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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Wednesday, November 12, 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
Allen, Charlene	Business Stakeholder Director	X		**
Blandford, Ben	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Carrasco, Yudicela	Secretary	X		
Castellon, Silvia	appointed today	X		
Chávez, Norma O	1 st Vice-President	X		
García, Rosalio	2 nd Vice-President	X		
Khalaf, Sam	Senior Representative Director	X		**
Leiva, William	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Patch, Alison	Treasurer		X	
Sierra, Douglas	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Thum, Wendy	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Vacas, Monica	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Valle, Cindy I	President		X	
Venegas, Eddie	Business Property Director	X		
TOTAL: 14	Quorum: 7 (at least one officer)	12 Present, 2 Absent	12	2

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

Norma O. Chávez, vice-president, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. She began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and following with the Code of Civility. Eddie Venegas called roll and quorum was established with 11 members.

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks (President)

Norma O. Chávez, vice-resident, welcomed all attendees and informed the council that President Cindy Valle might be arriving late due to a conflict of schedule with a work commitment.

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

- There was an altercation between two males that led to the stabbing of one of them at approximately 11:00 pm. The suspect was arrested at Sherman Way and Vineland
- At Moorepark, a naked individual entered a unit. He went into a house and scared the female tenant. The landlord, 72-year-old male, came out to help and confronted the individual. The landlord tried to deescalate, but ended up breaking a leg during the altercation. He then broke the second leg. The landlord ended up shooting the suspect who was pronounced deceased at the scene.
- Valley Plaza Park – Tiny Homes' crime is increasing. There is open drug use.

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

A. Lorelie Vallejo (residential area), (Councilwoman Imelda Padilla, CD6, lorelie.vallejo@lacity.com)

- LADWP empty lots are being explored to be utilized for recreational use, small dog parks, community gardens, common spaces. The motion under council file 25-1145 passed
- 80 trees trimming on Peoria, Neenach, Haddon
- Care plus cleaups on Telfair and Truesdale, Arminta, Tiny Homes area on November 20
- West side of Sun Valley, LA County will be bringing sediment for two weeks from Monday to Thursday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Saturdays as needed
- Events: Victory Safety on November 17, Miracle in Mission – toy giveaway, over 1000 toys were given last year, free food, at Sepulveda Park in Panorama City from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on December 6.

B. Nayeli Garcia Leonardo (Assembly member Celeste Rodriguez, 43rd District, nayeli.garcialeonardo@asm.ca.gov, Office (818) 504-3911)

- Nov 14 – Senior Scam Stopper Event from 2:00 to 4:00 pm (prevention)
- Involved with community events: Veterans' Parade on November 11 helped close off the freeway, Laurel Canyon, Rinaldi to Paxton
- Past event – Car Seat safety, car seats were installed. This event was in partnership with CHP. New car seats were provided

The Public Safety committee would like a Car Seat event in Sun Valley in February for Valentine's Day.

ITEM 5: Comments from the Empower LA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) José Galdamez (jose.galdamez@lacity.org) *Unable to attend the meeting*

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

Lionel Mares – Mayor Bass sent a proposed budget with cuts to all departments on October 6 with a total of 66 pages. There are talks of expanding City Council.

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)

Eddie Venegas shared of the high increase in the LADWP bill.

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 Silvia Castellon to a Residential

Stakeholder open seat, term ends on 2027 (Chávez, Elections) Silvia Castellon shared about her background. She was born and raised in Sun Valley. She works for the LA County. She wants to advocate for the community. The motion passed with 11 votes in favor. She was welcomed to the Board. She recited the Code of Civility.

Mover:	Rosalío García		Second:	Monica Vacas, Yudicela Carrasco		
Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02	
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Leiva, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Patch, Valle	

ITEM 9: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the appointment of Silvia Castellon to the PLUM committee (Chávez, PLUM) The motion passed with 11 votes in favor.

