

### **Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council**

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## Special Board Meeting MINUTES Thursday, July 8, 2021 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm (DRAFT)

## **Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council**

Zoom Webinar ID #: 987 6658 0221

<sup>\*</sup> 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
Chávez, Norma O.	Secretary	At-Large Stakeholder Director	х		
Danielian, Serj		Residential Stakeholder Director	х		
Fierro, Martha		Residential Stakeholder Director	х		
García, Rosalio		Residential Stakeholder Director	х		
García, Steven		Business Stakeholder Director	х		
Hill, Emilie A.		Residential Stakeholder Director	Х		
Kumar, Bobby		Business Stakeholder Director	Х		
O'Gara, Mike	Vice President	At-Large Stakeholder Director	х		
Perez, Carmen		Business Stakeholder Director		exc	
Portillo, Oscar Jr.	appointed at approx.6:50 pm	Residential Stakeholder Director	х		**
Power, Richard	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Business Stakeholder Director	х		
Ryan, Mark P.	appointed at approx. 6:40 pm	Business Stakeholder Director	х		**
Stepanyan, Vardan		Residential Stakeholder Director	х		
Thum, Wendy	joined at 8:05 pm	Residential Stakeholder Director	х		
Vacas, Monica	President	Business Stakeholder Director	х		
Venegas, Eddie	Treasurer	Community Interest Stakeholder	х		
TOTAL: 16		15 Present, 1 Absent, 2 Ineligible	15	1	2

**ITEM 1:** Monica Vacas called the meeting to Order at 6:33 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Rollcall was taken by Norma O. Chávez and quorum was established with twelve members present. The Code of Civility was recited.

**ITEM 2:** President, Monica Vacas, welcomed all attendees. She is looking forward to starting SVANC's events in the community, which she feels has been neglected. She encouraged all Board members to get involved with SVANC's events.

**ITEM 3:** GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS which are within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction (comments only, no discussion, two minutes each)

#### Lily Lee

- Introduced herself and informed the Council of her interest in taking a business stakeholder seat. She works for Waste
  Management and has participated with SVANC in past events so she would like to get more involved by becoming a Board
  member.
- She presented a coming event by Waste Management: Free Disposal Day for Sun Valley Residents on Saturday, September 12, 2021 from 8 am to as pm at Sun Valley Recycling Park on 9227 Tujunga Avenue. She emailed copies of the flyer.
- Waste Management will be doing two Free Disposal Days per year. The next one might be scheduled for April.

**ITEM 4:** Board Member Comment on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion, three minutes each).

#### Norma O. Chávez

Offered to send an email with the Zoom ID number to the Hearing of the case from the 365 Disposal and Recycling business
and many of its violations. The meeting is in July 15. More details to come.

#### **Eddie Venegas**

 Asked Vanessa Serrano when City employees will get back to a regular schedule for NC board members to call them and get answers about proper procedures/clarifications/feedback. etc. in a more timely manner.

ITEM 5: The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council Board seats currently open are:

- (3) seats available for At-Large Stakeholder (terms end 2025)
- (1) seat available for Business Stakeholder (term ends in 2023)
- (1) seat available for Community Interest Stakeholder (term ends in 2025)

There are also one year appointed positions for:

- (2) seats available for Senior Representative Stakeholder (age 55+, 1 year appointment, term ends approximately Spring, 2022)
- (1) seat available for Youth Representative Stakeholder, (age 14-21, 1 year appointment, term ends approximately Spring, 2022)

# Qualifications for all seats per the SVANC BYLAWS and STANDING RULES, further information and Candidate Filing Form are available at:

https://www.svanc.com/board-candidate-appointments

ITEM 6: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the appointment of Mark P. Ryan to an open Business Stakeholder seat, term ends in 2023 1st: Rosalío García; 2nd: Rick Power Mr. Ryan would like to be part of the Board so he can bring the perspective of education, youth involvement in local politics and community involvement with NC events.

Yes - 11	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 03
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, M. O'Gara, Power, Stepanyan, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Kumar, Perez, Thum

ITEM 7: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the appointment of Oscar Portillo Jr. to an open Residential Stakeholder seat, term ends in 2023. 1st: Rosalío García; 2nd: Mike O'Gara Mr. Portillo stated he has been living in Sun Valley for about three years. He is enthusiastic about going out in the field to do community cleanups to enhance Sun Valley's beauty. He has participated as a volunteer with the fire department in Burbank, so he would love to become involved with the Emergency Preparedness/Public Safety committee so he can apply the skills he learned while volunteering at Burbank.

