

 	<p><b>Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council</b>  8720 Sunland Blvd  Sun Valley CA 91353-0457  Telephone 818-767-8262</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://WWW.SVANC.COM">WWW.SVANC.COM</a></p>
<p><b>Special Board Meeting MINUTES</b>  <b>Tuesday, June 10, 2025</b>  <b>6:30 pm – 8:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Meeting At</b>  <b>Hope Fellowship Church</b>  12055 Wicks St.  Sun Valley, CA 91352</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
Blandford, Ben <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President</b>	Residential Stakeholder Director		<b>X</b>	
Carrasco, Yudicela	Residential Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
Chávez, Norma O. <b>President</b>	At-Large Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
García, Rosalio	Residential Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
Martinez, Patricia	Business Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
Rivera, Anthony <b>Secretary</b>	Business Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
Sierra, Benjamin	Youth Representative Director	<b>X</b>		
Sierra, Douglas	Business Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
Thum, Wendy	Residential Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
Vacas, Monica	Business Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
Valle, Cindy I. <b>Treasurer</b> joined at 6:06 pm	Business Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
Venegas, Eddie <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President</b>	Business Property Director		<b>X</b>	
<b>TOTAL: 11</b> <b>Quorum: 7 (at least one officer)</b>	<b>9 Present, 2 Absent</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

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

Norma O. Chávez, president, called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. and began the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Code of Civility. Roll call was taken by Cindy Valle, and quorum was established with 9 members present at the time of roll call.

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

Ms. Chávez brought awareness to the community about the next meeting location due to the renovations to the Sun Valley Library. She also discussed the cancellation of CPAB on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Last, she mentioned how emergency personnel will not be present due to the recent events going on in the community such as the protests occurring in downtown Los Angeles.

**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. *Unable to attend due to the recent protests.*

**ITEM 4:** 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](mailto:lorel.vallejo@lacity.com), [nayda.cantabrana@lacity.org](mailto:nayda.cantabrana@lacity.org))

- Reaffirmed the community about their rights as immigrants. Discussed various resources available to those in need regarding immigration status.
- Participated at the Sana Sana Colita de Rana Women's Wellness Fair last Saturday
- Discussed the community clean up along San Fernando Rd scheduled for June 28
- Brought awareness to the Valley Japanese center's Oboe Festival on June 21-22

**B.** Dayana Ramos (field deputy), Diana Gonzalez (Homelessness) (Councilmember Adrin Nazarian, CD2, [dayana.ramos@lacity.org](mailto:dayana.ramos@lacity.org), [diana.x.gonzalez@lacity.org](mailto:diana.x.gonzalez@lacity.org))

- Thanked SVANC and the community for the Women's Wellness Fair
- Talked about the tenants' rights clinic on June 11 and encouraged the community to grab a flyer.
- Ribbon Cutting of the Keswick Park on June 13
- Mentioned the Self Defense Clinic on June 29<sup>th</sup>
- Summer Nights Concerts being on July 6

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

- Advocated for the Know Your Right Clinic on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Discussed the San Fernando Valley Pride Parade on June 28<sup>th</sup> encouraging the community to come and support.
- Warned the community about signing documents and advised the community to seek legal counsel before signing unknown documents.

**J.** Eric Moon (Congressmember Laura Friedman, California's 30<sup>th</sup> congressional District, [Eric.Moon@mail.house.gov](mailto:Eric.Moon@mail.house.gov), office number: (818) 524-4384)

- Expressed disapproval about the deployment of the National Guard and the Marines in recent events regarding the protests. Claimed this stunt serves as a distraction in order to pass a bill to reduce public services.
- Reaffirmed the congress woman's stance on the Trump Tax cuts and mentioned how she disapproves of them.
- Mentioned the negative aspects of the Bill such as:
  - Federal Budget increasing by 2 trillion dollars
  - SNAP benefit receipts will be affected which are typically lower income minority groups.

**L.** Lionel Mares (Budget Advocates)

- Budget Day is June 21 starting with breakfast at 7:00 am and beginning the break up into groups at 9:00 am

**ITEM 5:** Comments from the Empower LA Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) Lorenzo Briceno ([lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org](mailto:lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org)) *unable to attend*

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

- Public disapproved the response from the federal government for the protests in downtown Los Angeles.
- Public reminded the neighborhood council of how the LAPD will soon be facing even more lawsuits because of the actions of some of their officers.

