley and fire debris coming to the area

**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).

Cindy Valle – Tax preparation services will be offered for free at the Sun Valley Branch Library on Thursdays from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm for low income residents who make less than \$65,000. Make an appointment.



**ITEM 8: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the appointment of María Nolasco-McNally to a Business Stakeholder open seat, term ends on 2027 (Chávez, Elections) Norma Chávez moved to table the item because the candidate has returned to school and her schedule conflicts with that of the SVANC's Board meetings. She will continue to support SVANC's events/activities when possible. There were no objections.

**ITEM 9: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the appointment of Anthony Rivera to a Business Stakeholder open seat, term ends on 2025 (Chávez, Elections). **1<sup>st</sup>:** Cindy Valle, **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Eddie Venegas. The candidate introduced himself and some of his background. He shared that he has experience with construction and housing codes. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 10 in favor.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Arreola, Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Carrasco

**ITEM 10: Presentation / Review** of the 2024-2025 Budget and current finances (Valle)

- Cindy Valle shared that SVANC finances are finally in order.
- SVANC's budget at the beginning of the fiscal year was \$32.000 and \$135 were rolled over.
- As of yesterday, all payments are current and posted
- Budget is right on track. If we continue like that, we might end up with positive numbers of up to \$500 for projects

**ITEM 11:** Consent Calendar: one motion and one vote

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on April 9, 2024 (Chávez)
- B.** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 8, 2024 (Chávez)
- C.** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 12, 2024 (Chávez)
- D.** Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2024 (C. Valle)
- E.** Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for December 2024 (C. Valle)
- F.** Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2025 (C. Valle)
- G.** Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2025 (C. Valle)

Norma O. Chávez moved to remove items A, F, and G from the consent calendar. She explained that item 11G was a mistake as the February Monthly Expenditure Report cannot be generated before the month is over. The minutes for April 9, 2024 are still not ready (item 11A). The January 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report has not been generated (11F). **1<sup>st</sup>:** Cindy Valle, **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Rosalío García. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 9 in favor and two ineligible and the minutes for October 8, minutes for November 12, the MER for November 2024, and the MER for December were approved.

Yes-09	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Arreola, Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Sierra B, Rivera	Carrasco

**ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve submitting a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of **Council File 24-1600**, which urges city leaders to preserve and prioritize funding for critical emergency services programs, including Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), air operations, tactical EMS units, and disaster response teams (Chávez). **1<sup>st</sup>:** Monica Vacas, **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Yudicela Carrasco. Discussion took place. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 9 in favor.

Yes-09	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola B Sierra	Carrasco

**ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a letter of support for *The Stonehurst* to be located at 9485

N Sunland Blvd., Sun Valley, CA 91352. The project is proposing a zone variance to permit use of a banquet hall on the site for private events otherwise not permitted in the RE40-1-K within the existing buildings (Chávez, PLUM), 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Monica Vacas. Discussion took place. Ms. Chávez shared about the beauty of this place, the variety of plants they have preserved, and how careful management is with avoiding any problems with the community. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 10 in favor.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola	Carrasco

**ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement (CIS) to oppose the Executive Directive 1 Housing project to be located at 10974 W. Ratner St. (8022 N. Vineland Ave), Sun Valley, CA 91352. The project proposes a multi-family residential complex with 96 units with 66 parking spaces; increase in Floor Area Ratio from the allowed 1.5 to 1.75; reduction of three side yard setback to allow 5 feet in lieu of the required 7; reduction of the rear yard setback to allow 8 feet in lieu of the 16 feet required; reduction of on-site trees to allow 18 trees in lieu of the required 24 trees. **Case Number: ADM-2024-7122-VHCA-RED1** (Chávez, PLUM). 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ben Blandford. Discussion took place. Ms. Chávez shared that this project has been approved, but that we continue to oppose projects that receive no input from the community, the reduction on yard setbacks for safety reasons, the reduction of canopy trees given that Sun Valley gets very hot, and the reduction of parking spaces. A community member opposed the company who will be managing the property, ACOF. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 11 in favor.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola	Carrasco

**ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement to *support with conditions*, the continued use and maintenance of an existing un-permitted 10-foot in height fence (6-foot block wall atop 4 foot wrought iron fence) with a vehicle gate and pedestrian gate located within the required 15-foot front yard setback and the zone variance to provide zero landscaping within the front yard setback otherwise required by CPC-30476 per Ordinance Number 157,675 (1983) condition number 6. (Chávez, PLUM). 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Monica Vacas. Discussion took place. Norma Chávez explained that this project will be supported if amended to make sure that the newly created parking structures be labeled for parking for employees' vehicles only to support their safety but that no food trucks should be allowed to park there. It was also recommended that if zero landscaping was to be allowed, that trees either be planted in other areas of the lot or be distributed in large planters. It was also recommended that vines be used to beautify the wall and to prevent graffiti. Ms. Thum recommended fake greenery be used on the walls to prevent damage to the wall. Other board members reminded the Board that in the past SVANC has voted against fake grass as this doesn't provide the benefits that real plants do. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 9 in favor, 1 against, 1 ineligible, and 1 absent.