Yes - 13	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent – 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Power, Ryan, Stepanyan, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Perez, Thum

ITEM 8: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve the appointment of Reina Partida to an open At-Large Stakeholder seat, term ends in 2023. 1st: Norma O. Chávez moved to table this item; 2nd: Monica Vacas. The Board unanimously voted to table the item,.

Yes - 14	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Stepanyan, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Perez, Thum

#### ITEM 9: Discussion / Action Election of the 2021-2022 Executive Committee Officers

Vanessa Serrano reviewed the SVANC's procedures for elections and opened the floor for nominations.

**A.** Vanessa Serrano reviewed the responsibilities of the **President.** Norma O. Chávez nominated **Monica Vacas**. She accepted the nomination and gave a two minute speech as to why she would like to be the President. Roll call vote was taken. There were 14 votes in favor and 0 against. The motion passed.

Yes - 14	No - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power,	NONE	Perez. Thum
Ryan, Stepanyan, Vacas, Venegas	1.0.1.2	1 0.02,

**B.** Vanessa Serrano reviewed the responsibilities of the **Vice President**. Mike O'Gara nominated **Rick Power**. He accepted the nomination and gave a two minute speech as to why he would like to be the Vice President. Roll call vote was taken. There were 14 votes in favor and 0 against. The motion passed.

Yes - 14	No - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Stepanyan, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	Perez, Thum

**C.** Vanessa Serrano reviewed the responsibilities of the **2**<sup>nd</sup> **Vice President.** Norma O. Chávez nominated **Mike O'Gara**. He accepted the nomination and gave a two minute speech as to why he would like to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Roll call vote was taken. There were 14 votes in favor and 0 against. The motion passed.

Yes - 14	No - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Stepanyan, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	Perez, Thum

**D.** Vanessa Serrano reviewed the responsibilities of the **Treasurer**. Norma O. Chávez nominated **Emilie A. Hill** and she accepted the nomination. Mike O'Gara nominated Mark P. Ryan, but he declined the nomination. Emilie A. Hill gave a two minute speech as to why she would like to be the treasurer. Roll call vote was taken. There were 14 votes in favor and 0 against. The motion passed.

Yes - 14	No - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Stepanyan, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	Perez, Thum

**E.** Vanessa Serrano reviewed the responsibilities of the **Secretary.** Monica Vacas nominated **Norma O. Chávez**. She accepted the nomination and gave a two minute speech as to why she would like to be the secretary. Roll call vote was taken. There were 14 votes in favor and 0 against. The motion passed.

Yes - 14	No - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power,	NONE	Perez, Thum
Ryan, Stepanyan, Vacas, Venegas		

## ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint the bank card holders and signatories

**A.** Vanessa Serrano reviewed the responsibilities of the 1<sup>st</sup> Card Holder. Norma O. Chávez nominated Monica Vacas, but she declined the nomination. Mike O'Gara nominated Emilie A. Hill and she accepted the nomination. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken. There were 14 votes in favor and 0 against. The motion passed.

Yes - 14	No - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Stepanyan, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	Perez, Thum

**B.** Mike O'Gara nominated **Monica Vacas** to be the **2**<sup>nd</sup> **Card Holder** and she accepted the nomination. Roll call vote was taken. There were 14 votes in favor and 0 against. The motion passed.

Yes - 14	No - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Stepanyan, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	Perez, Thum

**C. Norma O. Chávez** self nominated to be the **2**<sup>nd</sup> **Signatory** and gave a 2 minute speech as to why she would like to continue keeping the position. Roll call vote was taken. There were 14 votes in favor and 0 against. The motion passed.

Yes - 14	No - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Stepanyan, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	Perez, Thum

**D.** Mike O'Gara nominated **Mark P. Ryan** to be the **Alternate Signatory** and he accepted the nomination. Monica Vacas self nominated but then withdrew. Roll call vote was taken. There were 14 votes in favor and 0 against. The motion passed.

