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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 / April 14, 2026 / 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Si requiere servicios de traducción, por favor avisar al Concejo Vecinal con 3 días hábiles de anticipación (72 horas). Por favor contacte a Yudicela Carrasco, secretaria, al correo secretary@svanc.com para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

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.

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 / 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 5: Comments from the Empower LA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) José Galdamez (jose.galdamez@lacity.org)

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

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

For ITEM 8: 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 8: **Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the appointment of Francisco to a Residential 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 9: Consent Calendar: one motion and one vote (9A – 9E)
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 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 12, 2026 (Carrasco)

E. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on March 24, 2026 (Chávez)

FINANCIAL ITEMS:

ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2026 (A. Patch)

ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve officially terminating the Konica Minolta copier/printer lease effective March 30, 2026 due to the evacuation of the SVANC's office (Chávez, vice-president)

NEW ITEMS:

ITEM 12: Presentation by Tara Finestone and Estevan Roth from the **Whiteman Airport Coalition** regarding the Los Angeles County's study that looks to close or redevelop the Whiteman Airport (Chávez, PLUM)

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a letter of support for the Whiteman Airport Coalition to keep the Whiteman Airport open with possible redevelopment (Chávez, PLUM)

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a letter for Alliance MIT proposed project to be located at Alliance MIT School located at 11933 and 11941 W. Allegheny St which seeks to add classroom and office space for the Valera Middle School and ZA approval for existing 8-foot high front yard school fence and gates in RA Zone (Chávez, PLUM)

ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a Tree Care event along the San Fernando Rd Bike Path from Branford St to Sheldon St on June 27, 2026 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am (Valle, Beautification)

ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a Board Games/Loteria/Bingo Night Meet and Greet event in partnership with the Sun Valley Branch Library and/or the Sun Valley Youth Arts Center in May 5 to continue recruiting board members and to continue keeping our community involved with SVANC (Chávez, vice-president)

ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a Father's Day celebration in June with date and location TBD from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in partnership with our local businesses (Chávez, vice-president)

ITEM 18: Report by the **2025-2026** Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:

A. Standing Committees
- **1.** Outreach/Community Affairs – Wendy G. Thum –
- **2.** Finance and Budget – Alison Patch –
- **3.** Beautification – Cindy I. Valle –
- **4.** Planning and Land Use (PLUM) –
- **5.** Emergency Preparedness – Eddie Venegas –

B. Ad Hoc Committees:
- **1.** Environmental and CHSR – Wendy G. Thum

2. Homelessness – Monica Vacas
3. Bylaws – Norma O. Chávez –
4. Elections – Norma O. Chávez –
5. SABER – Norma O. Chávez **–**

C. City-wide community liaisons:
1. LANCC – Norma O. Chávez –
2. VANC – Cristina Cosgrove
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) –
7. Homelessness Liaison – Monica Vacas
8. NCSA – Sam Khalaf
9. LADWP- NC MOU – William Leiva –
10. Charter Reform – Sam Khalaf –

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

ITEM 19: **Public Comment** on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

ITEM 20: **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 21: Adjournment

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In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at SVANC office at 8720 Sunland Blvd., Sun Valley, CA 91352 at our website www.svanc.com or at a scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Yudicela Carrasco, secretary at secretary@svanc.com.

Reconsideration and Grievance Process -

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.

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Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement

April 14, 2026

RE: The future of Whiteman Airport regarding the Los Angeles County's study that looks to close or redevelop it.

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council, SVANC, declares that on April 14, 2026 at a Brown Act noticed public meeting held by this Neighborhood Council with a quorum of ? board members present and that by a vote of ? yes, ? no, ? abstentions, and ? absences adopted the following resolution.

The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council strongly supports keeping Whiteman Airport open and to redevelop some areas to accommodate green space for the adjacent community. There are many great services Whiteman Airport provides that no other entity can such as **critical public safety infrastructure, and economic and community resources.**

Critical Public Safety Infrastructure
Whiteman Airport serves as a base of operations for multiple public safety agencies, including the Los Angeles County Fire Department Air Operations, KTLA 5 News, CAL FIRE, LAPD Air Support, and humanitarian organizations such as Angel Flight.

From this location, crews deploy wildfire suppression, search and rescue, medical response, and emergency transport. Its location in the northeast San Fernando Valley allows for rapid response times that directly impact public safety across the region. This is an active, daily function that would be difficult to replace if lost. The Angel Flight is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization that provides free, non-emergency air transportation for people with serious medical conditions needing to reach specialized care.

Economic and Community Resource
Whiteman Airport contributes approximately $110 million annually to the regional economy and supports more than 400 local jobs across 20+ aviation businesses and 8 nonprofit organizations.

It is also a gateway to education and career pathways. For many San Fernando Valley families, this is the only accessible entry point into aviation careers.

