

Board Packet II

4-13-22

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**General Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, April 13, 2022
7:00 PM**

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone
Dial (888) 475-4499 to Join the Meeting
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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION.

PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS: Every person wishing to address the Board must dial **(888) 475-4499** or **(669) 900 6833**, and enter **918 9278 5703** and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public comment at the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial ***9 or use the Raise Hand option**, to address the Committee on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

AB 361 Updates: Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council’s control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

Unless otherwise specified, all items on the meeting agenda are for Discussion and Possible Action and may be taken out of order at the discretion of the President. This is an online virtual meeting, please understand that there may be some connection delays from time to time.

1. Call to Order, Welcome - Lydia Grant, President
 - a. April 23 Verdugo Hills Cemetery Centennial
 - b. Read Little Landers Historical Society Letter
 - c. Congratulations to Sunland-Tujunga Poet Laureate Alice Pero
 - d. Congratulations to Mt. Gleason runners

2. Roll Call, Voting Eligibility - Carol Hutchinson, Secretary
 - a. Completion of City / DONE Required trainings status for the STNC board
 - b. Announcement of vacant board seats: Stakeholder Group Representative - Two Positions - Details at https://www.stnc.org/readpost.php?news_id=776

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Comments: LAPD, Elected Officials/Representatives, DONE, City Departments (2 min per Representative including Q&A)

5. Report from The Ad-Hoc Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee - Amendments to STNC Bylaws submitted to DONE on time. Special thanks to the committee for their work. Future meetings regarding Standing Rules will be scheduled in May. Draft Standing Rules on stnc.org at https://www.stnc.org/committee-view.php?committee_id=34

6. Report from The Land Use Committee (LUC): Discussion/Possible Action that STNC board approves LUC support letter recommendations:
 - a. 10405 Samoa Ave, Tujunga - subdivide one lot into three lots in a R1-RFA zone.
 - b. 9450-9452 N. Reverie Rd, Tujunga - proposed single family dwelling with attached garage and ADU and relief from the 20 foot wide continuous paved roadway

7. MOTION TO REMOVE in accordance with BONC Policy KT Travers, Region 1 Representative of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council for violation of Code of Conduct and violation of STNC Bylaws regarding trainings (violation of State law). [20 minutes maximum for this item]

8. Committee & Liaison Reports (see last page for meeting and committee member information)
 - a. Budget & Finance
 - b. Land Use
 - c. STAT
 - d. STARC
 - e. Community Improvement & Government Affairs
 - f. Outreach - open stakeholder seats, Coffee with STNC
 - g. Youth & Adult Education
 - h. Beautification - Update on Pinewood Mural
 - i. Liaison Reports: LANCC / VANC /Budget Advocates /Other
 - j. Ad Hoc Bylaws / Standing Rules
 - k. Other

9. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - Note: Consent calendar items are considered to be non-controversial and will be treated as one agenda item. Any Board member or stakeholder may request that an item be removed. There will be no discussion of these items unless an item is removed from the consent calendar, in which case it will go to the end of New Business and be considered as time allows. MOTION: The STNC Board approves the consent calendar:

- a. Discussion/ Motion to approve any outstanding Monthly Expenditure Report and Balances (MER) - *[Recommended by the STNC Budget & Finance Committee]*
- b. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve \$30 to the Webcorner for website domain name registration renewal
- c. Discussion/Motion: to approve the March 9, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
- d. Discussion/Motion: to appoint Matt Walker to the Beautification Committee
- e. Discussion/Action: Motion to submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) in SUPPORT of CF21-1465 LAPD/Property Crimes/RV Overpopulation.
- f. Discussion/Action: Motion to submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) in SUPPORT of CF22-0152 Copper Wire and Power Theft / Lighting Outages /High Impact Area LA Lights Strategic Plan 2020-2025.
- g. Discussion/Action: Motion to submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) in SUPPORT of CF22-0037 Crisis Continuum of Care/Community Resource Center/Mobile Crisis Response Teams Expansion/988 Mental Health Crisis Hotline System / Medicaid Reimbursements.
- h. Discussion/Action: MOTION to submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) in SUPPORT of CF21-1115 Bicycle Chop Shops/Stolen Bicycle Disassembly/Public Right of Way/Prohibition.
- i. Discussion/Action: MOTION to submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) in OPPOSITION OF 20-1575 regarding Rodeo Events
- j. Discussion/possible action: Motion to approve response letter to DONE regarding the lack of due process
- k. Discussion / possible action: Motion to respond to DONE letter regarding NC trainings.
- l. Discussion/possible action CF22-0176 - LA Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation (LA WILD) Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation Center/Wildlife Protection and Care / Potential Site Identification

OLD BUSINESS

10. Motion to approve February 9, 2022 Board minutes *[postponed at 3/9 board meeting]*

NEW BUSINESS - none

19. PRESENTATION & TRAINING on the Neighborhood Council (NC) System

- a. Bylaws, Standing Rules, BONC Policies, Brown Act (Meeting Agenda Posting, ENS)
- b. NC Meetings: Agenda Items, Presenters, Meeting Agendas, Making Motions, Community Impact Statements
- c. NC Alliances, STNC Community Events/Meetings, Other Training Opportunities

20. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - One minute per speaker unless otherwise announced by the presiding officer – Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda items, issues, announcements within the jurisdiction of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council. The Brown Act prevents the Board from commenting on your comments. If you wish to speak, either raise your hand (on computer or tablet) or dial *9 (on your cell phone).

21. FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & BOARD COMMENTS

22. ADJOURN

THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assisted listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment by calling (213) 978-1551 or email: NCsupport@lacity.org

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS – In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website: www.stnc.org or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact **Carol Hutchinson, Secretary, at email: secretary@stnc.org**.

PUBLIC POSTING OF AGENDAS – Neighborhood Council agendas are posted for public review as follows:

* **NORTH VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD CITY HALL**, 7747 Foothill Blvd, Tujunga, CA 91042

* www.stnc.org

* You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's Early Notification System at <https://www.lacity.org/subscriptions>

NOTICE TO PAID REPRESENTATIVES - If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code §§ 48.01 et seq. More information is available at ethics.lacity.org/lobbying. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or ethics.commission@lacity.org

RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS - For information on the STNC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Bylaws. The Bylaws are available on our website www.stnc.org

Representatives of LAPD, Local Schools, City, County, State, Federal - updated February 2022

Foothill LAPD Commanding Officer/Captain Johnny Smith 818-756-8861 - 30339@lapd.lacity.org

Foothill Community Sgt. Jesse Ojeda - 818-756-8866 - 33272@lapd.online

SENIOR LEAD OFFICERS - TUJUNGA SLO: Gloria Caloca: 818-634-0754; 35755@lapd.lacity.org

SUNLAND SLO: Violet Potter: 818-634-0705; 35464@lapd.lacity.org

Encourage victims you speak with to formally report every crime. Minor crimes can be reported online at <https://www.landonline.org/file-a-police-report/> If an officer on-scene refuses to write a report of an actual crime, request a Supervisor. Call 911 for emergencies and crimes in progress. Call LAPD Dispatch-877-ASK-LAPD-for everyday matters. Email Councilwoman - councilmemberrodriguez@lacity.org if you like, or don't like, the laws she supports and voted for. Please suggest city legislation you think should exist or be annulled.

City Council District 7- Monica Rodriguez –Eve Sinclair 818-352-3287 - Area Director Eve.Sinclair@lacity.org

The Sunland-Tujunga Field Office is now located in Pacoima at 13520 Van Nuys Bl., Pacoima 91331. The Sunland-Tujunga office has not yet been opened to the public due to COVID-19. CD7 Planning Deputy Dominick Ortiz dominick.ortiz@lacity.org & Anissa Raja anissa.raja@lacity.org

LA Mayor Garcetti–Michelle Vergara, East Valley Rep - Michelle.Vergara@LACity.org

LA City Attorney Mike Feuer – Neighborhood Prosecutor Mark Ross 213-978-8100 -- mark.ross@lacity.org

LA City Controller Ron Galperin - 213-978-7200 - controller@lacity.org

LAUSD Kelly Gonez (District 6) – Michael Menjivar 213-241-6388 michael.menivar@lausd.net

Congressman Adam Schiff (District 26) (818) 450-2900 Theresa.lamb.simpson@mail.house.gov

LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger 818-993-5170-Jason Maruca, Asst. Field Deputy: JMaruca@bos.lacounty.gov

CA State Senator Anthony Portantino (District 25) - 818-409-0400 - Declan Floyd: Declan.Floyd@sen.ca.gov

CA Assembly Member Luz Rivas (Dist.39) - Mary Jerejian 818-504-3911 mary.jerejian@asm.ca.gov

Sunland-Tujunga Library - Ardem Tajerian, Senior Librarian - 818-352-4481 - tajerian@lapl.org

LADWP - Christina Holland, Community Affairs, (213) 367-1076, christina.holland@ladwp.org

Friendship Line for Aging Adults - Call anytime 24/7 1-888-670-1360

GANGS-DRUGS: Frank Kryshak, email: 27701@lapd.online (Gang Enforcement Detail)

NARCOTICS, Det. Travis Coyle, 818-834-3136; 33128@lapd.lacity.org

TRAFFIC ISSUES: Officer Joel Flores 818-644-8142 - Valley Traffic

DONE - [New 1-28-22] Raul Preciado, NEA, Raul.Preciado@lacity.org - (213) 978-1551

Vanessa Serrano, Director of Civic Leadership - 818-374-9889 - vanessa.serrano@lacity.org

BONC Commissioner - Quyen Vo-Ramirez, North Valley Commissioner - quyen.vo-ramirez@lacity.org

Mission College – Olivia Sanchez Ayala, 818-364-7795, sancheo@lamission.edu

Sunland Elementary School – Principal John Graham - jmg8758@lausd.net (818) 353-1631

Sunland-Tujunga Community of Schools - Carmina Nacorda, COS Admin - (818) 252-5400 - SunlandTujungaCoS@lausd.net

Apperson Street School – Principal Rene Chavez 818-353-5544 - 10233 Woodward, Sunland

Diana Gutierrez, Greater L.A. County Vector Control District 562-944-9656 dgutierrez@glacvcd.org

STNC Committees, Committee Chairs, Meeting Dates/Times - updated February 2022
[all STNC Committee Meetings held via Zoom-committees do not meet on National Holidays]