Yes-09	No - 01	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	Thum	NONE	NONE	Arreola	Carrasco

**ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve holding an *Immigration: Know Your Rights* Workshop in partnership with the International Rescue Committee, Council members Imelda Padilla and Adrin Nazarian, the LAPD Foothill Area and other organizations on March 22, 2025 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Holy Rosary Church (Chávez). 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cindy Valle and Monica Vacas. Discussion took place. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 10 in favor.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola	Carrasco

**ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve holding a 2<sup>nd</sup> Citizenship Workshop in partnership with the International Rescue Committee, Council members Imelda Padilla and Adrin Nazarian, Congress member Luz Rivas and other organizations on mid-June 2025 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Holy Rosary Church and create the SVANC committee (Chávez). 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Monica Vacas. Discussion took place. Ms. Chávez stated that she has been approached by several community members who can benefit from this workshop, but due to work schedule could not attend the first workshop. Norma Chávez, Rosalío García, and Cindy Valle will lead this project. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 10 in favor.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola	Carrasco

**ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve restoring the Welcome to Sun Valley sign on Glenoaks Blvd and Lanark and using \$500 from the Clean Streets funds and partnering with Council member Nazarian and local businesses to complete the funds (Chávez). 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Monica Vacas. Discussion took place. Douglas Sierra inquired about the funds available from the Clean Streets account. Ms. Chávez shared that out of the \$2500, \$300 were used for the NPG for Glenwood Elementary for their garden, so the account has \$2200. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 6 in favor, 2 abstained, 3 ineligible and 1 absent.

Yes-06	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 02	Not Eligible - 03	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	D Sierra, Thum	Arreola, B Sierra, Rivera	Carrasco

**ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve restoring the Welcome to Sun Valley sign on Laurel Canyon Blvd and Web St and using \$500 from the Clean Streets funds and partnering with Council member Imelda Padilla and local businesses to complete the funds (Chávez). 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Monica Vacas. Discussion took place. The project was initiated by Wendy Thum and she requested a quote from Mr. Anthony Servera, but the project was not accomplished. The fees have very likely increased by now. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 6 in favor, 2 abstained, 3 ineligible, and 1 absent.

Yes-06	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 02	Not Eligible - 03	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	D Sierra, Thum	Arreola, B Sierra Rivera	Carrasco

**ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve spending \$400 from the Clean Streets account to support the improvement of the Armenian Genocide Memorial at the Sun Valley Recreation Center to raise its height and partner with Council members Imelda Padilla and Adrin Nazarian and local businesses to complete the funds needed (Chávez). 1<sup>st</sup>: Monica Vacas, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cindy Valle. Discussion took place. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 7 in favor, 1 abstained, 3 ineligible, and 1 absent.

Yes-07	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 01	Not Eligible - 03	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, D. Sierra, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Thum	Arreola, B Sierra Rivera	Carrasco

**ITEM 21: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at the Sun Valley Area Recreation Center in partnership with Council member Imelda Padilla and Council member Adrin Nazarian, Parks and Recs, and local businesses. (Venegas, Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee). 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cindy Valle. Discussion took place. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 10 in favor, 1 ineligible and 1 absent.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola	Carrasco

**ITEM 22: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve holding a Clothing Drive to support the LAPD Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) Program, which pairs an LAPD police officer with a domestic violence advocate to respond to incidents of reported domestic violence with the goal of providing education, resources, and follow-up services to those who have been affected by such violence. The clothing drive would be held at the SVANC's office every Saturday after approval until March 15. (Venegas, Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee). 1<sup>st</sup>: Eddie Venegas 2<sup>nd</sup>: Monica Vacas. Discussion took place. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 10 in favor.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola	Carrasco

**ITEM 23: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a second *Nacho Your Average SVANC Board Meet and Greet* on February 28 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm to continue promoting community involvement in the coming SVANC elections (Chávez, Elections). 1<sup>st</sup>: Eddie Venegas, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rosalío García. Discussion took place. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 10 in favor.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola	Carrasco

**ITEM 24: Motion / Discussion / Votes** to approve sending a letter to Council member Imelda Padilla to request a graffiti cleanup of the Sheldon Skate Park and to hold all possible art until the recreation center gets completed and there is full time staff that can keep control of graffiti (Blandford). 1<sup>st</sup>: Cindy Valle, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Monica Vacas, Rosalío García. Discussion took place. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 9 in favor, 1 abstained, 1 ineligible, and 1 absent.

Yes-09	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 01	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	B sierra	Arreola	Carrasco

**ITEM 25: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to appoint board members to committees. 1<sup>st</sup>: Eddie Venegas, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cindy Valle. Discussion took place.

