

 	<p align="center">Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council 8720 Sunland Blvd Sun Valley CA 91353-0457 Telephone 818-767-8262 Website: WWW.SVANC.COM</p>
<p align="center">Regular Board Meeting MINUTES Tuesday, March 11, 2025 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm</p>	<p align="center">Meeting At Hope Fellowship Church 12055 Wicks St Sun Valley, CA 91352 Zoom Webinar ID #: 987 6658 0221</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 resigned 3/11/2025	Senior Representative Director		X	
Blandford, Ben 2nd Vice-President	Residential Stakeholder Director		X	
Carrasco, Yudicela	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Chávez, Norma O. President	At-Large Stakeholder Director	X		
García, Rosalio	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Rivera, Anthony Secretary	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. Treasurer	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Venegas, Eddie 1st Vice-President	Business Property Director	X		
TOTAL: 12 Quorum: 7 (at least one officer)	11 Present, 1 Absent, 2 Ineligible	8	4	1

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, mobile (818) 634-0949

- Robbery inside the Home Depot on Sherman Way on March the 7th, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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) 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.

Yes-07	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 04
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. **1st:** Rosalío García, **2nd:** 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.

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 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) **1st:** Rosalío García, **2nd:** Eddie Venegas and Monica Vacas. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken and 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 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) **1st:** Rosalío García, **2nd:** Cindy Valle. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 7 votes in favor and 1 ineligible.

Yes-07	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 04
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) **1st:** Monica Vacas, **2nd:** 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.

Yes-07	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 04
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) **1st:** Rosalío García, **2nd:** 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) 1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: 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**

1st: Rosalío García, 2nd: 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 21st 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
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

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; 1st Cindy Valle, Monica Vacas, 2nd R Garcia. All in favor

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