STNC Committees

- a. Beautification – Roger Klemm/Nelly Luboff (co-chairs) 3rd Wednesdays @ 5:30 PM
- b. Budget & Finance – Ed Babakhanian - 4th Wednesday @ 6:00 PM
- c. Neighborhood Watch – meetings 2nd Tuesday, 9 a.m. via LAPD Zoom
- d. Land Use – Pati Potter - 1st & 3rd Mondays @ 7:00 PM
- e. Community Improvement-Government Affairs - 3rd Thursdays @ 10:00 AM
- f. Elections Committee (ad-hoc) - Various dates - check calendar at stnc.org
- g. Outreach - Karen Perdue, VP - 3rd Thursdays @ 7:00 PM
- h. Bylaws & Standing Rules (ad-hoc) - Bill Skiles/Sandy Capps (co-chairs) - TBA
- i. STAT - Safe Traffic & Transportation Committee - Pat Kramer - 4th Tuesdays @ 6:00 PM
- j. STARC – Arts, Culture & Recreation Committee - Joe De Cenzo - 4th Tuesdays @ 7:30 PM
- k. Executive Committee – Lydia Grant - 4th Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM
- l. STNC Youth & Adult Education Committee - Lallah Rowe, Chair - 3rd Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM

Community Impact Statement Submitters

Jon von Gunten
 Carol Hutchinson
 Karen Perdue
 Shirley Kim
 Claire Gordon

STNC Bank Card Holders

Ed Babakhanian, STNC Treasurer
 Carol Hutchinson 2nd Card Holder

STNC Second Signers

Cindy Cleghorn
 Carol Hutchinson, Alternate

STNC Committees & Members affirmed by the STNC Board: * = STNC Boardmember

STAT Committee: Chair Pat Kramer, Co-Chair Jon von Gunten* Committee Members: Gerald Sherman, George Arakel, Barbara Rowe, Roger Swart and Leny Freeman*

STARC: Chair Joe DeCenzo Committee Members: Gerardo Barrientos, Debby Beck, Lucy Berman, Dawn Jenkins, Bill Skiles, Corey Stein, Michelle Wadler* and KT Travers*

Beautification Committee: Co-Chairs Roger Klemm and Nelly Luboff Committee Members: Carol Hutchinson*, Gerardo Barrientos, Judy Sutherland, Marjorie Maxon, Angela Nordhagen, and Steve Black

Land Use Committee: Co-Chairs/Vice Chairs: Pati Potter, Bill Skiles, ~~Debby Beck~~, Richard Marshalian. Committee Members: Cindy Cleghorn*, Nina Royal*, Liliana Sanchez, Vartan Keshish, Betty Markowitz, Berj Zadoian, Cathi Comras, Arsen Karamians, and Stephanie Mines. Planning 101 Training Required for all LUC members.

Ad Hoc Bylaws & Standing Rules: Co-Chairs/Vice Chairs: Bill Skiles, Sandy Capps. Committee Members: Cindy Cleghorn*, Mark Seigel*, Lydia Grant*

Budget & Finance Committee: Ed Babakhanian, Pati Potter, Bill Skiles, Sandy Capps

Other committees to be added to this list when approved by the STNC Board

Training Requirements for all board members. City has a time limit when this training must be completed to be able to vote.

Code of Conduct *also applies to all STNC committee members

Anti-Bias

Funding

Ethics

Website www.stnc.org

Social Media: Facebook Pages managed by STNC committees & their status:

<https://www.facebook.com/SunlandTujungaNeighborhoodCouncil> [public last post 2/23/22]

<https://www.facebook.com/Sunland-Tujunga-Neighborhood-Council-Youth-494264710753646> [public - last post 1/23/22]

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stbeautification> [private - last post 2/22/22]

<https://www.facebook.com/STNC-Safe-Traffic-and-Transportation-Committee-323289951875218> [public - last post 1/27/22]

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sunlandtujanaw> [private - last post 3/1/22]

<https://www.facebook.com/Sunland-Tujunga-Arts-Recreation-Culture-114962973244166> [last post 5/24/21]

Social Media: NextDoor - NC accounts managed by DONE - <https://nextdoor.com>

Social Media Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/sunlandtujunga_nc/

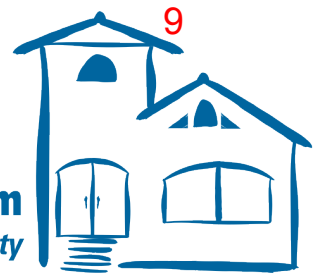
Social Media: Twitter <https://twitter.com/stncoutreach>

STNC Surveys

STARC

LUC

Bolton Hall Museum
Home of Little Landers Historical Society



31 March 2022

Lydia Grant, President
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
P.O. Box 635
Tujunga California 91043

e-mail: Secretary@STNC.org

Re: A motion made at the March 9, 2022 STNC meeting to approve a \$1,300 request by Little Landers Historical Society in support of the Verdugo Hills Cemetery Centennial Celebration on April 23, 2022

Dear Lydia:

Little Landers Historical Society (LLHS) supports the Verdugo Hills Cemetery Centennial Celebration and the activities of the Friends of Verdugo Hills Cemetery in their work to restore the cemetery and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of this important historical landmark. However, Little Landers Historical Society is not involved as an official organizer or sponsor of the event and acts only as fiduciary for the funds generated by Friends of Verdugo Hills Cemetery for the April 23rd Centennial Celebration event.

We would like the Minutes of the March 9th STNC meeting clarified to reflect LLHS's involvement. A correct designation for LLHS for both the motion and the invoice should clarify LLHS is the fiduciary for Friends of Verdugo Hills Cemetery. The motion should read as follows:

March 9, 2022 Meeting motion to approve \$1,300 sponsorship request to Little Landers Historical Society acting as fiduciary for Friends of Verdugo Hills Cemetery, in support of Verdugo Hills Cemetery Centennial Celebration on April 23, 2022.

We are sure the STNC co-sponsorship and support is most appreciated by Friends of Verdugo Hills Cemetery. The entire Sunland-Tujunga community is looking forward to this opportunity to recognize and celebrate our local history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Herrold Egger".

Herrold Egger
President



Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Certified May 27, 2003

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Item # 10 a.

April 13, 2022

Via: Email

Los Angeles City Planning Department
Attn: City Planners
Kora McNaughton – kora.mcnaughton@lacity.org

RE: Case #AA-2021-7742-PMLA AND ENV-2021-7743-CE
10405 Samoa Ave Tujunga, CA 91042

SUPPORT OF PROJECT: Subdivision of one lot into three lots in a R1-RFA Zone

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) Land Use Committee (LUC) met with the owner's representative, Sheila Harjanet at our February 7, 2022 LUC meeting and again March 7, 2022.

We feel this application is acceptable, however, we do request that a possible condition be placed to replace the trees that were removed previously from the property.

Upon the recommendation of the STNC's Land Use Committee, the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, at its March 9, 2022 meeting voted to support this application by a vote of ____ (yea), ____ (nay), ____ (abstained) and ____ (recused)

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments and considering the community. If you have any questions, please contact us by email at secretary@stnc.org, or phone 818-951-7411.

Sincerely,

Lydia Grant
President
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

cc: Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, CD7 councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org
paola.bassignana@lacity.org
anissa.raia@lacity.org
Owner's Rep: Sheila Harjanet mail@egl88.com



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April 13, 2022

Via: Email

Attn: Peggy Malone-Brown
Los Angeles City Planning Department
6262 Van Nuys Blvd
Van Nuys, CA 91401

peggy.malone-brown@lacity.org

RE: Case #ZA-2021-10292 and ENV-2021-10293-CE
9452-9450 N Reverie Road Tujunga, CA 91042

SUPPORT OF PROJECT: Proposed construction of new SFD with attached garage and ADU and relief from a the 20-foot wide continuous paved roadway

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) Land Use Committee (LUC) met with the owner's representative, Jake Webber, at our February 7, 2022 public meeting where Mr. Webber gave a presentation of the project.

These properties are currently empty lots. The construction as requested would fall into place with the other residential home on Reverie Road. In addition support is given to grant relief from the 20-foot wide continuous paved roadway.

Upon the recommendation of the STNC's Land Use Committee, the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, at its April 13, 2022 meeting voted to oppose this application by a vote of ____ (yea), ____ (nay), ____ (abstained) and ____ (recused)

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments and considering the community. If you have any questions, please contact us by email at secretary@stnc.org. or phone 818-951-7411.

Sincerely,

Lydia Grant
President
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

cc: Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, CD7 councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org
paola.bassignana@lacity.org
anissa.raja@lacity.org
Owner's Rep: Jake Webber jwebber@archibuildz.com

Motion to Remove KT Travers

for failure to complete required trainings in violation of California State Law and for continued violations of the STNC Bylaws and the Code of Contact.

This Is being presented by Carol Hutchinson, Nina Royal, and Jon von Gunten

Kathleen Travers was previously Censored on February 9, 2022

The Censure was presented by: Karen Perdue, Mark Seigel, Cheryl Schmidt

To Be Read At Board Meeting by President

Section 9: Removal - Any Board member may be removed by the Neighborhood Council for cause, following a good faith determination by the Board that the member has engaged in conduct that is contrary to rules and regulations applicable to the Board or that impedes the

orderly business of Board operations. A Board member shall not be subject to removal under

this Policy, unless the member has been censured at least once pursuant to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners' Censure Policy.

Grounds for removal include, but are not limited to, persistent disruptive conduct at meetings,

violations or abuses of the Board's bylaws or standing rules, violations of the Code of Conduct, acting on behalf of the Board without authorization, and misuse or abuse of the censure or removal processes by acting in bad faith.

The Board shall use the following procedure when removing a Board member:

1. A motion to remove a Board member may be initiated by any three (3) Board members. Those Board members shall not constitute a majority of the quorum of any Neighborhood Council body, such as a committee. The proposed motion shall be delivered to any officer of the Board or a specific officer or member of the Board as may be specified in the bylaws or standing rules of the Neighborhood Council. The motion shall be in writing and provide the specific facts and grounds for the proposed removal action including the date(s) and specific conduct relied upon for the motion. The motion shall not be based upon conclusions, e.g., "for alleged violations of the Code of Conduct" but shall contain factual statements that describes conduct only and is not intended to embarrass or humiliate the board member. The motion to remove shall also include a copy of the prior censure motion and the date it was passed.

2. The Board member, group of Board members or committee responsible for setting the final Board agenda shall list and briefly describe the motion on the agenda of the next regular or special Board meeting scheduled at least thirty(30) days following the delivery of the proposed removal motion.

3. The Board member subject to removal shall be given a minimum of thirty (30) days prior written notice, which may include email sent to the last email address on file with the Neighborhood Council, of any meeting at which a motion to remove will be heard. The notice shall provide the specific facts and grounds for the proposed removal as

specified in 1 above. The Board shall also provide a copy of the notice to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to any meeting at which a motion to remove will be considered.

4. The Board member subject to removal shall be given reasonable time to be heard at the meeting, either orally or in writing, prior to the Board's vote on a motion for removal.

5. The Board shall decide whether or not the Board member should be removed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the currently sitting Board members. The Board member who is the subject of the removal motion shall not be allowed to vote and shall not be counted when determining the two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. For the purpose of the removal motion, abstentions shall not be counted as votes.

Our Board Requires a 2/3 vote

6. In no event shall a motion to remove a Board member be heard by the Neighborhood Council within sixty (60) days of the next election or selection.