- A. SVANC Secretary – Anthony Rivera
- B. Finance – remains vacant
- C. Beautification – Rosalío García
- D. Outreach Committee – Monica Vacas
- E. Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee – is complete
- F. Environment/CHSR Ad Hoc Committee – remains vacant
- G. Community Impact Statement (CIS) - Anthony Rivera

**H. LADWP-NC MOU monthly meeting – Remains vacant**

Roll call vote took place and the motion passed by a vote of 11 in favor.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 01
Blandford, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola	Carrasco

**ITEM 26: Report by the 2024-2025 Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:**

**A. Standing Committees**

1. Outreach/Community Affairs – Douglas Sierra – no report  
Benjamin Sierra shared that Poly would like to dedicate an article of their newspaper to the neighborhood council to introduce the student population to the work SVANC does.
2. Finance and Budget – Cindy I. Valle – the 2025-2026 Budget Packet is ready
3. Beautification – Cindy I. Valle – looking for potential areas for cleanups, asking the community to make their recommendations, working on an Earth Day event
4. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) – Norma O. Chávez – three motions in this agenda from reviewed projects, the February and March meetings may have to move to the fourth Wednesday of the month to accommodate the schedule for committee members to attend some trainings, “Ay Papa Que Rico” will be invited to attend the February PLUM meeting
5. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Eddie Venegas – three motions in this agenda, planning a clothing drive for LAPD DART, preparing for National Night Out

**B. Ad Hoc Committees:**

1. Environmental and CHSR – Wendy Thum – no report
2. Homelessness – Monica Vacas – no report
3. Bylaws – Norma O. Chávez – The committee is pending review and update of the Standing Rules. A meeting will be scheduled for late February or mid-March.
4. Elections – Norma O. Chávez – SVANC board members whose term ends in 2025 must run through elections (Rosalío García, Cindy Valle, Monica Vacas, Eddie Venegas). Candidate filing period begins Friday, January 30, 2025. All candidates need to create an Angeleno account to file their application, candidate statement, and documentation at <https://clerkappsele.lacity.org/NCElection/login>, Elections’ date has moved to June 1 for SVANC’s. We are now in Region 3.

**C. City-wide community liaisons:**

1. LANCC – Norma O. Chávez – unable to attend the meeting due to conflict of schedule with the Public Works meeting at the Van Nuys City Council
2. VANC – Eddie Venegas, Ben Blandford (alternate)
3. NCEPA – Cindy I. Valle, Eddie Venegas
4. PLANCHECKNC – Norma O. Chávez, Ben Blandford
5. NCBA – Cindy I. Valle, Rosalío García
6. C-PAB – Norma O. Chávez, Rosalío García – fliers have been collected and shared in the newsletter and Facebook
7. Homelessness Liaison – Monica Vacas
8. NCSA – Cindy Valle
9. LADWP-NC MOU – vacant

**ITEM 27: Public Comment** on matters within the Executive Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion) NONE

**ITEM 28: Board Members Announcements** on matters within the Executive Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion) NONE

**ITEM 29: Adjournment @ 7:53 pm; 1<sup>st</sup> Norma O Chávez, 2<sup>nd</sup> R Garcia. All in favor**

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\* No training sessions completed, not eligible to vote \*\*No funding training, not eligible to vote on fund matters

BOARD MEMBER	BOARD POSITION	PRESENT	ABSENT	NOT VOTING ELIGIBLE
Arreola, Kelly resigned 3/11/2025	Senior Representative Director		X	
Blandford, Ben <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President</b>	Residential Stakeholder Director		X	
Carrasco, Yudicela	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Chávez, Norma O. <b>President</b>	At-Large Stakeholder Director	X		
García, Rosalio	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Rivera, Anthony <b>Secretary</b>	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Sierra, Benjamin	Youth Representative Director		X	*
Sierra, Douglas	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Thum, Wendy excused	Residential Stakeholder Director		X	
Vacas, Monica	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Valle, Cindy I. <b>Treasurer</b>	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Venegas, Eddie <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President</b>	Business Property Director	X		
<b>TOTAL: 12</b> <b>Quorum: 7 (at least one officer)</b>	<b>11 Present, 1 Absent, 2 Ineligible</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>

Please note that the items' numbers of the Minutes do not align with the item numbers from the Agenda as some of the numbers were skipped and/or duplicated in the agenda. The actions taken on the items are accurate.

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

Norma O. Chávez, president, called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. and began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Code of Civility. Roll call was taken by Vice-President Eddie Venegas and quorum was established with 8 members present at the time of roll call.

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

Ms. Chávez shared information on the fliers of coming events: Tip a Cop, Sun Valleyntine's Pet Fest being moved to a new date, food pantry on March 22, elections for Neighborhood Councils will be via mail only, Elections Day is on June 3, Spring Festival at the Sun Valley Youth Arts Center begins on April 5 with a series of free art workshops. Ms. Chávez also informed the community of the questions prepared for Council Member Imelda Padilla and encouraged them to send more questions if theirs were not included.