Mover:	Monica Vacas		Second:	Rosalío García		
Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02	
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Leiva, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Patch, Valle	

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 10: Consent Calendar: one motion and one vote (10A – 10G)

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 8, 2025 (Chávez)
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 12, 2025 (Chávez)
- C. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 9, 2025 (Chávez)
- D. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 14, 2025 (Chávez)
- E. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for August 2025 (A. Patch)
- F. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2025 (A. Patch)
- G. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for October 2025 (A. Patch)

Norma Chávez removed items A, B, C, and G. The items remaining for a vote were D, E, and F. Roll call vote took place and motion was approved with 11 votes in favor. The October 14 minutes, the Aug MER, and the September MER were approved.

Mover:	Eddie Venegas		Second:	Monica Vacas		
Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 01	Absent - 02	
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Leiva, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Castellon	Patch, Valle	

ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote to create a SVANC interview series, tentatively titled "Sun Valley Voices," managed by the Outreach Committee, with the purpose of engaging the great Sun Valley Area community. Interviews would be posted to various forms of social media. No budget is required, as we would use our offices and our own equipment. (Thum, Outreach) Discussion took place. Wendy Thum stated that the committee would reach out to businesses, residents and students for the interviews.

Norma Chávez had many questions: How long will the project run for? How frequently will interviews take place? How would you select the people for the interviews? Wendy responded that the project will have no time limit. There will be one interview per month. We would use the newsletter to invite the community to participate.

Norma stated that while the project sounds like fun, she is afraid the commitment would take time away from the main purpose of the committee, which is promote SVANC's meetings and events. Wendy stated that they will have their first meeting on Monday the 17th at 12:00 pm. A board member recommended that the project turn into a documentary. Roll call vote took place and the motion was approved with 12 votes in favor.

Mover:	Ben Blandford		Second:	Eddie Venegas		
Yes - 12	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02	
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Castellon, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Leiva, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Patch, Valle	

ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the San Fernando Bike Path cleanup from Branford St to Hollywood Way on April 25, 2026 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm as Sun Valley's Earth Day celebration in partnership with Council District 6, Council District 2, the Office of the Mayor, and community businesses (Chávez, Valle) The motion passed with 12 votes in favor.

Mover:	Rosalío García		Second:	Monica Vacas		
Yes - 12	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02	
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Castellon, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Leiva, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Patch, Valle	

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the **Sun Valleyntine's Pet Fest** on February 25, 2026 at the Sun Valley Recreation Center from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in partnership with Council District 6 and local businesses and create a committee chaired by Norma Chávez (Chávez) Discussion took place. Yudicela Carrasco and Eddie Venegas volunteered to join the committee. Norma Chávez moved to amend the date from February 25 to February 21. Yudicela Carrasco seconded. There were no objections.

Mover:	Eddie Venegas		Second:	Monica Vacas		
Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 03	
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Castellon, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Leiva, Patch, Valle	

Cindy Valle, president, joined the meeting at 7:17 pm

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote to request the Homelessness Ad Hoc Committee present a plan of action to track the number of unhoused individuals and the number of available shelter in Sun Valley and to create a campaign to promote volunteering for the Homeless Census in January 2026 (Chávez) Discussion took place, Norma Chávez recommended that all board members participate in the homeless count with LAHSA and that each member/team keep track of the data obtained in the count so SVANC can maintain a its own record of unhoused individuals, vehicular dwelling, and encampments. She recommended that this committee put together a plan to accomplish this and that all board members join the effort. The motion passed

Mover:	Eddie Venegas		Second:	Rosalío García		
Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 02	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01	
Allen, Castellon, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Leiva, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Blandford, Carrasco	NONE	Patch	

ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a support Letter/Resolution/CIS (community impact statement) for **Council File 14-1057-S10** Los Angeles Municipal Code 41.08 / Prohibition on Vehicle Dwelling in Sensitive-Use Sites / Public Safety (Chávez) The motion passed with 13 votes in favor.