7. The Commission may review a Neighborhood Council's removal decision if requested to do so by the affected Board member. Once the request is made for the Commission to review the decision to remove, the Neighborhood Council voting to remove the board member may not fill the vacancy created by the removal until the Commission has made a decision on whether the removal was proper or the Commission declines to review the matter. The Commission's decision whether to hear or decline to hear the removal review request shall be sent in writing to the requestor and the Neighborhood Council within 30 days after the request for review is delivered.

8. A request for the Commission to review a Neighborhood Council's removal decision shall proceed as follows:

- a. The request must in writing and must be delivered to the Executive Assistant of the Commission or, in the absence of an Executive Assistant, to the President of the Commission within thirty (30) days of the date of the action by the Neighborhood Council to remove the Board member.
- b. The request must state the basis for the review. The request shall not cite or present any evidence not considered by the Neighborhood Council but must address only procedural deficiencies.
- c. If the Commission determines the request for review raises sufficient questions regarding procedural deficiencies and agrees to hear the review, it will be placed on the agenda of a regular or special meeting of the Commission within sixty (60) days of receipt of the request for review.
- d. At the review the Commission will determine if the facts as presented support the removal motion and if the procedures set out in this policy were correctly applied.
- e. If the Commission determines that there were either factual or procedural deficiencies, the Commission may either reinstate the Board member or return the matter to the Neighborhood Council for further consideration.

- f. If the Commission returns the matter for further consideration and the Neighborhood Council does not act within sixty (60) days of the Commission's decision the Board member will be considered reinstated.
- g. During the period of appeal the Board member shall not be counted as part of the Board for any quorum and shall not participate in any Board actions.
- h. If the matter is returned to the Neighborhood Council for further consideration the Board member shall not be counted as part of the Board for any quorum and shall not participate in any Board actions until the Board takes action as requested by the Commission or until the expiration of the sixty (60) day time period.

9. This policy is not intended to restrict or eliminate a Neighborhood Council's ability to remove or render ineligible to serve, Board members who fail to attend meetings, join committees, maintain their stakeholder status, or perform other duties as may be described in the Neighborhood Council's bylaws and/or standing rules. Nor is it intended to limit a Neighborhood Council's ability to remove committee chairs or committee members according to the Neighborhood Council's bylaws and/or standing rules

The STNC Board was seated on May 12, 2021/ 10 Months with Kathleen Travers failing to do her State Required Ethics Training. The Code of Conduct Training was finally done by Ms. Travers in December 2021? 7 months after she was seated. Other NC Board members were removed by DONE after the required 60 day deadline. Repeated reminders and accommodations have been offered to Ms. Travers to help her to do the trainings.

For Continued Violation of Bylaws Article XIV Compliance

ARTICLE XIV COMPLIANCE

The STNC shall be subject to any and all applicable sections of the City of Los Angeles governmental ethics ordinances, including Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 49.5.1. All applicable laws of local, state, and federal government shall be the minimum ethical standard for STNC, its Board, and its stakeholders.

Section 1: Code of Civility - The STNC, its representatives and all Stakeholders shall conduct all STNC business in a civil, professional and respectful manner. Board members will abide by the Commission's Neighborhood Council Board Member Code of Conduct Policy.

Section 2: Training - All board members must take ethics and funding training prior to making motions and voting on funding related matters. Section 3: Self-Assessment - Intentionally left blank

From The EmpowerLA Website:



If you were trying to reach another page and were redirected to this page, it is because the other page had outdated training information.

WELCOME NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS!

Neighborhood Council (NC) Board Members, both elected and appointed, **are required** to complete 4 trainings in order to vote on issues that come before the council: Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct, and the Anti-Bias Learning for Employees (ABLE) Training.

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verify the accuracy of this information, emailing Rosters@EmpowerLA.org with any updates or corrections.

State Ethics Training Requirement

Violation of STNC Bylaws Page 3.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

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Kathleen Travers continues to vote on Funding items when she is ineligible to vote causing incorrect paperwork and additional work for Executive Boardmembers. October 13, 2021 STNC Meeting Minutes(excerpt). Ms. Travers also voted on Multiple Funding items over several a month including the Funding items on Consent at the March 9, 2022 Meeting.

c. Discussion/Motion for the STNC to approve \$400 as an outreach sponsorship to Elks Lodge to be used toward Outreach event tentatively set for first Saturday in December. STNC will sponsor an event focusing on youth and families being held by the Elks Lodge.

President Grant introduced the item. Mr. Seigel, Ms. Royal, Ms. Cleghorn, and Ms. Hutchinson recused themselves. **9. Motion to approve calendar items 9. c**

Motion: Babakhanian Second: Perdue

Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe,	Travers	,		Cleghorn	Wadler
Freeman,	Von Gunten			Siegal	Woodruff
Perdue, C.				Hutchinson	Kim
Schmidt, T				Royal	C. Rowe
Schmidt,					
Babakhanian,					
Gordon, K					
Moran					

9 yes, 0 no, 2
ineligible, 0
abstain, 4
recuse, 4 absent
motion passed

For Continued Violations of the Code of Conduct

Recording
From the Board Meeting on February 9, 2022

2:32

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Violation of the following STNC Bylaws Page 3.

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STNC Bylaws page 6

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**This statement was made by Ms. Travers at the Board Meeting on February 9, 2022
The recorded statement starts at 2:32**

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Re-cap

- 1. Ms. Travers has failed to do her required trainings in Violation of State Law**
- 2. The STNC can receive a Grievance for failing to address these violations**
- 3. Ms. Travers continues to violate the Code of Conduct and the STNC Bylaws by discriminating against and verbally attacking community groups, based on religion, color, creed and political differences.**
- 4. Ms. Travers continues to vote on Funding matters which can cause the STNC to have our Funding Frozen since the Board Meeting Minutes and Board Votes on the official BAC's do not match and have to be adjusted. It is Ms. Travers responsibility to refrain from voting.**

**The Previous Censure is in the February 9, 22 STNC Board Packet
Starting on page 014**

<https://www.stnc.org/docs/34486132-10408.pdf>

Item 9. b. 20

The Web Corner, Inc.

Invoice

15300 Ventura Blvd. Suite 400
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
818-345-7443

Date	Invoice #	Terms
3/2/2022	23600	Due on Receipt

Bill To
Sunland Tujunga NC 7747 Foothill Blvd., Room 101 Tujunga, CA 91042

Ship To

QTY	Description	Price Each	Amount
	.ORG Domain Renewal STNC.ORG	30.00	30.00
		Total	\$30.00
		Payments/Credits	\$0.00
		Balance Due	\$30.00

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**Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting Draft Minutes
Wednesday, March 9, 2022**

1. **Call to Order, Welcome** - 7:00 PM by Chairwoman Lydia Grant.
 - a. Comments by President Grant

2. **Roll Call, Voting Eligibility** - 17 Present at Roll Call
 - a. Completion of City/DONE required trainings status
 - b. Announcements of vacant board seats

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Lydia Grant	Present	Yes	President
Lallah Rowe	Present	Yes	1st Vice President-CIGA
Karen Perdue	Present	Yes	2nd Vice President - Outreach
Ed Babakhanian	Present	Yes	Treasurer
Carol Hutchinson	Present	Yes	Secretary
Mark Seigel	Present	No	At-Large Group Representative
Leny Freeman	Present	Yes	Region 1 Representative
K.T. Travers	Present	Not on funding	Region 1 Representative
Trevor Schmidt	Present	Yes	Region 2 Representative
Claire Gordon	Present	Yes	Region 2 Representative
Jon von Gunten	Present	Yes	Region 3 Representative
Karen Moran	Present	Yes	Region 3 Representative
Cheryl Schmidt	Present	Yes	Region 4 Representative
Belinda Woodruff	Present	No	Region 4 Representative
Stakeholder Group Rep	Vacant		
Nina Royal	Present	Yes	STSERVS
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	Yes	STSH Community Fund
Chris Rowe	Present	Yes	Toastmasters
Shirley Kim	Present	Yes	Shekinah Church
Michelle Wadler	Present	Yes	Apperson PTA
Stakeholder Group Rep	Vacant		

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Leny Freeman

4. **Comment by Elected Officials/Representatives, DONE, City Departments**

LAPD Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Vi Potter

Declan Floyd from Sen. Portantino's office. Contact: declan.floyd@sen.ca.gov

Julissa Hernandez from Assemblymember Luz Rivas' office. Contact: julissa.hernandez@asm.ca.gov.

Eve Sinclair, Monica Rodriguez (CD 7)

5. Report from Ad Hoc By laws & Standing Rules committee- Bill Skiles gave update

6. Discussion/Possible Action: BONC Digital Media Policy

Board Comments: Leny Freeman, Lallah Rowe, Jon von Gunten

Public Comments: None

Item 8I. Motion to ask BONC to clarify/simplify language in Digital Policy					
Motion: Freeman 2 nd : Royal					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Freeman, Perdue, Hutchinson, Royal, C. Rowe, Moran, von Gunten, Cleghorn, Seigel, C. Schmidt, T. Schmidt, Babakhanian, Gordon 15 yes, 2 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent Motion passed	Travers Wadler				Woodruff Seigal

7. Discussion/Update on BONC/Empowerla Code of Conduct Policy.

- a. Comments by Lydia Grant

8. Committee and Liaison Reports

- a. STARC - KT Travers
- b. CIGA - Lallah Rowe
- c. Outreach- Karen Perdue
- d. YAEC- Lallah Rowe
- e. Beautification- Gerardo Barrientos
- f. Budget Advocate- Kevin Davis
- g. By laws- Bill Skiles as noted above

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR - NON-FUNDING ITEMS** - Note: Consent calendar items are considered to be non-controversial and will be treated as one agenda item. Any Board member or stakeholder may request that an item be removed. There will be no discussion of these items unless an item is removed from the consent calendar, in which case it will go to the end of New Business and be considered as time allows. **Motion to approve the following Consent Calendar items.**

Chairwoman Grant presented the items.

Items D and H removed for discussion

Item 9 A, B, C, E, F, G, I, J, K, L					
Motion: Royal 2 nd : L. Rowe					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Freeman, Perdue, Hutchinson, Royal, C. Rowe, Moran, von Gunten, Cleghorn, C. Schmidt, T. Schmidt, Babakhanian, Travers, Wadler, Gordon 17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent motion passed		(**Travers ineligible on funding**)			Woodruff Seigal

OLD BUSINESS:

10. Discussion/Action: Motion to submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) in SUPPORT of CF 21-0002-s196

Chairwoman Grant introduced the item.

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: Nina Royal, Jon von Gunten, Lallah Rowe

*****Motion to amend statement to say “for violent offenses”

Item 10. Motion to submit CIS in Support of CF 21-0002-196					
Motion: Hutchinson 2 nd : Royal					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Perdue, Babakhanian, Hutchinson, Freeman, T. Schmidt, von Gunten, Moran, C. Schmidt, Kim, C. Rowe, Royal, Cleghorn, 14 yes, 3 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent motion passed	Gordon, Wadler Travers				Woodruff Seigal

11. Discussion/Action: Motion to submit CIS in SUPPORT of CF-22-0002s5.

Chairwoman Grant introduced the item.