**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) *No comments from the board*

**ITEM 8: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the appointment of Patricia Martinez to a Business Stakeholder open seat, term ends on 2027 (Chávez, Elections) **1<sup>st</sup>:** Rosalío García, **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Cindy Valle. A brief question and answer session was held. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 8 votes in favor, 1 abstained and 2 absent. She immediately joined the Board.

Yes - 08	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 01	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Carrasco, García, Rivera, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle	NONE	NONE	Chávez	NONE	Blandford, Venegas

**ITEM 9: Presentation** by Ayndrea Wilson, executive director of the arts-based non-profit organization California Artist Coalition of Los Angeles (CACLA), regarding a public art project *Mural at the Sheldon St and Arleta Ave Underpass* (Chávez) (10 mins)

- Mentioned the funding available for City 6
- Asked for suggestions for high visibility/traffic areas
- Mentioned 3 different renowned artists and their previous work
- Explained the maintenance for these projects to extend the projects lifespan

**ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Letter to Council member Imelda Padilla to request a motion to approve the mural project proposed by the California Artist Coalition of Los Angeles (CACLA) created by an internationally renowned visual artist. (Chávez) **1<sup>st</sup>:** Monica Vacas, **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Rosalío García. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 9 votes in favor, 1 against and 2 absent.

Yes - 09	No - 01	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Carrasco, Chávez, García, Martinez, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle	Rivera	NONE	NONE	NONE	Blandford, Venegas

**ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to select the artist who will be in charge of the mural project proposed by the California Artist Coalition of Los Angeles (CACLA), if item 9 is approved. The choices were: JR Art, Elle Street Art, and Jen Stark. **1<sup>st</sup>:** Cindy Valle, **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Rosalío García. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 votes in favor of Elle, 4 in favor of JR Art, and 2 absent. The selected artist was ELLE.

Yes - 06 In favor of ELLE	No - 04 In favor of JR	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Chávez, García, Martinez, B. Sierra, Vacas, Valle	Carrasco, Rivera, D. Sierra, Thum	NONE	NONE	NONE	Blandford, Venegas

**Note:** Consent calendar items 12A – 12C 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 12:** Consent Callender: one motion and one vote

- Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 13, 2025 (A. Rivera, Chávez)
- Approval of the Corrected Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 8, 2025 (A. Rivera)
- Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for May 2025 (C. Valle)

Items 12A and 12B were tabled. Rosalio Garcia moved to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report from May 2025 and Cindy Valle seconded. Roll call vote took place and the motion was approved with 8 votes in favor, 2 absent and 2 ineligible. The MER for May was approved.

Yes - 08	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 02	Absent - 2
Carrasco, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle	NONE	NONE	NONE	Martinez, B. Sierra	Blandford, Venegas

**ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the **2025-2026 Administrative Packet** (Valle)  
This motion has been tabled for next meeting. **1<sup>st</sup>:** Yudicela Carrasco, **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Rosalío García. No objections

**ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve SVANC's partnering with the office of Council Member Adrin Nazarian for Movie Night at the DeGarmo Park on June 27 at 6:00 pm and to provide popcorn (Chávez)  
**1<sup>st</sup>:** Cindy Valle, **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Rosalío García. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 10 votes in favor and 2 absent.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Carrasco, Chávez, García, Rivera, Martinez, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Blandford, Venegas

**ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Cake and Ice Cream Meet and Greet to celebrate Fathers' Day in community on June 13 at 6:00 pm with a location to be determined with a budget of up to \$120 (Chávez) **1<sup>st</sup>:** Rosalío García, **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Norma Chávez. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken and the motion did not pass with 3 votes in favor, 3 against, 2 abstained, 2 absent and 2 not eligible.