Mover:	Rosalío García	Second:	Cindy Valle		
Yes - 13	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Castellon, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Leiva, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Patch

ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a support Letter/Resolution/CIS (Community Impact Statement) to **Council File 23-0973-S2** AB1290 Fund / Northeast Graffiti Busters / Beautification Services / Council District 6 / Neighborhood Service Enhancements / Transfer (Chávez) The motion passed

Mover:	C Cindy Valle	Second:	Rosalío García, Monica Vacas		
Yes - 13	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Castellon, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Leiva, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Patch

ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a support Letter/Resolution/CIS (Community Impact Statement) to **Council File 25-1145** Ilex Avenue / Snelling Street / Telfair Ave / Sun Valley Neighborhood / Safety Concerns / Public Safety Regulations (Chávez) The motion passed

Mover:	Rosalío García	Second:	Monica Vacas		
Yes - 13	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Castellon, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Leiva, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Patch

ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a support Letter/Resolution/CIS (Community Impact Statement) to **Council File 25-1195** North Hollywood-Morella Street Lighting District / Street Light Construction / Community Development Trust Fund / Fund Transfer (Chávez) The motion passed

Mover:	William Leiva	Second:	C Cindy Valle		
Yes - 13	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Castellon, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Leiva, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Patch

ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a support Letter/Resolution/CIS (Community Impact Statement) to **Council File 25-1221** Department of Animal Services DAS / Pet Fairs / Community Events / Increase Adoption Rates / Large Transport Vehicles (Chávez) The motion passed

Mover:	C Cindy Valle	Second:	Rosalío García		
Yes - 13	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Castellon, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Leiva, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Patch

ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a support Letter/Resolution/CIS (Community Impact Statement) to **Council File 25-1328** Human Trafficking Task Forces / Operations South-Bureau and Operations Valley - Bureau / Rescues of Trafficked Individuals / Status Update (Chávez) Motion passed

Mover:	Rosalío García	Second:	Charlene Allen
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Yes - 13	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Castellon, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Leiva, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Patch

ITEM 21: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a support Letter/Resolution/CIS (Community Impact Statement) to **Council File 25-4118-S4** 9710 Branford Street / 6909 Sepulveda Boulevard / Sun Valley Tiny Homes / Valley Haven Interim Housing / Los Angeles Municipal Code 41.18 (Chávez) The motion passed

Mover: Monica Vacas	Second: Charlene Allen				
Yes - 13	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Castellon, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Leiva, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Patch

ITEM 22: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a support Letter/Resolution/CIS (Community Impact Statement) to **Council File 21-0956-S3** Oversize Vehicle / Immediate Towing / Traffic Hazard (Chávez) Motion passed with 13 votes in favor

Mover: Cindy Valle, Monica Vacas	Second: Rosalío García				
Yes - 13	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Castellon, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Leiva, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Patch

ITEM 23: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a support Letter/Resolution/CIS (Community Impact Statement) to **Council File 25-0921** Panorama City Recreation Center Splash Pad / Allegheny Park Splash Pad / Restoration and Expansion of Community Resources / Removal of Vehicles Blocking Construction Access (Chávez) Motion passed

Mover: Monica Vacas	Second: Cindy Valle				
Yes - 13	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Castellon, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Leiva, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Patch

OLD BUSINESS (24-26):

ITEM 24: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint a SVANC board member to the 2025-2026 Outreach Committee (Chávez) Sam Khalaf volunteered for the position. The motion passed.

Mover: Norma Chávez	Second: Eddie Venegas				
Yes - 13	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Castellon, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Leiva, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Patch

ITEM 25: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint members to the 2025-2026 Ad Hoc Committees (2 members maximum)

B. Homelessness – Sam Khalaf volunteered to join this committee. Motion passed

Mover: Norma O Chávez	Second: Cindy Valle
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Yes - 13	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Allen, Blandford, Carrasco, Castellon, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Leiva, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Patch

ITEM 26: Motion / Discussion / Vote to continue appointing Room Setup Teams of board members rotating bimonthly for Monthly NC Meetings to setup tables, chairs, technology, microphone, timer and any equipment needed. (Chávez)