Public Comments: Jesse

Board Comments: Royal, Hutchinson, Freeman, Travers, L Rowe, Babakhanian

Item 11.					
Motion: Hutchinson 2 nd : Freeman					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Perdue, Babakhanian Hutchinson, Freeman, T. Schmidt, von Gunten, Moran, C. Schmidt, Kim, C. Rowe, Royal, Cleghorn 14 yes, 3 no, 0 abstain, 2 absent motion passed	Travers, Gordon, Wadler				Seigal Woodruff

12. Discussion/Action: Motion to submit CIS to OPPOSE CF-0963

Chairwoman Grant introduced the item.

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: Von Gunten, Hutchinson, Freeman, Grant

Mark Seigal here @ 8:40

Item 12. Motion: Perdue 2nd: L Rowe					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Perdue, Babakhanian Hutchinson, Freeman, Travers, T. Schmidt, von Gunten, Moran, C. Schmidt, Kim, C. Rowe, Royal, Cleghorn 16 yes, 2 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent motion passed	Gordon, Wadler				Woodruff

13. Discussion /Action: MOTION to submit CIS to OPPOSE, unless AMENDED, CF 21-1462

Chairwoman Grant introduced the item.

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: Hutchinson, Royal, Travers, L. Rowe, Freeman, Babakhanian, Seigal

Item 13.. Motion: L Rowe 2nd: Freeman					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Perdue, Babakhanian Hutchinson, Freeman, T. Schmidt, von Gunten, Moran, C. Schmidt, C. Rowe, Royal, Cleghorn 14 yes, 2 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent motion passed	Gordon, Wadler, Travers				Woodruff Kim

9. D Motion to approve up to \$50.00 per month for "Coffee and Tea with the STNC"

Item removed from Consent items for discussion

Public Comments: Gerardo, Tony Rodriquez

Board Comments: Grant, Travers, Cleghorn, Royal, Perdue, von Gunten, L Rowe, Seigal

Item 9 d Motion: Babakhanian 2nd: L Rowe					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Perdue, Babakhanian Hutchinson, Freeman, Travers, T. Schmidt, Gordon, von Gunten, Moran, C. Schmidt, C. Rowe, Royal, Cleghorn 14 yes, 2 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent motion passed		**Travers ineligible**			Woodruff Kim

9. Item H: postponed

NEW BUSINESS:

**15. General Public comment on NON-agenda items (taken out of order
John Hales re: CF 21-0112, Tony Rodriguez, Tony4America.US**

14 Presentation and Training on NC system: None

**16. FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & BOARD COMMENTS:
Cleghorn, Travers, von Gunten, Grant, Perdue, L. Rowe,**

17. ADJOURN: 9:30 pm

CF 21-1465

Item 9.e.

PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION

The City has a number of corridors populated with oversized vehicles, including recreational vehicles, which have contributed to certain traffic and public safety challenges including overcrowded streets, obstructed views, and decreased parking. This overpopulation of RVs may also present a public safety risk to RV dwellers as well.

In order to ensure the conditions of these corridors are not contributing to the recent upward trend in crime and protect community residents, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) should study the prevalence of crimes within corridors populated with recreational vehicles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the LAPD to report on violent and property crimes originating from or occurring within corridors populated with recreational vehicles.

PRESENTED BY: Monica Rodriguez
MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY: Paul Kutz

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PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION

For over one hundred years, the Los Angeles Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) has been at the core of technology adaptation. Through delivering core City services that make our neighborhoods work, whether it's repairing a broken light, or installing electric vehicle chargers, BSL works to maintain a network of more than 200,000 street lights. BSL's recent "LA Lights Strategic Plan 2020-2025" aims to provide reliable, safe infrastructure for all residents and visitors, with an emphasis on lighting the way for equity. Basic lighting technology and infrastructure have considerable impacts on the overall quality of a street, especially for transportation and public safety.

Copper wire and power theft ("CWPT") incidents have dramatically increased in recent years, rising 338% between 2017-2018 and 2019-2020. CWPT response times grew to over two months in 2019-2020 and ultimately impacted BSL's ability to respond to more routine maintenance such as a "single light out". Areas of Council District 7 have been affected by these issues and response times for routine maintenance have significantly increased. Support and resources are needed to address these immediate incidents, as well as for long-term goals such as the High Impact Area (HIA) initiative and its potential to pilot additional areas.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instructs the Bureau of Street Lighting, in coordination with the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst, to report to the Council in 30 days on an overtime staffing plan to help combat copper wire and power theft and lighting outages, particularly in areas disparately impacted by these events, such as Council District 7; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Street Lighting provide long-term programmatic efforts, as detailed in the *LA Lights Strategic Plan 2020-2025*, including expansion of the High Impact Area initiative for areas disparately impacted by lighting deficiencies.

PRESENTED BY: Monica Rodriguez
MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY: BJ Blum



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CF 22-0037

Item 9.g

INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY AND GENERAL SERVICE

MOTION

PUBLIC SAFETY

The National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 designates 9-8-8 as the universal telephone number for a suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system in the United States. Currently, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is the ten-digit number 1-800-273-8255, and on July 16, 2022, an easier to remember three-digit 9-8-8 will take effect. 9-8-8 will connect callers experiencing a mental health crisis to suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis services through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Network.

The American Rescue Plan provides funding for the implementation of 9-8-8 and also includes an 85% Federal Medicaid match for three years for mobile crisis intervention services. These mobile crisis teams should be supported by a full crisis continuum of care, which includes prevention, crisis response and post-crisis care.

To build out a crisis continuum of care, local, county, state and federal efforts must be aligned. The National Council for Behavioral Health issued a *Roadmap to the Ideal Crisis System* report which supports the development of a shared vision and building out a crisis continuum of care which includes crisis call center, mobile crisis response, walk-in urgent care, secure crisis center, 23-hour observation, residential crisis services, peer respite and sobering support services, hospitalization, and intensive crisis outpatient services.

The City of Los Angeles has embarked on a number of innovative crisis intervention programs such as the Therapeutic Van, CIRCLE, and the CRESS programs, and seeks to scale up community-based crisis response teams, a key component to the crisis continuum of care.


I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the General Services Department, and in consultation with the Council Offices, to identify potential community spaces that can be transformed into a community crisis resource center where mobile crisis response teams can be deployed and report back on the cost to operate these centers.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO report on funding sources potentially available to the City of Los Angeles to support the implementation of the 9-8-8 mental health crisis hotline system and implementation and/or expansion of mobile crisis response teams.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CAO, with the assistance of the CLA, report on models of and services provided by mobile crisis response teams that can qualify for Medicaid reimbursements and how they are supported by a county and/or State health, mental health, and homeless service programs.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CLA report on the progress and cost of unarmed mobile crisis response teams launched over the recent years including the University of California, cities within Southern California, and those identified in the September 18, 2020 CLA report (CF 20-0769).

PRESENTED BY: 
BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District


MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY: 
MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilmember, 7th District



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CF 21-1115

PUBLIC WORKS
PUBLIC SAFETY

Item 9. h.

MOTION

Bicycle theft is a continuing problem across the City, with large numbers of bicycles being reported stolen each year, and even more being stolen but not reported to the authorities. Unfortunately, the majority of stolen bicycles are not recovered, due in large part to thieves quickly disassembling them and selling them. Bicycle "chop shops," spaces where individuals take apart stolen bicycles, sell parts and reassembled bicycles, operate across the City, often right in the public right-of-way. Thieves have little or no fear of repercussions, as this activity is not expressly illegal and police do not have the resources to check every bicycle being disassembled in the street against lists of those that have been reported stolen.

The City of Long Beach had similar issues, and in 2018, adopted an ordinance prohibiting the operation of bicycle "chop shops" on public property or within the public right-of-way, with specified exceptions for licensed businesses and for individuals making repairs or present while repairs are being made to their own bicycles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present a draft ordinance to prohibit the assembly, disassembly, sale, offer of sale, distribution of bicycles and bicycle parts on public property or within the public right-of-way, modeled after a similar ordinance in the City of Long Beach.

PRESENTED BY:



JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:



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CF 20-1575

Item 9.i. ³⁰

PERSONNEL & ANIMAL WELFARE


MOTION

The City of Los Angeles has a history of acting in the best interest of animal welfare. The City took a leadership role in banning the use of bull hooks in the handling of elephants at traveling circuses or exhibitions, and the sale of fur products. Action to address inhumane treatment of animals at rodeos and rodeo-like events is long overdue. Numerous American cities have rodeo prohibitions or restrictions in place, including Pasadena, Irvine, and Napa County in California; Fort Wayne, Indiana; St. Petersburg, Florida; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Southampton, New York; and others. In 1992, Pittsburgh passed an ordinance that prohibited any rodeo or rodeo related event in which animals are induced or encouraged to perform through the use of any practice or technique, or any mechanical, electrical, or manual device that will cause, or is likely to cause physical injury, torment or suffering.

Rodeos often use a number of inhumane implements, including electric prods, flank straps, and spurs to encourage aggressive behavior in animals to produce an entertainment product. Animals suffer significant injuries during common rodeo events such as bull and bronco riding, steer wrestling, and calf roping. Many animals are put down as a result of injuries sustained during these events. There are a number of rodeo events in the County and City of Los Angeles that utilize inhumane methods or instruments during their events. It is time for our City to act in the interest of animal welfare on this issue as it has in the past for other issues.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance that would prohibit electric prods or shocking devices, flank or bucking straps, wire tiedowns, and sharpened or fixed spurs or rowels at all rodeo or rodeo related events in the City of Los Angeles, modeled after the City of Pittsburgh's 1992 ordinance banning the aforementioned implements.

PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENTFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:

MITCH O'FARRELL (verbal)
Councilmember, 13th District

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e. Discussion/possible action: CF 21-1465 Los Angeles Police Department / Property Crimes / RV Overpopulation

[21-1465 \(CFMS\) \(lacity.org\)](#)

CIS

The Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports Council File 21-1465 for LAPD to study the prevalence of crimes within corridors populated with recreational vehicles, It should also include any residential areas. Sunland-Tujunga is impacted by problematic RVs in its residential neighborhoods in addition to the main traffic corridors and roads.

f. Discussion/possible action: CF 22-0152 Copper Wire and Power Theft / Lighting Outages / High Impact Area / LA Lights Strategic Plan 2020-2025

[22-0152 \(CFMS\) \(lacity.org\)](#)

CIS

The Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports Council File CF 22-0152 to combat the copper wire, power theft and lighting outages.

g. Discussion/possible action: CF 22-0037 Crisis Continuum of Care / Community Resource Center / Mobile Crisis Response Teams Expansion / 988 Mental Health Crisis Hotline System / Medicaid Reimbursements

[22-0037 \(CFMS\) \(lacity.org\)](#)

CIS

The Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports Council File 22-0152 with the addition of armed Security to protect the Health Care workers and Mental Health Specialists in a very unsafe environment.

h. Discussion/possible action: 21-1115 Bicycle Chop Shops / Stolen Bicycle Disassembly / Public Right-of-Way / Prohibition

[21-1115 \(CFMS\) \(lacity.org\)](#)

CIS

The Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports Council File 21-1115. Due to the Proliferation of bicycle thefts and the growing number of RV's across the City overloaded with bicycles and parts selling them on the streets, we support the prosecution of these crimes. The City of Long Beach had a similar ordinance and the number of bicycle thefts drop.

i. Discussion/possible action: CF 20-1575 Inhumane Implements / Electric Prods or Shocking Devices / Flank or Bucking Straps / Wire Tiedowns / Sharpened or Fixed Spurs or Rowels / Prohibition / Rodeo Events

[20-1575 \(CFMS\) \(lacity.org\)](#)

CIS

The Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council Opposes Council File 20-1575 and supports the Letter written by The City of Los Angeles Equestrian Advisory Committee.

j. Discussion/possible action: CF 22-0176 LA Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation (LA WILD) / Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation Center / Wildlife Protection and Care / Potential Site Identification
[22-0176 \(CFMS\) \(lacity.org\)](#)

CIS

The Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports Council File CF 22-0176 to help Educate and Rehabilitate Wildlife for animals that otherwise might be taken to the Animal Shelters which do not have the facilities to provide for these animals. We ask the City to consider the Old LA Zoo site as a possibility for the location.

Item 9.1

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March 10, 2022

Subject: Notice of meeting observations and concerns about formal complaints received alleging exclusion of and/or discrimination by the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council and board members

Dear Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC),

We would like to thank the board for your continued service and dedication to the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council. Together, you work to identify and address issues affecting your community to effectively represent your community's voice at City Hall.

Neighborhood council leaders are some of the most dedicated people we know and have the pleasure of working with. Only the people engaged in the Neighborhood Council System can understand the implications of serving in your positions.

Our Department is committed to empowering Angelenos and building a community of elected volunteer leaders (organized on the Boards of 99 Neighborhood Councils located in 7 geographic Districts) that is unified, where people of different races, religions, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, ethnic backgrounds, can come together and overcome the challenges of the past and create stronger and more inclusive neighborhoods.

As a Department, we are also responsible for ensuring the successful operation of the neighborhood council system pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter (Charter Section 901) and Los Angeles Administrative Code (Section 22.801 and 22.810 1). The Department carries out its obligations in accordance with the Charter, Administrative Code, and other applicable laws and regulations, including policies adopted by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC).

It is in this capacity that we would like to share some meeting observations and concerns about formal complaints received alleging exclusion of and/or discrimination by Sunland-Tujunga board and board members.

As you know, when created, the Los Angeles City Charter envisioned a system that functions with an inclusive culture. Article 1 Section 6 of the Plan for Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils (The

Plan) states an objective of the neighborhood council system is to “*foster a sense of community for all people to express ideas and opinions about their neighborhoods and their government.*” Furthermore, Article II of The Plan states the desired characteristics of the neighborhood council system to be inclusive, and “*may not discriminate in any of their policies, recommendations or actions against any individual or group on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status, income, homeowner status, renter status or political affiliation.*”

Formal complaints have been presented over the last year and a half through the grievance portal. The grievances were filed by both stakeholders and by board members and can be reviewed on the Department’s [grievance portal webpage](#) (#289, #290, #291, #292, #310, #311, #312, #324, #349, #355, and #357.) Though the grievances were not certified due to technical issues, we do believe the issues presented in the grievance are important and need to be addressed by the board.

There are actions that the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council can consider implementing that would be responsive to the concerns and allow stakeholders to feel welcomed and included in the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council. Examples include:

1. Refrain from further use of references that call out a person’s race, religion, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status, income, homeowner/renter status, citizenship status, or political affiliation.
2. Consider embracing deliberate methods for creating diversity and a balanced representation on your board and committees.
3. Develop an approach to vetting stakeholder engagement and participation in the STNC that is consistent and unbiased for all candidates. This includes developing a uniform process to fill board vacancies from the application process to the questions that are asked of candidates by the board. Consider asking questions of all candidates that focus on the skills they bring to the board.
4. If a candidate is not appointed by the board, is another space available for them on the neighborhood council? Can their experience, skills, and abilities be of use and benefit to the STNC and the community.
5. Amend your bylaws and standing rules to incorporate processes as suggested in items #1-#4.

Be mindful that Sunland-Tujunga NC should conduct board business in a manner that is consistent with the Charter. The Department seeks to provide the Sunland-Tujunga NC as much support as possible to address these areas of concern. We believe that these recommendations will help the board move forward with more cohesion and productivity. Addressing these concerns as suggested above will minimize the need for the Department to consider options to address the concerns, including exhaustive efforts.

At a minimum, the Department requires the following:

- Adhere to all applicable laws, rules and regulations when conducting board business, including BONC policies, bylaws, funding guidelines, and standing rules when conducting board business.
- All neighborhood council board members must abide by the Code of Conduct, which states that neighborhood council board members should:
 - (Attachment A.1) conduct themselves in a professional and civil manner
 - (Attachment A.2) treat other Board Members and members of the public with respect regardless of the other's opinion, ethnicity, race, religion, religious belief or non-belief, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender

- expression, age, disability, marital status, income, homeowner status, renter status or political affiliation.
- (Attachment A.4) not use language that is threatening, obscene, or slanderous, including profanities, insults or other disparaging remarks or gestures directed toward other Board Members.
- (Attachment A.5) promotes and, if necessary, enforces a safe meeting environment. If other Board Members become disruptive or violate the Code of Conduct Neighborhood Council Board Members have agreed to abide by, *Board Members should demand that the offending Board Member conduct themselves in a respectful and orderly manner.*
- Respect board members and utilize his/her/their preferred pronouns.

We ask for your cooperation in this matter as we take these complaints very seriously. Please send any inquiry to the Department's Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Raul Preciado at raul.preciado@lacity.org

Thank you for your volunteer efforts and service to your community.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Serrano
Director of Civic Leadership

CC:

Raquel Beltran, General Manager

Elise Ruden, Deputy City Attorney

Raul Preciado, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate

Quyen Vo-Ramirez, North Valley Commissioner, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

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Grievance Determination
Grievant's Name: Claire Gordon**Neighborhood Council:** Sunland-Tujunga**Grievance Number:** 357**Complainant Alleges Violation of the Following:** Neighborhood Council Bylaw Article IV, VIII; Any other City code, executive directive, rule or regulation applicable to Neighborhood Councils.**Date Received:** February 18, 2022**Date of Department Review:** February 25, 2022

 Dear, Ms. Gordon:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) via the [Grievance Portal](#) relative to your grievance against the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council on February 18, 2022.

OVERVIEW OF GRIEVANCE-PROCESS:

The certification of a Grievance by the Department shall not be construed as a statement regarding the validity or invalidity of the Grievance. If a determination is made that the grievance meets the eligibility requirements as prescribed in the ordinance,, a notification will be sent to the Neighborhood Council in question describing the next steps and suggested remedy.

The Neighborhood Council Grievance process is, in general, authorized to address alleged violations of the Neighborhood Council's rules, Los Angeles City ordinances regarding the Neighborhood Council system, Neighborhood Council funding rules from the City Clerk, or policies of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment or Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC). The jurisdiction of complaints that are reviewed under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope. For example, the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is prohibited from addressing allegations against individual board members or addressing violations of State or Federal law.

Your grievance alleges:

- A Brown Act violation and misconduct of a specific board member
- **RESPONSE:** Pursuant to [Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance](#), the allegations above are considered to be outside of the jurisdiction of the grievance process. The Grievance is regarding an alleged Brown Act violation, and misconduct of a specific board member, which is, not an appropriate matter to be resolved under the Neighborhood Council Grievance Process. As such, Grievance #357 **will not be processed** by the department and is closed.

While the jurisdiction of your complaint under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope, your concerns will be forwarded to the Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate and Director who

works with the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council so that the matter can be addressed outside of the grievance process.

We recommend referring to Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance as it may provide answers to questions.

Respectfully,

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NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT200 N. Spring Street, 20th FL, Los Angeles, CA 90012 • (213) 978-1551 or Toll-Free 3-1-1E-mail: NCsupport@lacity.org www.EmpowerLA.org**Grievance Determination****Grievant's Name:** Evelyn Serrano**Neighborhood Council:** Sunland-Tujunga**Grievance Number:** 355**Complainant Alleges Violation of the Following:** Neighborhood Council Bylaw, Article VII Sections 1 and 2; Plan for the Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils Article II – Statement of Non-Discrimination**Date Received:** February 9, 2022**Date of Department Review:** February 15, 2022

Dear, Ms. Serrano:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) via the [Grievance Portal](#) relative to your grievance against the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council on February 9, 2022.

OVERVIEW OF GRIEVANCE-PROCESS:

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The Neighborhood Council Grievance process is, in general, authorized to address alleged violations of the Neighborhood Council's rules, Los Angeles City ordinances regarding the Neighborhood Council system, Neighborhood Council funding rules from the City Clerk, or policies of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment or Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC). The jurisdiction of complaints that are reviewed under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope. For example, the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is prohibited from addressing allegations against individual board members or addressing violations of State or Federal law.

Your grievance alleges:

- Allegations of discrimination
- **RESPONSE:** Pursuant to [Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance](#), the allegation above is considered to be outside of the jurisdiction of the grievance process. The Grievance is regarding a allegations of discrimination, which is, not an appropriate matter to be resolved under the Neighborhood Council Grievance Process. As such, Grievance #355 **will not be processed** by the department and is closed. While the jurisdiction of your complaint under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope, your concerns will be forwarded to the Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate who works with the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council so that the matter can be addressed outside of the grievance process.

We recommend referring to Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance as it may provide answers to questions.

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Grievance Determination

Grievant's Name: Judith Quinones

Neighborhood Council: Sunland-Tujunga

Grievance Number: 349

Complainant Alleges Violation of the Following: Neighborhood Council Bylaw, Article II

Date Received: January 13, 2022

Date of Department Review: January 24, 2022

Dear, Ms. Quinones:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) via the [Grievance Portal](#) relative to your grievance against the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council on January 13, 2022.

OVERVIEW OF GRIEVANCE-PROCESS:

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The Neighborhood Council Grievance process is, in general, authorized to address alleged violations of the Neighborhood Council's rules, Los Angeles City ordinances regarding the Neighborhood Council system, Neighborhood Council funding rules from the City Clerk, or policies of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment or Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC). The jurisdiction of complaints that are reviewed under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope. For example, the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is prohibited from addressing allegations against individual board members or addressing violations of State or Federal law.