**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](mailto:33107@lapd.online), mobile (818) 634-0949

- Robbery inside the Home Depot on Sherman Way on March the 7<sup>th</sup>, license gotten, guy arrested in Simi Valley by the Simi Valley PD
- Homicide at Home Depot – suspect arrested by Valley Division
- Burglaries increased in North Hollywood by the Southland Gang
- WSS is an issue in the area
- WSS has reduced in the crime compared to in the past
- Coffee with a COP is on March 18 at California Kitchen in Ventura

**B.** Senior Lead Officer Eric Perez, [38338@lapd.online](mailto:38338@lapd.online), mobile (818) 634-0755

- There are 42 crimes less compared to last year at this time
- Less stolen vehicles than last year
- Make sure to report all crimes to show it on the system. Certain crime goes into the online system. Make sure to include a number and an email so you can receive a confirmation number from the system which proves you submitted successfully.
- List of crime to be reported online: harassing phone calls, vandalism, theft, theft from motor vehicle, minor traffic collisions, hit and run, vice tips, narcotics tips, identity theft, hate incident

**C.** Senior Lead Officer Cesar Contreras, [36373@lapd.online](mailto:36373@lapd.online), mobile (818) 634-0854

- Crime Trends in Southern California Jewelry Scam. They try to give you free Jewelry while actually taking something away from you. The target are the elderly, unsuspecting victims. Lost property, vandalism,
- Homicide has decreased
- Catalytic Converter theft is still going on. Vehicles targeted (Mid Sizes SUV) Cleaner vehicles
- Homeless individuals have accepted housing. RVs have been impounded
- Warning about confronting an assailant. **Do not confront.** LAPD is not a proactive but a reactive system. Strongly recommended parking in well-lit areas

**ITEM 4:** Presentation and conversation with Guest speakers Council member Imelda Padilla and Empower LA General Manager Carmen Chan (60 minutes)  
Due to personal matters both speakers were unable to be present

**ITEM 5:** Presentation / Announcements from elected officials or their representatives

**A.** Loreli Vallejo (residential area), Nayda Cantabrana (industrial area) (Councilwoman Imelda Padilla, CD6, [lorel.vallejo@lacity.com](mailto:lorel.vallejo@lacity.com), [nayda.cantabrana@lacity.org](mailto:nayda.cantabrana@lacity.org))

- Nayda Cantabrana and Rebecca Gurrola were present.
- Clean ups taking place: Tujunga and San Fernando Road removing the trash, and offering resources. There is wet weather protocol. Rain can downgrade to a spot clean
- Flyers regarding the Landfills Town Hall on March 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm at Poly High
- Alliance lawsuit settlement. CD6 is 113 beds away from the goal. After that. 41.18 can be implemented. 41.18 makes it illegal for people to sleep on the sidewalk.
- Sun valley tiny home project is coming to San Fernando Road and Olinda
- RV program in the works in a few months, late July

**C.** Gus Villela, Joana Reyes (Assembly member Celeste Rodriguez, 43rd District, [gus.villela@asm.ca.gov](mailto:gus.villela@asm.ca.gov), Office (818) 504-3911)

- Joana Reyes was present and invited all attendees to the Landfills Town Hall meeting
- Coffee and Conversation is in the works with Norma

**K. Lionel Mares (Budget Advocate, Region 1)**

- Budget 101 session with DONE and two Budget Advocates chairs, Glenn Bailey and Dan Garnell
- City Controller Kenneth Mejia is conducting audits of the departments. He will have a three-hour budget town hall. The power point will be sent.
- Budget Advocates are finishing up the White Paper. They are working on the graphics of the cover and title. It will be sent to the Board. It will also be posted in a Council File.
- Mayor Karen Bass will be posting her budget soon
- LAPD has the highest budget
- LAFD Chief was fired. She requested more support and equipment during the Palisades fires
- The City of Los Angeles is facing a looming financial deficit

**ITEM 6:** Comments from the Empower LA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) Lorenzo Briceno ([lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org](mailto:lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org)) unable to attend due to conflict with training schedule

- Due to the fires, he has been working as a Disaster Services Worker and has been working at nights in Burbank. Marilu Guevara is available for question in case he is not.
- Candidate filling period for SVANC ends on March 17
- Presented a certificate of recognition to SVANC for their contributions and hard work during the 25 years of the Neighborhood Council system

**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)

Lily Lee from Waste Management invited the community to participate in an event they will have on April 19 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm for Free Disposal of up to one ton of material. There will be a community art project. She also informed the Council that Waste Management is not taking any fire debris.

Lionel Mares stated that Mayor Karen Bass removed the LAFD Chief, Christy Crawley, due to political reasons. Fire engines are not working adequately for the firefighters. The City is still in a state of emergency. Former LAFD Chief got relocated to the San Fernando Valley as Assistant Chief. LAHSA personnel had conflict of interest.

Louis Bolanos wants to make sure new buildings are following the Title 24 codes. Palisades and Eaton exterior wood to be covered by drywall, no exposed wood. All vents should be covered. There should be programs for contractors to place drywall on the eaves.