Yes - 14	No - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Stepanyan, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	Perez, Thum

### ITEM 11: Discussion / Action Election of the 2021-2022 chairpersons of the Standing Committees

**A.** Monica Vacas reviewed the responsibilities of the **Outreach/Community Affairs Committee** and its chairperson. Norma O. Chávez nominated **Monica Vacas**. She accepted the nomination. Roll call vote was taken. There were 14 votes in favor and 0 against. The motion passed.

Yes - 14	No - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power,	NONE	Perez, Thum
Ryan, Stepanyan, Vacas, Venegas		

**B.** Monica Vacas reviewed the responsibilities of the **Finance and Budget Committee** and its chairperson. Norma O. Chávez nominated **Emilie A. Hill**. She accepted the nomination. Roll call vote was taken. There were 14 votes in favor and 0 against. The motion passed.

Yes	- 14	No - 01	Absent - 02
	ez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, , Stepanyan, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	Perez, Thum

**C.** Monica Vacas reviewed the responsibilities of the **Beautification Committee** and its chairperson. Monica Vacas nominated Wendy Thum since she has chaired this committee for many years and continues to be interested in being the chair. Vanessa Serrano advised to move forward with the nomination given that our Bylaws do not state that the person must be present to be nominated for chair of a committee. Oscar Portillo self nominated. Roll call vote was taken. There were 8 votes in favor of Wendy Thum and 6 votes in favor of Oscar Portillo Jr. **Wendy Thum** was elected as the Beautification Committee chairperson.

Yes – in favor of Wendy thum	Yes – in favor of Oscar Portillo Jr.	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, Vacas	M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Stepanyan, Venegas	Perez, Thum

**D.** Monica Vacas reviewed the responsibilities of the **Planning and Land Use (PLUM) Committee** and its chairperson. Monica Vacas nominated **Norma O. Chávez** and she accepted the nomination. Steven Garcia nominated Mike O'Gara, but he declined the nomination. Roll call vote was taken. There were 14 votes in favor and 0 against. The motion passed.

Yes - 14	No - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Stepanyan, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	Perez, Thum

E. Monica Vacas reviewed the responsibilities of the **Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee** and its chairperson. Norma O. Chávez nominated Oscar Portillo Jr. and he accepted the nomination. Monica Vacas nominated Mark P. Ryan and he accepted the nomination. Both nominees gave a two minutes speech as to why they want to take the position. Roll call vote was taken. There were 10 votes in favor of Oscar Portillo and 4 votes in favor of Mark Ryan. **Oscar Portillo Jr.** was elected as the Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee chairperson.

Yes – in favor of Oscar Portillo Jr.	Yes – in favor of Mark P. Ryan	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, Portillo, Power,	Fierro, M O'Gara, Vacas, Venegas	Perez, Thum
Ryan, Stepanyan		

ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote to appoint board members to the 2021-2022 NC city-wide Committees/Liaisons/Coalitions

**A.** Monica Vacas reviewed the responsibilities of being the representative to the **LANCC-Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition** which is attending the monthly meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 10:00 am via zoom at the moment and reporting back to the SVANC. Norma O. Chávez nominated Mark P. Ryan, but he declined the nomination. Serj Danielian nominated Steven Garcia, but he declined the nomination. **Serj Danielian** self nominated. Roll call vote was taken. There were 14 votes in favor and 0 against. The motion passed.

Yes - 14	No - 01	Absent - 02
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Stepanyan, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	Perez, Thum

**B.** Monica Vacas reviewed the responsibilities of being the representative to **VANC-Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils** which is attending the monthly meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm via zoom at the moment and reporting back to the SVANC. **Monica Vacas** self nominated to continue to attend this meeting. Roll call vote was taken. There were 15 votes in favor and 0 against. The motion passed.

Yes - 15	No - 01	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power,	NONE	Perez
Ryan, Stepanyan, Thum, Vacas, Venegas		

C. Monica Vacas reviewed the responsibilities of being the representative to NCEPA-Neighborhood Council Emergency
Preparedness Alliance which is attending the monthly meeting on the last Saturday of the month at 10:00 am via zoom at the moment and reporting back to the SVANC. Mike O'Gara nominated Oscar Portillo Jr. and he accepted the nomination. Roll call vote was taken. There were 15 votes in favor and 0 against. The motion passed.