RESPONSE: Pursuant to [Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance](#), the Department will not process more than three Grievance Forms filed by the same person in any calendar year and no more than five Grievance Forms filed by the same individual in any three year period. Because you've reached the limit of Grievance Forms filed, Grievance #349 will not be processed by the Department and the matter is closed.

Please contact me at Lorenzo.Briceno@lacity.org if additional clarification is needed relative to this Letter of Determination. We recommend referring to [Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance](#) as it may provide answers to questions.

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Grievance Determination

Grievant's Name: Judith Quinones

Neighborhood Council: Sunland-Tujunga

Grievance Number: 324

Complainant Alleges Violation of the Following: Neighborhood Council Bylaw, Article II

Date Received: July 23, 2021

Date of Department Review: August 2, 2021

Dear, Ms. Quinones:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) via the [Grievance Portal](#) relative to your grievance against the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council on July 23, 2021

OVERIEW OF GRIEVANCE-PROCESS:

The certification of a Grievance by the Department shall not be construed as a statement regarding the validity or invalidity of the Grievance. If a determination is made that the grievance meets the eligibility requirements as prescribed in the ordinance,, a notification will be sent to the Neighborhood Council in question describing the next steps and suggested remedy.

The Neighborhood Council Grievance process is, in general, authorized to address alleged violations of the Neighborhood Council's rules, Los Angeles City ordinances regarding the Neighborhood Council system, Neighborhood Council funding rules from the City Clerk, or policies of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment or Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC). The jurisdiction of complaints that are reviewed under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope. For example, the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is prohibited from addressing allegations against individual board members or addressing violations of State or Federal law.

RESPONSE: Pursuant to [Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance](#), the Department will not process more than three Grievance Forms filed by the same person in any calendar year and no more than five Grievance Forms filed by the same individual in any three year period. Because you've reached the limit of Grievance Forms filed, Grievance #324 will not be processed by the Department and the matter is closed.

Please contact me at Lorenzo.Briceno@lacity.org if additional clarification is needed relative to this Letter of Determination. We recommend referring to [Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance](#) as it may provide answers to questions.

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NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT200 N. Spring Street, 20th FL, Los Angeles, CA 90012 • (213) 978-1551 or Toll-Free 3-1-1E-mail: NCsupport@lacity.org www.EmpowerLA.org**Grievance Determination****Grievant's Name:** Liliana Sanchez**Neighborhood Council:** Sunland-Tujunga**Grievance Number:** 312**Complainant Alleges Violation of the Following:** Neighborhood Council Bylaw Article VIII Section 1B**Date Received:** May 27, 2021**Date of Department Review:** June 3, 2021

Dear, Ms. Sanchez:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) via the Grievance Portal relative to your grievance against the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council on May 27, 2021

OVERVIEW OF GRIEVANCE-PROCESS:

The certification of a Grievance by the Department shall not be construed as a statement regarding the validity or invalidity of the Grievance. If a determination is made that the grievance meets the eligibility requirements as prescribed in the ordinance,, a notification will be sent to the Neighborhood Council in question describing the next steps and suggested remedy.

The Neighborhood Council Grievance process is, in general, authorized to address alleged violations of the Neighborhood Council's rules, Los Angeles City ordinances regarding the Neighborhood Council system, Neighborhood Council funding rules from the City Clerk, or policies of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment or Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC). The jurisdiction of complaints that are reviewed under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope. For example, the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is prohibited from addressing allegations against individual board members or addressing violations of State or Federal law.

Your grievance alleges:

- Claims related to the Sunland Tujunga's Neighborhood Council Executive Committee
- **RESPONSE:** Grievance #312 is a duplicate of Grievance #310 and 311. This matter has been addressed in Grievance #310. As such, Grievance #312 is closed.

Please contact me at Lorenzo.Briceno@lacity.org if additional clarification is needed relative to this Letter of Determination. We recommend referring to Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance as it may provide answers to questions.

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NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT200 N. Spring Street, 20th FL, Los Angeles, CA 90012 • (213) 978-1551 or Toll-Free 3-1-1E-mail: NCsupport@lacity.org www.EmpowerLA.org**Grievance Determination****Grievant's Name:** Liliana Sanchez**Neighborhood Council:** Sunland-Tujunga**Grievance Number:** 311**Complainant Alleges Violation of the Following:** Neighborhood Council Bylaw Article VIII Section 1B**Date Received:** May 27, 2021**Date of Department Review:** June 3, 2021

Dear, Ms. Sanchez:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) via the [Grievance Portal](#) relative to your grievance against the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council on May 27, 2021

OVERVIEW OF GRIEVANCE-PROCESS:

The certification of a Grievance by the Department shall not be construed as a statement regarding the validity or invalidity of the Grievance. If a determination is made that the grievance meets the eligibility requirements as prescribed in the ordinance,, a notification will be sent to the Neighborhood Council in question describing the next steps and suggested remedy.

The Neighborhood Council Grievance process is, in general, authorized to address alleged violations of the Neighborhood Council's rules, Los Angeles City ordinances regarding the Neighborhood Council system, Neighborhood Council funding rules from the City Clerk, or policies of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment or Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC). The jurisdiction of complaints that are reviewed under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope. For example, the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is prohibited from addressing allegations against individual board members or addressing violations of State or Federal law.

Your grievance alleges:

- Claims related to the Sunland Tujunga's Neighborhood Council Executive Committee
- **RESPONSE:** Grievance #311 is a duplicate of Grievance #310. This matter has been addressed in Grievance #310. As such, Grievance #311 is closed.

Please contact me at Lorenzo.Briceno@lacity.org if additional clarification is needed relative to this Letter of Determination. We recommend referring to [Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance](#) as it may provide answers to questions.

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Grievance Determination

Grievant's Name: Liliana Sanchez

Neighborhood Council: Sunland-Tujunga

Grievance Number: 310

Complainant Alleges Violation of the Following: Neighborhood Council Bylaw Article VIII Section 1B

Date Received: May 26, 2021

Date of Department Review: June 3, 2021

Dear, Ms. Sanchez:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) via the [Grievance Portal](#) relative to your grievance against the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council on May 26, 2021

OVERVIEW OF GRIEVANCE-PROCESS:

The certification of a Grievance by the Department shall not be construed as a statement regarding the validity or invalidity of the Grievance. If a determination is made that the grievance meets the eligibility requirements as prescribed in the ordinance,, a notification will be sent to the Neighborhood Council in question describing the next steps and suggested remedy.

The Neighborhood Council Grievance process is, in general, authorized to address alleged violations of the Neighborhood Council's rules, Los Angeles City ordinances regarding the Neighborhood Council system, Neighborhood Council funding rules from the City Clerk, or policies of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment or Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC). The jurisdiction of complaints that are reviewed under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope. For example, the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is prohibited from addressing allegations against individual board members or addressing violations of State or Federal law.

Your grievance alleges:

- Claims related to the Sunland Tujunga's Neighborhood Council Executive Committee
- **RESPONSE:** Pursuant to [Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance](#), the allegations above are considered to be outside of the jurisdiction of the grievance process. The grievance is regarding an allegation involving an action or inaction by a Neighborhood Council committee, which is, not an appropriate matter to be resolved under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process. As such, Grievance #310 is closed. While the jurisdiction of your complaint under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope, your concerns will be forwarded to the Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate who works with the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council so that the matter can be addressed with the Chair.

Please contact me at Lorenzo.Briceno@lacity.org if additional clarification is needed relative to this Letter of Determination. We recommend referring to [Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance](#) as it may provide answers to questions.

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Grievance Determination

Grievant's Name: Eric Santiestevan

Neighborhood Council: Sunland-Tujunga

Grievance Number: 291

Complainant Alleges Violation of the Following: Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 54954.3(a); Any other City code, executive directive, rule or regulation applicable to Neighborhood Councils.

Date Received: February 28, 2021

Date of Department Review: March 8, 2021

Dear, Mr. Santiestevan:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) via the [Grievance Portal](#) relative to your grievance against the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council on February 28, 2021.

OVERVIEW OF GRIEVANCE-PROCESS:

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The Neighborhood Council Grievance process is, in general, authorized to address alleged violations of the Neighborhood Council's rules, Los Angeles City ordinances regarding the Neighborhood Council system, Neighborhood Council funding rules from the City Clerk, or policies of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment or Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC). The jurisdiction of complaints that are reviewed under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope. For example, the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is prohibited from addressing allegations against individual board members or addressing violations of State or Federal law.

Your grievance alleges:

- Claims related to Ralph M. Brown Act.
- **RESPONSE:** Pursuant to [Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance](#), the allegations above are considered to be outside of the jurisdiction of the grievance process. The Neighborhood Council Grievance process is prohibited from addressing violations of State law. As such, Grievance #291 is closed. While the jurisdiction of your complaint under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope, your concerns will be forwarded to the Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate who works with the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council so that the matter can be addressed with the Chair.

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Grievance Determination

Grievant's Name: Judith Quinones

Neighborhood Council: Sunland-Tujunga

Grievance Number: 292

Complainant Alleges Violation of the Following: Neighborhood Council Bylaw Article Number VIII Section 2

Date Received: March 2, 2021

Date of Department Review: March 10, 2021

Dear, Ms. Quinones:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) via the [Grievance Portal](#) relative to your grievance against the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council on March 2, 2021.

OVERVIEW OF GRIEVANCE-PROCESS:

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The Neighborhood Council Grievance process is, in general, authorized to address alleged violations of the Neighborhood Council's rules, Los Angeles City ordinances regarding the Neighborhood Council system, Neighborhood Council funding rules from the City Clerk, or policies of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment or Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC). The jurisdiction of complaints that are reviewed under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope. For example, the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is prohibited from addressing allegations against individual board members or addressing violations of State or Federal law.

Your grievance alleges:

- Claims related to wrongdoing against the Executive Committee.
- **RESPONSE:** Pursuant to [Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance](#), the allegations above are considered to be outside of the jurisdiction of the grievance process. The grievance alleges wrongdoing against a Neighborhood Council Committee, which is, not an appropriate matter to be resolved under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process. As such, Grievance #292 is closed. While the jurisdiction of your complaint under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope, your concerns will be forwarded to the Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate who works with the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council so that the matter can be addressed with the Chair.

Please contact me at Lorenzo.Briceno@lacity.org if additional clarification is needed relative to this Letter of Determination. We recommend referring to [Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance](#) as it may provide answers to questions.

