



Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council

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Regular Board Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, January 13, 2026
6:90 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		
Bagumyan, Daniel appointed today	Youth Representative Director	X		**
Blandford, Ben joined at 6:15 pm	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Carrasco, Yudicela Secretary joined at 6:15 pm	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Castellon, Silvia	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Chávez, Norma O 1st Vice-President	At-Large Stakeholder Director	X		
García, Rosalio 2nd Vice-President	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Khalaf, Sam	Senior Representative Director	X		**
Leiva, William	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Patch, Alison Treasurer	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Sierra, Douglas	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Thum, Wendy joined at 6:15 pm	Residential Stakeholder Director	X		
Vacas, Monica	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Valle, Cindy I President	Business Stakeholder Director	X		
Venegas, Eddie joined at 6:05 pm	Business Property Director	X		
TOTAL: 14 Quorum: 7 (at least one officer)	14 Present, 0 Absent	14	0	2

ITEM 1: Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Code of Civility
 Cindy I. Valle, president, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. She began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and following with the Code of Civility. Cindy Valle called roll and quorum was established with 10 members at 6:03 pm.

ITEM 2: Opening Remarks (President)

Cindy I. Valle, president, welcomed all attendees to the first meeting of 2026.

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

B. Senior Lead Officer Eric Perez, 38338@lapd.online, mobile (818) 634-0755

- He is not feeling well and he is on vacation, but still wanted to come and present his report.
- Downward trend in crime for the last five years.
- 91 less crimes compared to last year at this time. 24 to 91 part 1 crime (aggravated assault, rape, homicide). There are 3 more burglaries more than last year.
- There has been an increase in motor vehicle theft in other areas.
- There are 120 less crimes in Contreras' area compared to last year at this time
- There was a fatality from a motor collision. There is an increase in Jake walking. Please use crosswalks and wear bright clothing at night to make yourself visible.

ITEM 4: Council member Imelda Padilla will be joining SVANC to provide Sun Valley updates
Council member Imelda Padilla introduced herself. She is trying to keep a tradition to visit SVANC at least once a year. She introduced the event Love of Literacy to take place on February 4. She encouraged the youth to read more to better communicate. She also introduced her two field deputies to Sun Valley: Lorelie Vallejo for the residential area, and Bryan Vieyra for the industrial area. CM Padilla shared that Fernangeles Elementary school is getting street lights

A series of questions from SVANC were previously sent to the Council member and she addressed those questions.

ITEM 5: 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)

Lorelie Vallejo: Working on scheduling Coffee with Council member Imelda Padilla, Homeless Count on January 20, Love of Literacy on February 4 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm for 4th to 12th graders

Bryan Vieyra: Care, Care Plus and CAO operations coming to Peoria, RV towing on Branford and Glenoaks,

B. Dayana Ramos (field deputy), Diana Gonzalez (Homelessness), Abkar Kalantarians (Glencrest Hills) (Councilmember Adrin Nazarian, CD2, dayana.ramos@lacity.org, diana.x.gonzalez@lacity.org, abkar.kalantarians@lacity.org)

Tenants' Rights on January 15 via zoom, Shine LA on January 24 from 8 to 12 pm, Self-Defense Workshop on January 25 open to all 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, Urban forestry – remove trees

C. Genesis Discua (CD6), Betsaira Aguilera (CD6) (L.A. Mayor Karen Bass, genesis.discua@lacity.org, betsaira.aguilera@lacity.org, (213) 257-0224)

Genesis Discua introduced herself as the new Mayor's Office rep for Sun Valley in CD6. Betsaira will cover Sun Valley on the CD2 side, working on Shine LA in Sun Valley on January 24 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm with a resources fair,

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

The legislative cycle has started. The Assembly member is expecting a baby so she is not able to attend the meeting. They have moved offices. Fabian Alonso is the new deputy for Sun Valley.

ITEM 6: Comments from the Empower LA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA)

José Galdamez (jose.galdamez@lacity.org)

- BONC – presenting recommendations on January 21 to the Charter Reform Commission
- Budget Advocates Day is on June 27
- Workshops – Etiquette on January 31 from 10am to 12 pm
- SB 707 virtual meetings effective Jan 1, 2026. Submit a CIS to CF 23-1114 if you will be teleconferencing. You will need 13 members to vote on this.
- April 1st Bylaws amendments are due to NCSupport.

