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**Regular Board Meeting MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, September 9, 2025**  
**6:00 pm – 7:50 pm**

**Meeting At**  
**Sun Valley Branch Library**  
**7935 Vineland Ave.**  
**Sun Valley, CA 91352**

\* 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
Blandford, Ben	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Carrasco, Yudicela	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Chávez, Norma O. <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President</b>	At-Large Stakeholder Director	X		
García, Rosalio <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President</b>	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Leiva, William	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Martinez, Patricia	Business Stakeholder Director		X	
Patch, Alison <b>Treasurer</b>	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Sierra, Douglas	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Thum, Wendy	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Vacas, Monica	Business Stakeholder Director		X	
Valle, Cindy I. <b>President</b> joined at 6:06 pm	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Venegas, Eddie	Business Property Director	X		
<b>TOTAL: 12</b>	<b>Quorum: 7 (at least one officer)</b>	<b>10 Present, 2 Absent</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>
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**ITEM 1:** Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Code of Civility

Cindy I. Valle, president, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. and began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Code of Civility. Roll call was taken by Eddie Venegas, and quorum was established with 10 members present at the time of roll call.

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

Ms. Valle welcomed all attendees. She shared that Mireya Gonzalez, secretary, had resigned. She asked that all board members step up to fulfill their duties as SVANC members.

**ITEM 3: EMERGENCY** Personnel from Fire and Police departments will always be allowed to address the Board when they are ready in order to facilitate their schedule

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

- Overall crime is down 15% on part 1 crime (homicide, robbery, aggravated assault)
- LAPD is doing presentations at elementary schools on proper pedestrian crossing. A whole cross streets scenario is set with street lights for students to practice crossing streets.

Public: Street racing is a major problem in La Tuna. We need the street racing task force in the area. This kind of events are being shared on social media.

**B. LAFD San Fernando Valley Deputy Chief, Jaime Moore**

- LAFD is sending resources out
- The department hired some firefighters
- Make sure to stay hydrated and wear the right clothes for this inclement weather

Public: The community has concerns regarding fireworks during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July

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

LAUSD BD6 board member Kelly Gómez joined the meeting and provided updates.

- Schools had a strong and smooth start of the year.
- Two backpack giveaway events were held in partnership with Bestart at Pacoima Vaugh Telfair
- 2024-2025 closed with highest graduation rates, 87% A-G requirements ready and college ready
- Every grade level has had improvement
- We continue to work on keeping our families safe from ICE: training staff, closing campuses, offering Know Your Rights workshops, offering Family Preparedness Packages (resources), offering transportation to families, offering virtual learning options
- We welcome suggestions to improve efforts
- **Schools' update:** Sun Valley Magnet's infrastructure will be improved with a softball field. Roscoe Elementary will get a privacy fence. VOCES will get a film, production studio. Poly High's modernization project will be completed in the first quarter of 2026. The Culinary Department has created a menu and it has been implemented at the school. Teachers will receive a lounge room. There are culinary scholarships. Vinedale Elementary infrastructure project will be completed in the next two months.

**A. Karen Dominguez (Office of LA County Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, 3rd District, (213) 595-9198, [KDomínguez@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:KDomínguez@bos.lacounty.gov))**

- The community is organizing in relationship to immigration every Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Pueblo y Salud and CARECEN are responding to immigrations to active response
- Mid Valley East San Fernando Valley are offering food distributions for those in need. They are making deliveries to homes
- Supervisors Hilda Solis and Lindsey Horvath have a motion to approve emergency funds for those impacted by the immigration raids. Make phone calls to support this decision.

**B. Star Resendez (Office of CA State Senator Caroline Menjivar, 20th District, [star.resendez@sen.ca.gov](mailto:star.resendez@sen.ca.gov))**

- The Senator is finishing session in Sacramento. Ten of her bills have passed either on the governor's or the assembly.
- AQMD meeting
- CalTrans – Freeways will be doing litter control, graffiti removal, cleaning, landscaping, on the 170 Fwy and the I-5 Fwy
- Coming events: Citizenship workshop, Faith meeting (Black and Brown) to support

**ITEM 5:** Comments from the Empower LA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) José Galdamez ([jose.galdamez@lacity.org](mailto:jose.galdamez@lacity.org))

- Announcements were emailed
- Homeless liaison on September 18 at USC, the State of CA Housing Report Housing Act
- Congress of Neighborhoods 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Bylaws – September 30 – Bylaws template sent. Amendments due on April the 30th

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

Louis Bolanos – We are in an economic crisis. We all need a safety net of at least 6 months so we can survive. Companies not taking Artificial Intelligence seriously.