**ITEM 8:** Consent Calendar: one motion and one vote

- A.** Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on April 9, 2024 (Venegas, Chávez)
- B.** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 11, 2025 (Chávez, Rivera)
- C.** Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for January 2025 (C. Valle)
- D.** Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for February 2025 (C. Valle)

Norma Chávez moved to remove items 8A, 8B, and 8D from the consent calendar as the documents were not finalized. There were no objections. Monica Vacas moved to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report from January 2025 and Yudicela Carrasco seconded. Roll call vote took place and the motion was approved with 7 votes in favor and 1 ineligible. The MER for January was approved.

<b>Yes-07</b>	<b>No - 00</b>	<b>Recused - 00</b>	<b>Abstained - 00</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 01</b>	<b>Absent - 04</b>
Carrasco, Chávez, Garcia, D. Sierra, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Rivera	Arreola, Blandford, Sierra B, Thum

**ITEM 9: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve to sign on to the charter reform commission letter requesting Mayor Bass move forward with her Charter Reform Commission Appointees. **1<sup>st</sup>:** Rosalío García, **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Cindy Valle. Discussion took place. The Mayor is accepting applications for her appointments. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 8 votes in favor.

<b>Yes-08</b>	<b>No - 00</b>	<b>Recused - 00</b>	<b>Abstained - 00</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 00</b>	<b>Absent - 04</b>
Carrasco, Chávez, Garcia, D. Sierra, Rivera, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola, Blandford, Sierra B, Thum

**ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a community cleanup along the San Fernando Rd. Bike Path from Sunland Blvd to Branford St. on Sunday, March 16, 2025 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am in partnership with CD6 and with local businesses to provide food and beverages for the volunteers (Valle, Beautification) **1<sup>st</sup>:** Rosalío García, **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Eddie Venegas and Monica Vacas. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 8 votes in favor.

<b>Yes-08</b>	<b>No - 00</b>	<b>Recused - 00</b>	<b>Abstained - 00</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 00</b>	<b>Absent - 04</b>
Carrasco, Chávez, Garcia, D. Sierra, Rivera, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola, Blandford, Sierra B, Thum

**ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve SVANC's participation at the Spring Festival at the Sun Valley Recreation Center on April 12, 2025 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and a budget \$50 for crafts/candy. (Chávez) **1<sup>st</sup>:** Rosalío García, **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Cindy Valle. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 7 votes in favor and 1 ineligible.

<b>Yes-07</b>	<b>No - 00</b>	<b>Recused - 00</b>	<b>Abstained - 00</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 01</b>	<b>Absent - 04</b>
Carrasco, Chávez, Garcia, D. Sierra, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Rivera	Arreola, Blandford, Sierra B, Thum

**ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve SVANC's participation at the Spring Festival at the Fernangeles Recreation Center with details to come with a budget of \$50 for crafts/candy (Douglas, Outreach) **1<sup>st</sup>:** Monica Vacas, **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Rosalío García. Discussion took place. Douglas Sierra moved to amend the motion to include the date and time of the event and Norma Chávez seconded. The motion now reads, "**Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve SVANC's participation at the Spring Festival at the Fernangeles Recreation Center on April 12, 2025 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm with a budget of \$50 for crafts/candy." Given that the two recreational centers will hold their Spring Festivals on the same day, the SVANC Board members will split into two groups. Monica Vacas, Benjamin Sierra, and Douglas Sierra will be doing outreach for this event. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with 7 votes in favor and 1 ineligible.

<b>Yes-07</b>	<b>No - 00</b>	<b>Recused - 00</b>	<b>Abstained - 00</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 01</b>	<b>Absent - 04</b>
Carrasco, Chávez, Garcia, D. Sierra, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Rivera	Arreola, Blandford, Sierra B, Thum

**ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve SVANC's participation at the GR818ERS' Shell City Skate Fest on May 17, 2025 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Sheldon Skate Park. (Chávez) **1<sup>st</sup>:** Rosalío García, **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Yudicela Carrasco. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with 10 votes in favor and one ineligible.

Yes-08	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Carrasco, Chávez, Garcia, D. Sierra, Rivera, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola, Blandford, Sierra B, Thum

**ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) workshop in partnership with the International Rescue Committee and CHIRLA on a Saturday in May from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with location TBD (Chávez) 1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cindy Valle and Yudicela Carrasco. Discussion took place. Norma O. Chávez explained the new process to apply for citizenship and how it does not lead to holding a citizenship workshop as done in the past and how the DACA recipients need support with the renewal. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with 8 votes in favor.