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NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT200 N. Spring Street, 20th FL, Los Angeles, CA 90012 • (213) 978-1551 or Toll-Free 3-1-1E-mail: NCSupport@lacity.org www.EmpowerLA.org**Grievance Determination****Grievant's Name:** Judith Quinones**Neighborhood Council:** Sunland-Tujunga**Grievance Number:** 290**Complainant Alleges Violation of the Following:** Neighborhood Council Bylaw, Article IV Section B; Plan for the Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils, Article II, Section 2**Date Received:** February 23, 2021**Date of Department Review:** March 3, 2021

Dear, Ms. Quinones:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) via the [Grievance Portal](#) relative to your grievance against the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council on February 23, 2020

OVERVIEW OF GRIEVANCE-PROCESS:

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The Neighborhood Council Grievance process is, in general, authorized to address alleged violations of the Neighborhood Council's rules, Los Angeles City ordinances regarding the Neighborhood Council system, Neighborhood Council funding rules from the City Clerk, or policies of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment or Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC). The jurisdiction of complaints that are reviewed under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope. For example, the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is prohibited from addressing allegations against individual board members or addressing violations of State or Federal law.

Your grievance alleges:

- Claims related to an agenda item request that included a stakeholder drafted measure along with the signatures of over 50 stakeholders.
- **RESPONSE:** Pursuant to [Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance](#), the allegations above are considered to be outside of the jurisdiction of the grievance process. The grievance alleges wrongdoing against an individual(s), which is, not an appropriate matter to be resolved under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process. As such, Grievance #290 is closed. While the jurisdiction of your complaint under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope, your concerns will be forwarded to the Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate who works with the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council so that the matter can be addressed with the Chair.

Please contact me at Lorenzo.Briceno@lacity.org if additional clarification is needed relative to this Letter of Determination. We recommend referring to [Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance](#) as it may provide answers to questions.

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Grievance Determination

Grievant's Name: Judith Quinones

Neighborhood Council: Sunland-Tujunga

Grievance Number: 289

Complainant Alleges Violation of the Following: Neighborhood Council Bylaw, Article IV Section B; Plan for the Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils, Article II, Section 2

Date Received: February 19, 2021

Date of Department Review: February 26, 2021

Dear, Ms. Quinonex:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) via the [Grievance Portal](#) relative to your grievance against the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council on February 19, 2020

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The Neighborhood Council Grievance process is, in general, authorized to address alleged violations of the Neighborhood Council's rules, Los Angeles City ordinances regarding the Neighborhood Council system, Neighborhood Council funding rules from the City Clerk, or policies of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment or Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC). The jurisdiction of complaints that are reviewed under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope. For example, the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is prohibited from addressing allegations against individual board members or addressing violations of State or Federal law.

Your grievance alleges:

- Claims related to the Neighborhood Council's Bylaws and the Plan for the Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils.
- **RESPONSE:** Pursuant to [Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance](#), the allegations above are considered to be outside of the jurisdiction of the grievance process. The grievance alleges wrongdoing against an individual(s), which is, not an appropriate matter to be resolved under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process. As such, Grievance #289 is closed. While the jurisdiction of your complaint under the Neighborhood Council Grievance process is limited in scope, your concerns will be forwarded to the Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate who works with the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council so that the matter can be addressed with the Chair.

Please contact me at Lorenzo.Briceno@lacity.org if additional clarification is needed relative to this Letter of Determination. We recommend referring to Sec. 22.818. Neighborhood Council Grievances Ordinance as it may provide answers to questions.

Respectfully,

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RAQUEL BELTRÁN
GENERAL MANAGER

March 8, 2022

Honorable John Lee, Chairperson

Honorable Members of the Arts, Parks, Health,
Education, and Neighborhoods Committee
c/o Office of the City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUBJECT: NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

BACKGROUND: On August 11, 2020, the City Council approved CF 20-0990 (Bonin/Koretz) instructing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department/EmpowerLA), in consultation and collaboration with the Civil +Human Rights and Equity Department (CHRED) to report back to City Council with a plan to implement mandatory diversity equity and inclusion training and anti-bias training for all members of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils. The motion was amended on September 17, 2021 by the Health, Education, Neighborhoods and Parks Committee to include implementation of the Mayor’s Executive Order No. 27 regarding racial equity in city government plans at the Neighborhood Council level, in consultation with the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, the Commission on Civil Rights, and any relevant departments and commission. The motion was amended on January 19, 2021 (Blumenfield/O’Farrell) to include gender expressions and gender in our response.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's and CHRED's report and instruct the Departments to continue the implementation of mandatory diversity equity and inclusion training and anti-bias, gender expression and gender identity training for all members of Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils as described in this report.
2. Request the Office of the City Attorney, in consultation with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and any other relevant department, to prepare and present an Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require neighborhood council board and committee members to complete the training on implicit bias developed for City employees in compliance with the Mayor's Executive Directive No. 27.
3. Request the Office of the City Attorney, in consultation with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and any other relevant department, to prepare and present an Ordinance authorizing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to promulgate all procedures, rules and regulations, as well as issue any directives or moratorium necessary for the resolution of any challenges to current and future required trainings for neighborhood councils.
4. Request the Office of the City Attorney, in consultation with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and any other relevant department, to prepare and present an Ordinance authorizing the Department to amend neighborhood council bylaws to ensure that the bylaws comply with this instruction, the Los Angeles Administrative code, or the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils.
5. Request the Office of the City Attorney, in consultation with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and any other relevant department, to prepare and present an Ordinance authorizing the Department to amend Neighborhood Council bylaws and to affix Neighborhood Council's bylaws amendments as necessary to promulgate any training procedures, rules or regulations promulgated by the Department.
6. The training rules and regulations shall take precedence over any inconsistent language in the Neighborhood Council's bylaws.
7. Request the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Office of the City Clerk to provide a report describing the training currently provided to the Neighborhood Council System, and recommending what training, if any, that should also be made mandatory by Ordinance.

SUMMARY:

The Department took action to assess options for developing and implementing the requested mandatory trainings without additional resources. The City of Los Angeles Personnel Department concurrently researched and interviewed nationally acclaimed organizations and institutes with proven track records and expertise to provide programming adequate to implement Executive Directive #27 for City Departments, employees, and volunteers.

On January 21, 2021, Mayor Eric Garcetti announced the creation of the Anti-bias Learning for Employees (ABLE) initiative - a mandatory implicit bias training program for all City employees. Led by the Personnel Department, the ABLE training adapted the Kirwan Institute modules to deliver City of Los Angeles-specific content.

The ABLE training is now available on the City's Cornerstone training platform. Since neighborhood council mandatory trainings are also provided on the Cornerstone platform, the Department made the ALBE training accessible to neighborhood council leaders through their Cornerstone accounts assigned and funded by EmpowerLA.

The Department piloted self-regulation of the ABLE training. Once available on Cornerstone, neighborhood council boards were required to complete the training and report on action taken to ensure 100% completion of the training by March 1, 2022.

As of January 30, 2022, over 50% of NC leaders have completed the ABLE I training. EmpowerLA believes that without a clear directive from the City Council requiring the training and authorizing the Department to promulgate enforcement rules, it will be unlikely to achieve 100% compliance with all board members.

As it relates to gender expression and gender identity training, the Department partnered with the CHRED to retain the services of the University of Southern California's Center on Race and Equity to implement the gender / gender identity implicit bias training. Founded by Professor Shaun R. Harper, the Center's strength resides in its interdisciplinary network of experts on race and racism, people of color, immigration, and other essential equity dimensions.

The anticipated program with USC would provide for (1) implicit bias gender & gender identity training to NCs. The training will be provided in a format that is compatible with the City's current training portal, Cornerstone. This format will allow access while also providing the ability to track participation of NCs in this training. Additionally, the program would provide for (1) training session to EmpowerLA staff and selected neighborhood council leaders on implicit bias mitigation. Our target date for releasing this training is late June 2022.

Our report details our concerted effort to advance the City Council's intent as described in CF 20-0990. However, it is clear that achieving full compliance with City Council training or other City Council action or directives requires providing the Department with authority to carry out City Council courses of action.

FISCAL IMPACT:

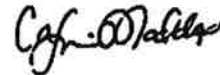
No fiscal impact with this report. Thank you for your review of this report.

The Department of Empowerment and the Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department appreciates the opportunity to present this report. We are available to answer any questions at your convenience.

Respectfully,



Raquel Beltran,
General Manager
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment



Capri Maddox,
General Manager
Civil, Human Rights,
and Equity Department

CF 22-0176

MOTION


According to the Los Angeles Animal Services and the Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control, there were over 12,000 total wildlife intakes from 2019-2020, with about 7,000 intakes within the City of Los Angeles. Neither LA County Animal Care and Control nor Los Angeles City Animal Services are equipped to care for sick, injured, and orphaned native wildlife, the majority of which are euthanized. The City's wildlife is an essential portion of the overall environment, and it is critical to protect the wildlife within the City's boundaries especially in the urban metropolitan areas.

LA Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation (LA WILD) is a non-profit organized and explicitly operated to rehabilitate and release back into the wild, sick, injured, or orphaned local wildlife in the metropolitan areas of Los Angeles. Additionally, LA WILD provides educational programs for the public on how to coexist with wildlife to minimize negative outcomes for residents, businesses, and local wildlife.

LA WILD is proposing an education & wildlife rehabilitation center comprising an animal hospital complex and a space for LA WILD administrative staff. The proposed hospital complex includes an intake desk, intake exam and treatment room with digital x-ray, animal care rooms, treatment/surgery room, a kitchen for animal food preparation, as well as an animal care laundry facility and outdoor wildlife rehabilitation enclosures. Additionally, the administration space incorporates Executive Director and staff offices, an outdoor patio, and a volunteer training and education room. The proposed rehabilitation center will be fully equipped to provide the necessary care for any native wildlife brought into the facility, for which LA WILD will be permitted.

LA WILD is searching for a secure and quiet site with one (1) to two (2) acres of land appropriately zoned for wildlife rehabilitation, with access to water, power, and sewage. The site will need to include staff and volunteer parking and public access to deliver injured wildlife to the animal hospital. The site must be offered at no cost to LA WILD; however, LA WILD will be responsible for all administrative staff, operating expenses for utilities, buildings/trailers, office & hospital equipment, medical supplies, food and animal enclosures.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Department of General Services and the Department of Recreation and Parks, along with the Los Angeles Zoo, to report within 60 days with potential locations that could meet LA WILD's facility requirements for an LA Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation Center.