ITEM 7: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS which are within the Board’s subject-matter jurisdiction (comments only, no discussion)

- Lionel Mares – Joy Atkinson, member of BONC, passed away
- Ricardo Benitez – Candidate for State Assembly for District 43
- Sharon Bronson – Republic Services will be joining the Shine LA event on January 24 and will be providing lunch, trash grabbers, and trash cans
- Matthew Stone – Whiteman Airport helicopters serve many areas

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)

- Sam Khalaf – SVANC tower has never been retouched. It would be nice to add some lights. Perhaps we can do something about it.

Ben Blandford left the meeting.

ITEM 9: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the appointment of Daniel Bagumyan to a Youth Representative open seat, term ends on June 30, 2026 (Chávez, Elections)

Daniel introduced himself and his background. He is from Sun Valley. He is interested in Outreach. Rosalío García moved to approve the appointment. Yudicela Carrasco and Monica Vacas seconded. The motion passed with 13 votes in favor.

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

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 November 11, 2025 (Carrasco)
- E. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for October 2025 (A. Patch)
- F. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for November 2025 (A. Patch)
- G. Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for December 2025 (A. Patch)

Norma Chávez removed the minutes for August 12, item B, and the MER for December, item G. The items to vote on are A, C, D, E, F. Rosalío García moved to approve the consent calendar and Monica Vacas seconded. The motion passed with 13 votes in favor, 1 ineligible, and 1 absent, and the minutes for July 8, the minutes for September 9, the minutes for November 11, the October MER and the November MER were approved.

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

ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a kickoff community cleanup of the SABER committee in partnership with the Beautification Committee, Mayor Karen Bass’ Shine LA Team, and the North Hollywood YMCA on January 24, 2026 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm along Ratner St, Vineland Ave, San Fernando Road, Strathern St. and White St. (Chávez, SABER) Rosalío García moved to approve the community cleanup and

Norma Chávez seconded. The event has already been organized and it is ready to go. The motion passed with 14 votes in favor and 1 absent.

Mover:	Rosalío García	Second:	Norma O. Chávez		
Yes - 14	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Allen, Bagumyan, Carrasco, Castellon, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Leiva, Patch, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Blandford

ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a letter/resolution/CIS (Community Impact Statement) supporting **Council File 25-4118-S16** Designation of Prohibited Locations / 9101 Laurel Canyon Boulevard – Wash / Haskell Avenue between Roscoe Boulevard and Dead End – Active Railway, et al / Municipal Code 41.18 (Chávez, García). Eddie Venegas moved to approve the CIS and Norma Chávez seconded. The motion was approved with 14 votes in favor.

Mover:	Eddie Venegas	Second:	Norma O. Chávez		
Yes - 14	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 01
Allen, Bagumyan, Carrasco, Castellon, Chávez, García, Khalaf, Leiva, Patch, Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Blandford

ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve adopting the Sun Valley Recreation Center to establish a collaborative partnership between the park and SVANC to support the Adopt-a-Park Initiative to enhance RAP (Recreation and Parks) programming and community engagement, strengthen neighborhood connections, and empower local stakeholders to take part in park stewardship. (Chávez) Monica Vacas moved to approve

ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a letter/resolution/CIS (Community Impact Statement) to the Los Angeles Charter Reform Commission and **Council File 25-0869** (Khalaf, Charter Reform Ad Hoc) *Item was tabled due to lack of time.*

ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve a beautification event to secure the trees along the San Fernando Road bike path on Saturday, February the 28th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. The trees will be identified prior to the event. There would be no refreshments involved. (Valle, Beautification) *Item was tabled due to lack of time.*

ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve SVANC’s participation in a campaign of the use of the MyLA311 app in partnership with the North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council, NHNENC, with a kickoff event on March the 7th in the morning. Details are still on the works (Valle, Beautification) *Item was tabled due to lack of time.*

ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve an Emergency Preparedness Resources Fair in partnership with the Sun Valley Branch Library, local businesses, city departments, and the North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council on a Saturday at the end of March or beginning of April from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm to encourage community members to build an emergency preparedness kit (Venegas, Emergency Preparedness) *Item was tabled due to lack of time.*

ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve holding a Sun Valleytine’s Meet and Greet event at the SVANC’s office on February the 13th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm to continue recruiting candidates to the SVANC’s board of directors and sharing information on what we do and how community members can get involved (Chávez, Elections) *Item was tabled due to lack of time.*

ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve an alternate location to hold our board meetings as

needed at the Sun Valley Youth Arts Center located at 8642 Sunland Blvd., Sun Valley, CA 91352. (Chávez, García) **Item was tabled due to lack of time.**

ITEM 20: Report by the 2025-2026 Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:

A. Standing Committees

1. Outreach/Community Affairs – Wendy G. Thum – The Outreach committee held a meeting in December and worked on their Sun Valley Voices Interview Series project and drafted some of the legal forms they will be using to obtain the proper permits to record interviewees and protect their image and the recorded material
2. Finance and Budget – Alison Patch – Catching up with bills that could not get paid due to issues with contracts. Proposing a Special Board meeting to discuss the status of the office lease as our finances are running low and we still have not received a response from the landlord to renew the contract.
3. Beautification – Cindy I. Valle – Supporting two major events from the SABER committee while working on our usual community cleanups. Motions have been added to this agenda for coming events and projects.
4. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) – Norma O. Chávez – We have several cases to be reviewed in January and February. We received this message on January 9, 2026 from the Los Angeles County Public works:

The recent rain storms brought significant sediment into the Kinneloa Debris Basins once again. To restore capacity of these facilities, Los Angeles County Public Works will be recommencing hauling efforts starting this coming Monday, January 12th, 2026. We will be delivering sediment to the Bel Air Concrete Company in Sun Valley. The trucks will be following the same haul route as before which was carefully selected to avoid residential neighborhoods and minimize traffic impacts.

Project Schedule

- Duration: Approximately three weeks, weather permitting
 - Work Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with Saturday operations as needed
5. Emergency Preparedness – Eddie Venegas – The CERT class has begun successfully on Wednesday, January the 7th. We thank the LAFD Battalion 12 for bringing this class to Sun Valley. We thank Waste Management for their generosity and allowing the use of their building for the class. We thank Lily and Charlie Lee for hosting us and for the refreshments. We thank the Spartan's Insurance for providing the beverages. Seven of our board members have joined the class to better serve the community.

B. Ad Hoc Committees:

2. Homelessness – Monica Vacas – Register for the Homeless Count 2025 at <https://count.lahsa.org/>
3. Bylaws – Norma O. Chávez – The window to amend the Bylaws is open and will close in April. Recommendations for amendments are welcome.
4. Elections – Norma O. Chávez – We have a motion for the appointment of a new candidate to the Board in this agenda for the youth representative seat. We continue to propose Meet and Greet events to create awareness of what neighborhood councils are and what they do. We continue recruiting more members.
5. SABER – We are partnering with the SHINE LA team from the LA Mayor's office and the North Hollywood YMCA for our kickoff event. We will hold a community cleanup with a Resources Fair to commemorate MLK Jr. We have been working on coordinating the vendors for the event, the fliers, visiting the site to plan what the area needs.

C. City-wide community liaison

1. LANCC – Norma O. Chávez – A list of recommendations for the Charter Reform Commission was voted on by 19 representatives out of the 99 NCs in LA at the meeting on January the 3rd.
2. VANC – Cindy Valle – The meeting is on Thursday, January the 8th
4. PLANCHECKNC – Norma O. Chávez – The meeting is on Saturday, January 10

6. C-PAB – Norma O. Chávez, Rosalío García (alternate) – The meeting was on Thursday, January 8, and fliers of coming events with the LAPD Foothill Area were collected and will be included in the January newsletter and the weekly calendar
7. Homelessness Liaison – Monica Vacas - The link to register to volunteer for the homeless count has been shared in our Facebook page.
10. Charter Reform – Sam Khalaf – Had a meeting on Friday, January 9 and put together a list of recommendations that has been included in the agenda.

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) **No commentary**

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) **No commentary**

ITEM 23: Adjournment @ 7:54 pm; 1st Rosalío García, 2nd Norma Chávez, Monica Vacas. All in favor

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