Yes-08	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Carrasco, Chávez, Garcia, D. Sierra, Rivera, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola, Blandford, Sierra B, Thum

**ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote** appoint board members to the following committees:

- A. Finance – **Anthony Rivera**
- B. Environment/CHSR Ad Hoc Committee – vacant
- C. Community Impact Statement (CIS) Filer – **Yudicela Carrasco**
- D. LADWP-NC MOU monthly meeting – **Eddie Venegas**
- E. Beautification - **vacant**

1<sup>st</sup>: Rosalío García, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cindy Valle. Cindy Valle moved to amend the motion to include one member for the Beautification committee and Norma O. Chávez seconded. Discussion took place and members volunteered for some assignments. Roll call vote was taken. The motion passed with 8 votes in favor.

Yes - 08	No - 01	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Carrasco, Chávez, Garcia, D. Sierra, Rivera, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	Thum	NONE	NONE	NONE	Arreola, Blandford, Sierra B, Thum

**ITEM 16: Report** by the **2024-2025** Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:

**A. Standing Committees**

**1. Outreach/Community Affairs – Douglas Sierra**

- Reached out to the Fernangeles Recreation Center to set up a booth during their Spring Festival on April 12 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Doing outreach at Poly High. Students from in charge of the Newsletter will be doing an interview with Board members to introduce the neighborhood council to high schoolers.

**2. Finance and Budget – Cindy I. Valle – Setting up the Admin Packet 2025-2026**

**3. Beautification – Cindy I. Valle**

- We have a meeting on Friday, March 21 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm to continue planning the Earth Day
- We are also planning a Clean-up on one of the 5 Fwy ramps on Sunland Blvd in partnership with Assembly member Celeste Rodriguez and/or Senator Caroline Menjivar.

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

- The committee reviewed the application by *Ay Papá Que Rico Restaurant* located at 8204 Sunland Blvd., Sun Valley, CA 91352 which is proposing adding a covered outdoor dining area (260 sq ft) and an open trellis partially over the existing outdoor parking. PLUM members will be visiting the site. They made some observations regarding safety and green space.
- Updates were provided on the projects previously reviewed and their current status.
- Information was shared on Notices of Demolitions and the projects to come after that.



- The Executive Directive page from the Los Angeles Department of Planning was discussed.
  - Next meeting is on Wednesday, March 26 at 6:30 pm.
  - We will go back to our regular schedule of fourth Thursdays of the month in April.
5. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Eddie Venegas –
- Coming to the SVANC's office on Saturday to continue the Clothing Drive for the DART program for the meeting on March the 21<sup>st</sup> when all donations will be gifted to the DART Team.
  - We continue to plan National Night Out.
  - We are also working on finding a location to hold the CERT training. An email was sent to LADWP to request the use of their facilities.

**B. Ad Hoc Committees:**

1. Environmental and CHSR – Wendy Thum - absent
2. Homelessness – Monica Vacas – no updates
3. Bylaws – Norma O. Chávez – no updates
4. Elections – Norma O. Chávez
  - SVANC board members whose term ends in 2025 have already filed their candidate application (Rosalío García, Cindy Valle, Monica Vacas, Eddie Venegas).
  - The registration to request Vote-By-Mail ballots opens on April 4.
  - Nacho Average SVANC Board went great! We had two new neighbors who are interested in joining SVANC, but are working on their school schedule to be able to commit. We reviewed the timeline of our elections. If no one challenges the current candidates' seats, we will not trigger elections again.

**C. City-wide community liaisons:**

1. LANCC – Norma O. Chávez – There was a presentation by a representative of the group Our Neighborhood Voices to get a ballot initiative on the 2026 or the 2028 ballots that would amend the California State Constitution to make planning, zoning, and land use a matter of local control. If you want to learn more about it, visit [ourneighborhoodvoices.org](http://ourneighborhoodvoices.org)
2. VANC – Ben Blandford attended the meeting and brought a CIS proposed regarding public participation at City Council meetings via telephone.
3. NCEPA – Cindy I. Valle, Eddie Venegas – no report
4. PLANCHECKNC – Norma O. Chávez attended the meeting.
5. NCBA – Norma O. Chávez attended. The art and theme of the White Page document was decided.
6. C-PAB – Norma O. Chávez, Rosalío García – fliers have been collected and shared in the newsletter and Facebook. Fifteen community members from the Foothill area signed up for the OVB Community Police Academy. The CPAB meeting for March 13 has been cancelled.
7. Homelessness Liaison – Monica Vacas
8. NCSA – Cindy Valle –no update
9. LADWP-NC MOU – vacant

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

**ITEM 17: Public Comment** on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion) NONE

**ITEM 18: Board Members Announcements** on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion) NONE

**ITEM 19: Adjournment** @ 7:57 pm; 1<sup>st</sup> Cindy Valle, Monica Vacas, 2<sup>nd</sup> R Garcia. All in favor



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# Monthly Expenditure Report



**Reporting Month: February 2025**

**Budget Fiscal Year: 2024-2025**

**NC Name: Sun Valley Area  
Neighborhood Council**

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$15020.96	\$4659.30	\$10361.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10361.66