Kurt Cabrera, president of the Sylmar Neighborhood Council, gave a shout out to Norma Chávez for putting Sun Valley in the map. The valley is now aware of all the activities happening in Sun Valley. He reminded board members that DONE works for us, not us for them. He invited all attendees to the Animal Fair in October and invited SVANC to table at the event.

Mary Ann Geyer – Reports to 311 are not getting all the work done

Esther Barrera, Sun Valley Library librarian, invited all to coming workshops and events: Diego Rivera exhibit on September 25, arts and crafts every Thursday, Student corner on Mondays and Thursdays, Citizenship workshop on Tuesdays and Thursdays

**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)**

Norma Chávez shared that she met with the office landlord to discuss the lease and asked for a decrease in the rental fee. He agreed to bring it down to \$1,430.

**ITEM 8: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the appointment of Charlene Allen to a Business Stakeholder open seat, term ends on 2027 (Chávez, Elections)

Norma O. Chávez moved to table this item as the candidate had a work commitment and could not attend the meeting. Rosalío García seconded. There were no objections.

**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**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 8, 2025 (Gonzalez, Chávez)
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 12, 2025 (Gonzalez, Chávez)
- C. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for June 2025 (A. Patch)
- D. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for July 2025 (A. Patch)
- E. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2025 (A. Patch)

Norma O. Chávez, vice-president, removed the minutes from the consent calendar. Mireya Gonzalez, the secretary, resigned before this meeting and neglected to turn in the minutes for July and August. Norma also removed the June MER and the August MER. The vote proceeded for Item 9D: the MER for July 2025. The motion passed with 9 votes in favor.

<b>Mover:</b>	Norma O. Chávez		<b>Second:</b>	Rosalío García		
Yes - 09	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 02	
Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Leiva, Patch, Sierra, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Valle	Martinez, Vacas	

**ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve adding the rolled over funds from the 2024-2025.

Discussion took place. A total of \$4,620.23 will be rolled over to the 2025-2026 funds. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed with 9 votes in favor.

<b>Mover:</b>	Norma O. Chávez	<b>Second:</b>	Rosalío García		
Yes - 09	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 03
Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Leiva, Patch, Sierra, Thum, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Valle	Vacas

**ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to create an **Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Reform** who will be attending all the Charter Reform meetings and will update the SVANC Board regularly (Chávez) Norma Chávez moved and Yudicela Carrasco seconded. Discussion took place. Norma Chávez stated that SVANC needs board member to step up and get involved with this committee because the Charter Reform was created in 1999 and changes need to be made and SVANC must provide input.

Public: Mary Ann Geyer stated that the NC System was created to address the corruption in City Council. There has been little input from neighborhood councils. The Charter Reform Commission has met 9 times as of now.

José Galdamez gave an overview of what the committee would do, for how long they would work, and that they will write a CIS to be voted by the Board.

Seeing no volunteers, Norma Chávez moved to table the item for next meeting. Rosalío García and Yudicela Carrasco seconded. There were no objections.

**ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to continue to partner with Breathe So Cal for the coming Sun Valley Local Community Emissions Reduction Plan Initiative project which will focus on the following goals: assess community needs and concerns related to air quality; implement a public education and awareness campaign highlighting documented community concerns; provide community members with lung screenings, education on air quality and public health; acquire and install up to twelve air quality monitors in targeted areas within Sun Valley for data analysis regarding indoor and outdoor air quality (Chávez). The motion passed with 10 votes in favor

<b>Mover:</b>	Norma O. Chávez	<b>Second:</b>	Ben Blandford		
Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Leiva, Patch, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Martinez, Vacas

**ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to create an awareness campaign regarding the LA Sanitation proposed solid resources fee rates increase, the availability of assistance for households in need, and the Proposition 218 – The Protest Process (Chávez) The motion passed with 10 votes in favor.