Yes-03	No - 03	Recused - 00	Abstained - 02	Not Eligible - 02	Absent - 02
Chávez, Garcia, Valle	Rivera, Thum, Vacas	NONE	Carrasco, D. Sierra	Martinez, B. Sierra	Blandford, Venegas

**ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to host a Solar Power Clinic at our SVANC office on July 12, conducted by GRID Alternatives. This organization is a 501 non-profit offering free solar installations, re-roofing, and tree giveaways to eligible Pacoima and Sun Valley families through TCC. These clinics also provide application assistance and help with scam prevention. Time of day for the clinic will be determined by office availability. (Thum) **1<sup>st</sup>:** Monica Vacas, **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Wendy Thum. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 10 votes in favor and 2 absent.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Carrasco, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, Martinez, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Blandford, Venegas

**ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Possible Action** to create an ad hoc committee to organize a campaign to invite all residents and businesses in Sun Valley to beautify our community by improving their front yards by landscaping, repairing/painting their fence, and applying a fresh coat of paint to their house/building (Chávez) **1<sup>st</sup>:** Monica Vacas, **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Yudicela Carrasco. Discussion took place. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 10 votes in favor and 2 absent.

Yes-10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Carrasco, Chávez, Garcia, Rivera, Martinez, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Blandford, Venegas

**ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement to request Council member Imelda Padilla and Council member Adrin Nazarian support Senate Bill 526 (authored by Senator Caroline Menjivar) Accountability for Aggregate Facilities and to request an equal motion be brought to City Council (Chávez) **1<sup>st</sup>**: Rosalío García, **2<sup>nd</sup>**: Norma Chávez. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 7 votes in favor, 1 against, 1 abstained and 3 absent.

<b>Yes - 07</b>	<b>No - 01</b>	<b>Recused - 00</b>	<b>Abstained - 01</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 00</b>	<b>Absent - 03</b>
Carrasco, Chávez, García, Martinez, D. Sierra, Thum, Valle	Rivera	NONE	B. Sierra	NONE	Blandford, Vacas, Venegas

**ITEM 19: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the updated June 2025 Standing Rules (Chávez, Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee) **1<sup>st</sup>**: Cindy Valle, **2<sup>nd</sup>**: Rosalio Garcia. Discussion took place. The long text regarding having alternates was removed. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 10 votes in favor and 2 absent.

<b>Yes-10</b>	<b>No - 00</b>	<b>Recused - 00</b>	<b>Abstained - 00</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 00</b>	<b>Absent - 02</b>
Carrasco, Chávez, García, Rivera, Martinez, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Blandford, Venegas

**ITEM 20: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to submit a Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement to support **Council File: 25-0599** Police Patrols / 4th of July Holiday Weekend / North Hollywood / Foothill / Van Nuys / Glencrest Hills Fire Road / Council District 2 / Neighborhood Service Enhancements / General City Purposes Fund authored by CM Nazarian (Chávez) **1<sup>st</sup>**: Monica Vacas, **2<sup>nd</sup>**: Yudicela Carrasco Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 10 votes in favor and 2 absent.

<b>Yes-10</b>	<b>No - 00</b>	<b>Recused - 00</b>	<b>Abstained - 00</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 00</b>	<b>Absent - 02</b>
Carrasco, Chávez, García, Rivera, Martinez, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Blandford, Venegas

**ITEM 21: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement to support **Council File 25-0002-S11** AB 457 (Gonzalez) / Nonferrous Metals / Purchase and Sale Regulation / Stolen Metals Resale / Junk Dealers and Recyclers (Chávez) **1<sup>st</sup>**: Cindy Valle, **2<sup>nd</sup>**: Rosalío García. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 9 votes in favor, 1 against and 2 absent.

<b>Yes - 09</b>	<b>No - 01</b>	<b>Recused - 00</b>	<b>Abstained - 00</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 00</b>	<b>Absent - 02</b>
Carrasco, Chávez, García, Martinez, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle	Rivera	NONE	NONE	NONE	Blandford, Venegas

**ITEM 22: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement to support **Council File 25-0600-S23** Budget Motion / Los Angeles Police Department / Valley Bureau Human trafficking Task Force / Vehicle Rentals (Chávez) **1<sup>st</sup>**: Rosalío García, **2<sup>nd</sup>**: Monica Vacas. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 10 votes in favor and 2 absent.