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$32000.00	\$4659.30	\$10226.04	\$0.00	\$10226.04
Outreach		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$17114.66	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	SMART AND FINAL 374	02/05/2025	Office supplies purchase receipt	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$35.97
2	DOMINOS 8122	02/11/2025	pizza receipt from February meeting	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$61.24
3	LADWP	02/03/2025	February 2025 LADWP bill. Covers for January and February Charges,	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$281.98
4	Concept to Web	02/03/2025	January Website Hosting and Maintenance bill.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$200.00
5	Concept to Web	02/03/2025	December Bill for Website Hosting and Maintenance	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$200.00
6	PAPPAS FAMILY TRUST	02/03/2025	January 2025 Office Lease Payment	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$1749.83
7	PAPPAS FAMILY TRUST	02/03/2025	February Office Lease payment	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$1749.83
8	Insight Investments, LLC	02/03/2025	February Monthly printer lease bill.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$76.09

9	Insight Investments, LLC	02/03/2025	April 2024 Printer Lease Bill.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$76.09
10	Insight Investments, LLC	02/03/2025	October 2024 Printer Lease Bill.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$76.09
11	Insight Investments, LLC	02/03/2025	January 2025 Printer Lease Bill.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$76.09
12	Insight Investments, LLC	02/10/2025	Printer rental bill for the month of November 2024.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$76.09
	<b>Subtotal:</b>					<b>\$4659.30</b>

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
	<b>Subtotal:</b> Outstanding					<b>\$0.00</b>

**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council**  
**Questions/Requests for Council member Imelda Padilla**  
**April 8, 2025**

1. What was the outcome of the meeting held with the Department of Transportation? How soon should we expect the Department of Transportation to begin conducting regular patrolling in Sun Valley and give citations to vehicles with parking violations: parked on sidewalks, parked perpendicularly, 72 hours, expired tags, preferential parking districts, and so on?
2. Many neighbors from the Sun Valley Recreation Center area have come to us to request support working on utilizing the recycling trust funds for their environmental injustice area. We request to move forward to start a community committee to decide how to use those funds to mitigate pollution issues in their area. They have shown interest in using those funds to provide sidewalks and bus shelters with the rotating shades.
3. The number of cannabis licenses for Sun Valley has increased from ten allowed under undue Concentration to twelve. What are you going to do to stop cannabis licenses getting approved when Sun Valley is saturated with licensed cannabis storefronts, as well as unlicensed storefronts and illegal home growth?
4. Senator Menjivar proposed SB 526. Will you be proposing a similar motion at City Council?
5. What are the steps to follow when a large pothole caused by heavy duty dumpster truck traffic is not being fixed because it is labeled “unimproved area”?
6. The community would like to request that you bring a motion to the City Council to request that all developers post signs with contact information to report problems in/with their property. In addition, regular weekly maintenance of their property should be required.
7. More development is coming to Sun Valley and our zoning is not up to date. We request that you propose a motion to City Council to update the Community Plan from 1999. It is of sum importance that Sun Valley grows in a well thought out manner.
8. Mike O’Gara’s Square (on Sheldon St and Laurel Canyon) - How soon can we expect it to proceed or how can we help? Especially since the CM sits on the Public Works Committee.
9. Cindy Sower’s Square (on Lankershim Blvd where she had her business) - How soon can we expect it to proceed or how can we help? Especially since the CM sits on the Public Works Committee.
10. Allgeheny Park - Three meetings were held in 2018 where we discussed all details for this park: fence, materials for welcome sign, landscaping, amenities, the clock, restrooms, walking path, the theme, and so on. The park was presented as a project and green space necessary for

the community of the surrounding apartments. The meeting was attended by people from all the apartments on Sheldon and the community from Cayuga, Ilex, El Dorado, etc. When the artist was selected for the art for the park with theme "The Women of Sun Valley", Deborah, the artist, said there would be a panel to select the art that would be put at the park. However, there were no further meetings to discuss the criteria for the selection of those women portrayed in the art. However, we did have an understanding that the women would be from Sun Valley. Now we are being presented with a selection of 2 women from Sun Valley and the rest are not from Sun Valley and they get paid to do a job. These should not be for people who work and get paid, it should be about volunteerism. Only two women were people who do volunteer work (Cindy Sower and Vicky Burch) and everyone else (14) people who get paid to do the work. Mariam Moore is more deserving. Ana de Jesus and Isabel Gabriela Mendoza were nominees. It should be about people who are doing this for free. If not enough women, then open it up to men. There will be a QR code that takes to a website about the art, the 14 people who work can be included here. Concerned about the selection of the art. Criteria to be chosen, who chose them, panel to choose them?

11. Welcome to Sun Valley sign across the street from Kohls needs to be restored and lifted. SVANC has allocated \$500 to help restore that sign and bring it back up. Mr. Servera provided a quote to Wendy Thum of approximately \$4,000 from 3-4 years ago. It may have gone up. SVANC would like to move forward with this project. The Executive Committee is trying to figure out how to save money and use the resources we have available. We would like to partner with you and local businesses to restore this sign and make Sun Valley more welcoming.