- A. Team 2 - September, October, April May (Cindy, Yudicela, Ben, 4)
- B. Team 3 - November, January, June, July (2026) (Alison, William Leiva, 3, 4)

ITEM 27: Report by the 2025-2026 Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:

A. Standing Committees

1. Outreach/Community Affairs – Wendy G. Thum – The Outreach committee will be meeting on the third Monday of the month. Our meetings will vary on the time schedule between lunch time and 6:00 pm to allow the elected officials' representatives to join us. We have proposed a new project to engage with the community.
2. Finance and Budget – Alison Patch – We are currently working on getting our office lease renewed with an affordable amount to our neighborhood council.
3. Beautification – Cindy I. Valle
 - The Beautification committee is planning to join forces with the SABER Ad Hoc Committee to create an Earth Day event to clean the San Fernando Road Bike Path from Branford St. to Hollywood Way.
 - We will have a presentation by LASAN on the Organics LA and SORT LA programs on at our meeting on November 21 at 5:30 pm at the SVANC's office.
4. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) – Norma O. Chávez:
 - The PLUM November meeting has been moved to November 20 to allow committee members to take the day off for Thanksgiving. At this meeting, we will share what is currently available regarding the Missing Middle LA Program. This program will build upon recent changes in state law to advance several of the City's housing and urban design policy goals, without altering any existing zoning designations. The Los Angeles City Planning is launching this program as a new initiative designed to expand pathways to more attainable housing options.
 - One of the projects that was to be presented at last PLUM's meeting has been moved to the January meeting.
 - We received an Emergency Hauling Sediment Operation Notice from the Los Angeles Department of Public works on November the 3rd and was immediately posted on the Facebook page. Los Angeles County Public Works will begin an emergency sediment hauling operation from the Kinneloa Debris Basins in Kinneloa Mesa to the Bel Air Concrete Company in Sun Valley starting as early as November 10, 2025. This essential maintenance project will restore these basins' capacity to contain sediment, thereby strengthening flood protection for downstream communities. The sediment originated from the undeveloped hillsides of the San Gabriel Mountains. It contains no household waste or hazardous substances and will be sustainably repurposed by Bel Air Concrete Company. The project's schedule is approximately two weeks, weather permitting and work hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with Saturday operations as needed. Haul trucks will exit the northbound I-5 Freeway at Penrose Street and travel through an industrial corridor in Sun Valley to reach the Bel Air Concrete Company facility. This route was carefully selected to avoid residential neighborhoods and minimize traffic impacts.

5. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Eddie Venegas

- Registration for the CERT class is now available. Space is limited, so please reserve your spot.
- You may start registering for the Self-Defense class for January 10 with Norma Chávez or me. Space is limited. The flier is being finalized. At the meeting for November 21
- We will have a presentation at our Nov. 21 meeting on how to make LAPD reports online

B. Ad Hoc Committees:

3. Bylaws – Norma O. Chávez – The window has opened to amend the Bylaws.
4. Elections – Norma O. Chávez – I continue to recruit new board members. We will have a Movie Night Meet and Greet event on November 14 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm to continue sharing with the community about ways in which they can get involved with SVANC.

C. City-wide community liaisons:

1. LANCC – Norma O. Chávez – They have created a Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee. They encourage all NCs to submit their comments to the Charter Reform Commission.
4. PLANCHECKNC – Norma O. Chávez – A presentation was made on how the Department of City Planning and the Department of Building and Safety are working together to improve the way permits are submitted.
10. SABER – Norma O. Chávez – Our committee will meet on Monday, December 7 at 6:00 pm. We had a very productive meeting on October where we discussed holding a kickoff event and the Bike Cleanup project as our Earth Day Celebration. It was well attended by the community businesses who will be supporting us.

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

ITEM 28: Public Comment on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion) No commentary

ITEM 29: Board Members Announcements on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion)

Cindy Valle apologized for being late.

ITEM 30: Adjournment @ 7:46 pm; **1st**: Cindy Valle, **2nd** Rosalío García. All in favor

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