<b>Mover:</b>	Norma O. Chávez	<b>Second:</b>	Ben Blandford		
Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Leiva, Patch, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Martinez, Vacas

**ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a support letter/resolution/CIS (community impact statement) for the four-story apartment complex project to be located at 8465 Glenoaks Blvd, which proposes 93 units and subterranean parking with 127 spaces. Case Number: CPC-2020-1685-DB-SPR (Chávez) Norma Chávez moved to postpone this item until she reviews the application more carefully. Rosalío García seconded. Discussion took place. Norma Chávez explained that the application is not updated, so the number

of units and parking spaces does not match with what was described in the presentation to PLUM. The motion passed with no objections.

**ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to rescind Item 19 from the August 12, 2025 SVANC agenda allowing Norma Chávez to write letters of support for local nonprofit and community organizations to qualify for grants given that the language is too broad and there is no community input which creates the conditions for a violation to occur once the motion is carried out. (Chávez)

NOTE: This is the motion from the agenda on August 12, 2025. ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve Norma Chávez write letters of support on behalf of the SVANC for local nonprofit and other community organizations as well as city entities that may need them to qualify for grants, funds, and other resources that benefit the Sun Valley community at large without having to wait for a board meeting for approval when the applications for such funding have tight deadlines. The motion passed with 9 votes.

<b>Mover:</b>	Norma O. Chávez	<b>Second:</b>	Rosalío García		
Yes - 10	No - 01	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Leiva, Patch, Sierra, Thum, Venegas	Valle	NONE	NONE	NONE	Martinez, Vacas

**ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class for seven consecutive Thursdays from January 7, 2026 through February 18, 2026 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at 9227 Tujunga Ave in Sun Valley (Venegas, Emergency Preparedness) Discussion took place. Eddie Venegas shared of how long Norma and he had been working on bringing more CERT workshops to Sun Valley, but there was no place to do it. Roll call vote took place and the motion passed with 10 votes in favor.

<b>Mover:</b>	Norma O. Chávez	<b>Second:</b>	Ben Blandford		
Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Leiva, Patch, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Martinez, Vacas

**ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Self-Defense class with instructor/LAPD Officer Lee in partnership with Council District 6 to take place on Saturday on November or December 2025 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Valley Japanese Community Center located at 8850 Lankershim Blvd in Sun Valley. Details are to be worked on. (Venegas, Emergency Preparedness) The motion passed with 10 votes in favor.

<b>Mover:</b>	Norma O. Chávez	<b>Second:</b>	Ben Blandford		
Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Leiva, Patch, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Martinez, Vacas

**ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the SVANC's participation at the Council District 2 Lung Day event on Saturday, September 20, 2025 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Holy Rosary Church located at 7800 Vineland Ave (Valle, Chávez) The motion passed with 10 votes in favor.

<b>Mover:</b>	Norma O. Chávez	<b>Second:</b>	Yudicela Carrasco		
Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused-00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Leiva, Patch, Sierra, Thum, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Martinez, Vacas

#### **OLD BUSINESS (19-22):**

Norma Chávez moved to table items 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 for lack of time. Rosalío García seconded. There were no objections.

**ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to appoint a SVANC board member to the 2025-2026 Outreach Committee (Chávez) **Tabled**

**ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint members to the 2025-2026 Ad Hoc Committees** (2 members maximum) **A. CHSRA High Speed Rail, B. Homelessness, C. Elections** **Tabled**

**ITEM 21: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to appoint a board member to represent the SVANC at the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance meetings (NCSA) **Tabled**

**ITEM 22: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to appoint Room Setup Teams of board members rotating quarterly for Monthly NC Meetings to setup tables, chairs, technology, microphone, timer and any equipment needed for NC monthly meetings. **A. Team 2 - September, October, April May (Cindy, Yudicela, Ben, 4), B. Team 3 – November, January, June, July (2026) (Alison Patch, 2, 3, 4)** **Tabled**

**ITEM 23: Report** by the **2025-2026** Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons: **Tabled**

**ITEM 24: Public Comment** on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion) *No public commentary*

**ITEM 25: Board Members Announcements** on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

Eddie Venegas thanked Norma Chávez and the Emergency Preparedness Committee members for their support and commitment to the committee.

**ITEM 26: Adjournment** @ 7:50 pm; **1<sup>st</sup>**: Norma O. Chávez, **2<sup>nd</sup>** Rosalío García. All in favor

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