12. Armenian Genocide Memorial (at the Sun Valley Park near Cantara St surrounded by pomegranate trees) - It is important that we raise the plaque so that people can see it. If it is possible to work on it before April 24th so that it is before the remembrance day, even better. CM Padilla and CM Krekorian did a beautiful joint event last year at Sun Valley Park. CM Adrin Nazarian already knows about the plaque. Maybe raise the plaque? Have something where people can place flowers? Last year women from the community were very moved to find that the Sun Valley park had this memorial. They brought flowers and placed them on top of the plaque because there was nowhere else to put them. The trees look beautiful! We would like this to be a joint effort between SVANC, our council members, and local businesses.

13. Sidewalks - We need them where there are none. We understand that we are not the only neighborhood in CD6 that needs them, but we need a timeline on when we can expect this to occur.

14. Street lighting - Mentioned at the Public Works Town Hall. Sunland, Sheldon, Truesdale, and many more. We need a timeline on when we can expect the lights to be repaired.

15. We need bus shelters along San Fernando Road, Sunland Blvd, Glenoaks Blvd, Laurel Canyon Blvd, Roscoe Blvd. North Hollywood has the newer bus shelters. We can keep the same bus shelters, but we need more shelters. When new ones are installed, we would prefer the rotating ones

16. Tiny Homes on San Fernando Rd and Olinda Project – SVANC has not been included in the conversation. When the Branford Tiny Homes project was presented, SVANC was part of the talks to approve the location. Members of the PLUM committee visited at least ten offered in a list for potential sites for the project. We were told that we were 213 beds away from housing all the unhoused community members. The tiny homes made available 186 beds, so we thought we would be able to solve the problem. Three years later and the number of unhoused has grown.
17. In addition to the Tiny Homes, there is a Safe RV Parking Project coming to Sun Valley with no address provided yet and no community input. How come we are only opening the doors for housing but there are no projects coming for stores, supermarkets, department stores, family restaurants? Perhaps we need someone to identify areas and empty lots where businesses can get established.
18. There have been a few emails from community members requesting Part 2 of the Landfills Town Hall held on March 13. They have requested that this second Town Hall be attended by the same agencies and those who were not present at the time, Supervisor Horvath, Supervisor Barger, and ALL business receiving any material from the fires zones.



**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council**  
**Questions/Requests for Empower LA General Manager Carmen Chan**  
**April 8, 2025**

1. Council File .... Threatens the autonomy of the 99 Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils granted by the Los Angeles Charter. What are you planning to do to support the neighborhood councils, their by-laws, and their uniqueness?
2. The \$32,000 budget neighborhood councils receive is barely enough for operational expenses. Our office lease takes \$21,500 out of that budget. The rest is used for internet, phone, website, webmaster, and so on. Is there any way Empower LA can help us secure an additional \$5000 to \$10,000?
3. We need trainings for all board members on responsibilities of individualized positions such as president, secretary, treasurer, vice-presidents, CIS filers, committee chairs, planning and land use committee.
4. Empower LA is little by little making NCs responsible for important accounts' payments such as zoom and Canva. Is DONE going to replace those accounts with any other accounts that can make the NC's job easier?
5. We need accessibility to venues to hold events and meetings. Is there anything DONE can do to facilitate the process, reduce or remove fees involved?

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Norma O. Chávez

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## **Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement**

The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council (SVANC), at its April 8, 2025 meeting, voted \_\_\_\_\_ to support **Council File Number: 25-0006-S56**, which instructs various city agencies, including the Los Angeles Department of Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) and the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) of the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), to report various metrics regarding fire debris from the Palisades and Eaton fires and to ensure they don't disproportionately affect the East San Fernando Valley.

### **Background**

Sun Valley, a historically working-class community in the East San Fernando Valley, has long endured various environmental injustices including:

- Air pollution from construction debris sites
- Methane leaks from the Valley Generating Station
- Flooding due to inadequate drainage infrastructure

Our community consistently shoulders an unfair environmental burden. Now, we are once again being asked to accept debris from the Palisades fires.

### **Health and Safety Concerns**

Fire debris contains hazardous materials such as lead, asbestos, mercury, and other toxins, posing significant risks to both public health and the environment. Although federal officials have declared these materials safe, independent testing by Enthalpy Analytics has revealed that some debris contains toxic chemicals including arsenic and selenium.

### **Infrastructure Impact**

The increased traffic from commercial trucks transporting debris is causing undue stress to local roads. A detailed analysis of transportation routes should provide data and resources on how to reimburse city services for upgrading and repaving affected roads.

### **Conclusion**

It is imperative that debris removal processes not only advance recovery efforts but also protect the health and safety of all residents, especially those in communities with deep legacies of environmental injustice like Sun Valley. We urge the City Council to implement the measures outlined in Council File 25-0006-S56 to ensure equitable treatment of our community.

Respectfully,

Norma O. Chávez  
President, Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council