Programs include:
• Glendale Community College, offering lower-cost pilot training

• Civil Air Patrol Squadron 35, providing leadership and aerospace education

• Experimental Aircraft Association Young Eagles, offering thousands of free introductory flights for youth

• Latino Pilots Association, providing mentorship and scholarships

There are other reasons why keeping Whiteman Airport are important in addition to providing critical public safety infrastructure, and economic and community resources. Whiteman is self-funded and it is key to air traffic control.

Self-Funded, Not Taxpayer Supported
Los Angeles County airports operate under a self-supporting aviation enterprise fund. This means the airport is funded by aviation-generated revenue, not by local taxpayer dollars.

Whiteman Airport is one of the stronger-performing airports in that system and generates surplus revenue that helps support other general aviation airports in the County network. If Whiteman were to close, it would not only remove a self-sustaining asset but could also place additional financial strain on the remaining airports. That creates a real risk of broader service reductions or closures, with regional impacts to public safety, training, and aviation access.

Air Traffic Reliever
Whiteman is part of the Los Angeles County Airport System, a five airport system that, with the exception of General William J. Fox Airfield in Lancaster, are classified as "reliever" airports as they relive nearby commercial service airports of general aviation aircraft activity, allowing them to better facilitate commercial airline traffic. For more information about general aviation and its numerous benefits to the local and national economy. Whiteman Airport specifically serves as a critical reliever airport, helping to alleviate general aviation traffic and hangar demand for larger facilities like Van Nuys Airport and Burbank Airport.

Those who oppose keeping Whiteman open argue that there are safety concerns, health and lead exposure, and environmental injustice. However, there is no data backing up those arguments.

Safety Concerns
Claims of frequent crashes and danger to surrounding neighborhoods are not supported by the data. Whiteman Airport handles approximately 80,000 to 100,000 operations annually, representing millions of takeoffs and landings over nearly 80 years. The accident rate is extremely low relative to total activity, and there have been no fatalities of people on the ground caused by aircraft operating from the airport.

Health and Lead Exposure
South Coast AQMD monitoring measured lead levels near the airport at 6.9 ng/m³, far below the EPA standard of 150 ng/m³. A Los Angeles County Department of Public Health report (February 2024) found that 1.75% of children under 6 near the airport had elevated blood lead levels, compared to 2.26% countywide. There is no credible evidence showing that the airport creates a unique or disproportionate health risk.

Environmental Justice Context
The most significant and continuous sources of pollution in the northeast San Fernando Valley are major transportation corridors and industrial uses, including freeways, aggregate processing, recycling operations, landfills, and diesel truck traffic. These sources operate daily and at high volume. Aircraft activity at Whiteman is intermittent and comparatively limited in scale.

Whiteman Airport operates under strict federal safety and environmental oversight, with ongoing monitoring and compliance. It remains one of the more regulated and transparent facilities in the area. When viewed in full context, the case against the airport relies heavily on perception rather than verified data, while the benefits to the community are immediate and substantial. Whiteman supports critical public safety infrastructure, economic resources, educational and community resources that no other entity can provide; therefore, the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council supports keeping Whiteman Airport open.

Respectfully,

Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement

April 14, 2026

RE: Proposed project at Alliance MIT School located at 11933 and 11941 W. Allegheny St which seeks to add classroom and office space for the Valera Middle School and ZA approval for existing 8-foot high front yard school fence and gates in RA Zone

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council, SVANC, declares that on April 14, 2026 at a Brown Act noticed public meeting held by this Neighborhood Council with a quorum of ? board members present and that by a vote of ? yes, ? no, ? abstentions, and ? absences adopted the following resolution.

The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council supports both requests to keep the existing 8-foot high front yard school and fence and the addition of classroom and office space.

First, SVANC always supports the safety of our community and more so that of children. We understand the challenges faced on Allegheny street with gangs, homelessness, and vandalism. SVANC believes having an 8-foot fence will make it harder for unauthorized people to enter campus. In an era where schools plan for emergencies, controlled entry points help staff monitor who comes and goes. It helps keep students from wandering off campus during school hours and can reduce risks from nearby traffic or strangers. Taller fences are more difficult to climb, which can discourage vandalism, theft, or trespassing after hours. In addition to the safety it will provide to students, the fence is aesthetically pleasant and it is beautifully decorated with vines which uplifts the neighborhood and contributes to a greener and more inviting streetscape.

Second, SVANC supports the addition of more classroom and office space because this will improve learning conditions and how the school operates. Providing more classroom space will directly improve student focus, participation, and academic outcomes. Teachers can give more individual attention, and students benefit from a calmer, more structured setting. Extra office space allows for better counseling, administrative support, and health services. Students get more privacy and better access to help when they need it.

SVANC is aware that the student population will remain the same so adding classrooms and office space will support this population without taking free space from them. The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council supports both requests to add classroom and office space and to keep their 8-foot fence.

Respectfully,

Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council