Yes - 15	No - 01	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Stepanyan, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	Perez

**D.** Monica Vacas reviewed the responsibilities of being the representative to **PlanCheckNC-Plan Check Neighborhood Councils** which is attending the monthly meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10:00 am via zoom at the moment and reporting back to the SVANC. Monica Vacas nominated **Norma O. Chávez** and she accepted the nomination. Mike O'Gara wanted to know is Ms. Chávez has been attending those meetings and Ms. Chávez reported that she has been attending since she took on the position as interim PLUM chair. Roll call vote was taken. There were 15 votes in favor and 0 against. The motion passed.

Yes - 15	No - 01	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Stepanyan, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	Perez

E. Monica Vacas reviewed the responsibilities of being the representative to NCBA – Neighborhood Council Budget Advocate which is attending the monthly meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 pm via zoom at the moment and reporting back to the SVANC. Monica Vacas nominated Wendy Thum, but she declined the nomination. Norma O. Chávez nominated Emilie A. Hill and she accepted the nomination. Roll call vote was taken. There were 15 votes in favor and 0 against. The motion passed.

Yes - 15	No - 01	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Stepanyan, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	Perez

F. Monica Vacas reviewed the responsibilities of being the representative to C-PAB – Community-Police Advisory Board which is attending the monthly meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm via zoom at the moment and reporting back to the SVANC. Monica Vacas nominated Serj Danielian and he accepted the nomination. Eddie Venegas nominated Steven Garcia and he accepted the nomination. Roll call vote was taken. There were 9 votes in favor of Serj Danielian and 6 votes in favor of Steven Garcia. Serj Danielian was elected as the C-PAB representative.

Yes – in favor of Serj Danielian	Yes – in favor of Steven Garcia	Absent - 01
Danielian, R. García, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Power, Stepanyan, Thum, Vacas	Chávez, Fierro,, S. Garcia, Portillo, Ryan, Venegas	Perez

**G.** Monica Vacas reviewed the responsibilities of being the representative to the Homelessness Coalition which is attending monthly meetings and reporting back to the SVANC. SVANC is working on finding out the name of such coalitions. Norma O. Chávez nominated Steven Garcia and he accepted the nomination. Roll call vote was taken. There were 15 votes in favor and 0 against. The motion passed.

Yes - 15	No - 01	Absent - 01
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Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power,	NONE	Perez
Ryan, Stepanyan, Thum, Vacas, Venegas		

Monica Vacas **moved to table ITEMS 13, 14 and 15** for the regular Board meeting on July 13, 2021 and Mike O'Gara seconded the motion. There were 14 votes in favor and 1 opposed. The motion was adopted.

Yes - 14	No - 01
Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Portillo, Power, Ryan, Stepanyan, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	Chávez

ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve payment of invoice #21-865 dated March 2, 2021 to Barkley Communications for \$480.00 for the assembly of the e-packet and website service for the Clean Energy Forum. 1st: Mike O'Gara; 2nd: Rosalío García

Yes - 13	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 02	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Power, Stepanyan, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Portillo O, Ryan M	Perez

ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve of invoice #21-872 dated June 1, 2021 to Barkley Communications for \$590.00 for services performed for the month of May 2021. 1st: Monica Vacas; 2nd: Mike O'Gara

Yes - 13	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 02	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Power, Stepanyan, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Portillo O, Ryan M	Perez

ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve payment of invoice #21-874 dated July 2, 2021 to Barkley Communications for \$375.00 for services performed for the month of June 2021. . 1st: Rosalío García; 2nd: Monica Vacas

Yes - 13	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 02	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Power, Stepanyan, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Portillo O, Ryan M	Perez

## ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote to approve payment to Spectrum for \$147.79 for the internet bill for June 2021.1st: Rick Power; 2nd: Rosalío García

Yes - 13	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 02	Absent - 01
Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, R. Garcia, S. Garcia, Hill, Kumar, M O'Gara, Power, Stepanyan, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	Portillo O, Ryan M	Perez

**ITEM 20:** Public Comment on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion, 2 minutes each)

There was no public comment.

**ITEM 21**: Board Members Announcements on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion, three minutes each)

#### Mike O'Gara

- SVANC needs to update the roster.
- We need a list of board members' trainings due.

#### Vanessa Serrano

- Norma has provided an updated roster. She and I will update it to add Mark Ryan and Oscar Portillo.
- I will provide the information for members' trainings

ITEM 22: Adjournment: 1st: Rick Power, 2nd: Rosalío García. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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