<b>Yes - 10</b>	<b>No - 00</b>	<b>Recused - 00</b>	<b>Abstained - 00</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 00</b>	<b>Absent - 02</b>
Carrasco, Chávez, García, Rivera, Martinez, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Blandford, Venegas

**ITEM 23: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement to support **Council File 25-0600-S2** Budget Motion / Los Angeles Police Department / Overtime / Interim

Housing Site Patrols (Chávez) 1<sup>st</sup>: Monica Vacas, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rosalío García. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with 10 votes in favor and 2 absent.

Yes - 10	No - 00	Recused - 00	Abstained - 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 02
Carrasco, Chávez, García, Rivera, Martinez, B. Sierra, D. Sierra, Thum, Vacas, Valle	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Blandford, Venegas

**ITEM 24: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve a Letter/Resolution/Community Impact Statement to **support Council File 25-0600-S17 Budget Motion / Bureau of Street Services / Public Toilet Maintenance Contracts / Funding (Chávez) 1<sup>st</sup>: Monica Vacas, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Norma Chávez.** Roll call vote was taken and the motion did not pass with 3 votes in favor, 3 against, 2 abstained, 2 not eligible and 2 absent.

Yes-03	No - 03	Recused - 00	Abstained - 02	Not Eligible - 02	Absent - 02
Chávez, Garcia, Valle	Rivera, Thum, Vacas	NONE	Carrasco, D. Sierra	Martinez, B. Sierra	Blandford, Venegas

**ITEM 25: Report** by the **2024-2025** Committee Chairs and Community Liaisons:

**A. Standing Committees**

1. Outreach/Community Affairs – Douglas Sierra – no update
2. Finance and Budget – Cindy I. Valle – The budget is being presented at this meeting. The last change made to reduce operational expenses was for our internet and phone service provider.
3. Beautification – Cindy I. Valle – We are finishing last details for our cleanup on June 28 at 8:00 am at Truesdale St and San Fernando Rd in partnership with the office of council district 6. This cleanup will conclude all the projects and cleanups for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
4. Planning and Land Use (PLUM) – Norma O. Chávez- The meeting for May was cancelled as there were no projects to be reviewed. Our next meeting is on June 26 at 6:30 pm. We will be reviewing an application for a Starbucks at the Canyon Plaza.
5. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Eddie Venegas - We are going full force to prepare for our second annual National Night Out. We continue our efforts to find location to hold a Community Emergency Response Team session.

**B. Ad Hoc Committees:**

1. Environmental and CHSR – Wendy Thum – no update
2. Homelessness – Monica Vacas – no update
3. Bylaws – Norma O. Chávez – Held a meeting with the committee to update the Standing Rules and presented a motion to the Board for the approval.
4. Elections – Norma O. Chávez - We continue to hold Meet and Greets to recruit more board members. I have visited a few schools and a senior club to provide information on the work at SVANC and to recruit seniors. We will be affirming three board members who ran for elections and two new board members.

**C. City-wide community liaisons:**

1. LANCC – Norma O. Chávez – Did not attend the meeting due to conflict in schedule with the Women's Wellness Fair organized by SVANC and CD2. The agenda was reviewed for potential CISs and will read the minutes as soon as they are available
2. VANC – Ben Blandford – Excused from the meetings as he will be out of the state for a month from May 16 to June 17
3. NCEPA – Cindy I. Valle, Eddie Venegas – no update
4. PLANCHECKNC – Norma O. Chávez – no update
5. NCBA – Cindy Valle, Rosalío García - Budget Day is June 21 at 9:00 am at City Hall.

Please register at the following link to attend

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/neighborhood-council-budget-day-2025-tickets-1362112558329?aff=oddtcreator>

6. C-PAB – Norma O. Chávez, Rosalío García – fliers for Coffee with a COP and CPAB continue to be distributed
7. Homelessness Liaison – Monica Vacas – no update
8. NCSA – Cindy Valle – no update
9. LADWP-NC MOU – Eddie Venegas – no update

If anyone from the public wishes to join a committee, please email  
[info@svanc.com](mailto:info@svanc.com)

**ITEM 26: 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 27: Board Members Announcements** on matters within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion) *No board member commentary*

**ITEM 28: Adjournment @ 8:31 pm; 1<sup>st</sup>: Cindy Valle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rosalío García.** All in favor

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