PRESENTED BY 
JOHN S. LEE
Councilmember, 12th District

PRESENTED BY 
NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY 




FEB 16 2022

**Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting
February 9, 2022**

1. Call to Order, Welcome - Lydia Grant, President
 - a. Call to Order at
 - b. Upcoming Dates: Homeless Count DATE CHANGED TO FEB 22 - Sign up here: https://www.theycountwillyou.org/tujunga_count_20220125
 - c. Volunteers still needed for STNC storage inventory contact Karen Perdue
 - d. "Water Talks" presentation with Tree People [Xiomara Duran] will be held during the Feb. 22 Town Hall
 - e. BONC to vote March 1 on the Neighborhood Council new Digital Media Policy

2. Roll Call, Voting Eligibility - Carol Hutchinson, Secretary

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Lydia Grant	Present	Yes	President
Lallah Rowe	Present	Yes	1st Vice President-CIGA
Karen Perdue	Present	Yes	2nd Vice President - Outreach
Ed Babakhanian	Present	Yes	Treasurer
Carol Hutchinson	Present	Yes	Secretary
Mark Seigel	Present	Yes	At-Large Group Representative
Leny Freeman	Present	Yes	Region 1 Representative
K.T. Travers	Present	Not on funding	Region 1 Representative
Trevor Schmidt	Present	Yes	Region 2 Representative
Claire Gordon	Present	Yes	Region 2 Representative
Jon von Gunten	Present	Yes	Region 3 Representative
Karen Moran	Present	Yes	Region 3 Representative
Cheryl Schmidt	Present	Yes	Region 4 Representative
Belinda Woodruff	Present	Yes	Region 4 Representative
Stakeholder Group Rep	Vacant		
Nina Royal	Present	Yes	STSERSVS
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	Yes	STSH Community Fund
Chris Rowe	Present	Yes	Toastmasters
Shirley Kim	Present	Yes	Shekinah Church
Michelle Wadler	Present	Yes	Apperson PTA
Stakeholder Group Rep	Vacant		
Quorum: 11 19 present at roll call			

- a. Completion of Anti-Bias training by board members.
- b. Completion of other City required trainings

- c. Announcement of vacant board seats: Stakeholder Group Representative - Two Positions - Details at https://www.stnc.org/readpost.php?news_id=776

3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Leny Freeman

4. **Comments: LAPD, Elected Officials/Representatives, DONE, City Departments**

- a. LAPD- Violet Potter- Superbowl is affecting staffing being directed downtown- ST 16th overall in ranking for crimes in City, crime is up in ST. People are leaving cars unlocked making them easy victims. Shooting in LVT, suspect arrested.
- b. Julissa Hernandez, (Assemblymember Luz Rivas) contact- 818-504-3911
- i. Vaccine popup in No Hollywood-and one Feb 25 at Red line station in No Ho
 - ii. Collaborated on homeless town hall. See the Assembly member's FB page for updates-
 - iii. AB 1690- Smoking reduction/hazard waste
 - iv. Please call her office if stakeholders wish to weigh in on items-
 - v. Lydia Grant asked that the Assemblymember help with issues with Mt Gleason?NVMI
- c. Eve Sinclair (Monica Rodriguez CD 7)
- i. DOT – 13 new crosswalks being added-adding crosswalks at Foothill and Floralita and at Foothill and Whitegate (hybrid beacon)- Continental style
 - ii. Left turn signal at Foothill and Mt. Gleason
 - iii. Emergency beacon at Foothill and Wyngate for firestation
 - iv. Lighting completed at Finn Park
 - v. Operation Brightspot will from the 210 and Sunland Blvd to along Foothill to Tujung and Commerce to Valmont
 - vi. The Department is still working on No Oversize parking on the street behind Auto Zone and at Sherman Grove and Forsythe. It has been approved- but it is still in Queue.
 - vii. Covid testing available at NVCH open 10- 5:30 pm- walk in or appt.
 - viii. There will be green hashmarks added at "conflict zones" where traffic crosses bike lanes
 - ix. DOT creating a web page in order to collect more information from public- Eve will let us know when it is available-
 - x. No Seniors Valentine Ball this year due to covid-
- d. Vanessa Serrano introduced the new DONE rep for the STNC- Raul Preciado.
- i. Reminder that By law changes are due by Apr 1.
 - ii. Raul Preciado introduce himself to board-
 1. Re Conflict of interest- board members need to consult with City Atty. Item should be tabled until atty consulted.
 2. Due to issues with EmpowerLa email addresses between January 20 through Jan 28 emails sent to any EmpowerLa may not have been received
- e. Michelle Vergara (Mayor Garcetti) contact: Michelle.Vergara@lacity.org 213-400-9816
- i. Metro has resumed fares but at a 50% reduced rate for next six months
 - ii. Metro has a program to give eligible individuals even more reduced rates
 - iii. Student to Student Success program- High School kids can apply for-work skills, and tutoring younger students at certain schools- East Valley, Van Nuys, Panorama City and Arleta High Schools. For more information, please email or call Michelle

- f. Declan Floyd (Sen. Portantino) Declan.Floyd@sen.ca.gov
- i. Mortgage relief meeting Feb 10 at 5 pm

5. Report from The Land Use Committee: Discussion/Possible Action that STNC board approves letter of non-support for proposed 46 unit apartment development at Plainview & Foothill (former Denny's). KT Travers asked that a paragraph be included referring to the air quality in Sunland Tujunga. She will send paragraph to Pati Potter for inclusion- LUC Representative Pati Potter commented on item

Public Comments: None
 Board Comments: Ed Babakhanian, KT Travers

Item 5 Motion to approve LUC letter of opposition to proposed apartment development at Plainview & Foothill					
Motion: Cleghorn Second: L. Rowe					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L Rowe, Babakhanian, Perdue, Hutchinson, Freeman, Travers, Schmidt, Gordon, von Gunten, Moran, Woodruff, C. Schmidt, Wadler, Kim, C. Rowe, Cleghorn, Siegal					
19 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 0 recuse, 0 absent					

KT Travers asked that a paragraph be included referring to the air quality in Sunland Tujunga. She will send paragraph to Pati Potter for inclusion-

Public Comment: None

Item 5 Motion to add comment regarding the impact on air quality be added to the letter- KT Travers to send comment for inclusion in letter					
Motion: KT Travers Second: Nina Royal					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L Rowe, Babakhanian, Perdue, Hutchinson, Freeman, Travers, Schmidt, Gordon, von Gunten, Moran, Woodruff, C. Schmidt, Wadler, Kim, C. Rowe, Cleghorn, Siegal					
19 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 0 recuse, 0 absent					

Item 5 Motion to approve LUC letter of opposition with added statement regarding air quality					
Motion: Cleghorn Second: L. Rowe					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L Rowe, Babakhanian, Perdue, Hutchinson, Freeman, Travers, Schmidt, Gordon, von Gunten, Moran, Woodruff, C. Schmidt, Wadler, Kim, C. Rowe, Cleghorn, Siegal					
19 yes, 0 no, 0 ineligible, 0 recuse, 0 absent					

5. Committee & Liaison Report

- a. Outreach: Karen Perdue
- b. Youth & Adult Education: Lallah Rowe

c. STARC: KT Travers

Public Comment: Bart Trevino- Re YAEC- San Fernando Partnership regarding substance abuse partnership with YAEC, Evelyn Serrano

7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -

- a. Discussion/ Motion to approve the December 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report and Balances (MER)
- b. Discussion/ Motion to approve the January 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report and Balances (MER)
- c. Discussion/Action/Motion to approve payment to Lloyd Staffing in the amount of \$111.80 for time keeping (funding is approved and set aside this only approve this expense)
- d. Discussion/Motion to approve the January 12, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
- e. Discussion/Action Motion to submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) in SUPPORT of CF 21-0002-s196 – legislation which would reinstate cash bail.
- f. Discussion/Action: Motion to submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) in SUPPORT of CF 22-0002-S5 which SUPPORTS Assembly Bill 1603 (Salas) which would decrease the threshold for value of property in thefts that can be charged as grand theft from \$950 to \$400.
- g. Discussion/Action: Motion to request the City to immediately return to full services in our animal shelters.
- h. Discussion/Action: Motion to submit Community Impact Statement (CIS) in opposition of CF 20-0963 regarding mail in ballots.

Claire Gordon requested Items E. F.and H. be pulled for discussion
 Item D pulled- Minutes not available

Item 7 A. B. C. G. Motion to approve items a,b, c, g					
Motion: Ed Babakhanian Second: Lallah Rows					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L. Rowe, Perdue, Babakhanian, Hutchinson, Freeman, Travers, T, Schmidt, Gordon, von Gunten, Moran, Woodruff, C. Schmidt, Wadler, Kim, C. Rowe, Royal, Cleghorn, Siegal		Travers			
18 yes, 0 no, 1 ineligible					

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS:

8. MOTION TO CENSURE in accordance with BONC Policy KT Travers, Region 1 Representative of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council for violation of Code of Conduct.

Vanessa Serrano (DONE) read message from DONE

Board Comment: Claire Gordon

Mark Seigel and Cheryl Schmidt read statements regarding alleged Code of Conduct and Bylaws violations

KT Travers read statement

Public Comment: Brenda McAlpine, Mary Soracco, Pati Potter, Marty Barrett, Denise Soto, Marjorie Maxon, Kathleen (Pierce), Evelyn Serrano, Jim.

Board Comments: Cheryl Schmidt, Seigel, Claire Gordon, Ed Babakhanian, Karen Perdue, Jon von Gunten, Trevor Schmidt, KT Travers, Nina Royal

Item Motion to censure KT Travers for Code of Conduct and By-laws violations					
Motion: Cheryl Schmidt		Second: Karen Perdue			
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L Rowe, Perdue, Babakhanian, Hutchinson, Freeman, T. Schmidt, von Gunten, Moran, Woodruff, Royal, Siegal, Cleghorn, C. Schmidt	Gordon Wadler	Travers	Kim, C Rowe		
14 yes, 2 no, 1 ineligible, 2 abstain					

9. DISCUSSION/ACTION/MOTION: To approve appointment of Judith Quinones as a Stakeholder Group Representative representing Against Bigotry, Responding with Action (ABRA)
 Questions from Board: Mark Seigel, Nina Royal, Belinda Woodruff, Shirley Kim, Karen Perdue

Public Comments: Mary Soracco, Liliana Sanchez, Wally, Brenda McAlpine, Marty Barrett, Jamie Penn, Jim, Caller 763, Hannah Murray, Evelyn Serrano, Eric Santestevan, Joel Patrick, Denise Soto, John Doe, Karen von Gunten

Board Comments: Mark Seigel, Trevor Schmidt, Claire Gordon, Cheryl Schmidt, Karen Perdue, Jon von Gunten, Nina Royal

Item: To Approve appointment of Judith Quinones as Stakeholder Group Rep for ABRA					
Motion: KT Travers		Second: Michelle Wadler			
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Travers, Gordon, Wadler	Grant, L Rowe, Perdue, Babakhanian, Hutchinson, Freeman, T. Schmidt, von Gunten, Moran, Woodruff, C. Schmidt, Kim, C. Rowe, Royal, Cleghorn, Siegal				
3 yes, 16 no, 0 ineligible, 0, abstain, 0 recuse, 0 absent					

10. DISCUSSION/ACTION/MOTION: To approve letter to Chief Michel Moore, L.A. City Council, L.A. City Attorney in response to the removal of our Senior Lead Officers in Sunland-Tujunga.

Public comments: Steve Reilly, Pat Kramer

Board comments: KT Travers, J von Gunten, Freeman, Gordon, Royal, Wadler, Rowe

Item: 10 Motion to approve letter to Chief Moore, City Council, L.A. City Attorney					
Motion: Carol Hutchinson		Second: Nina Royal			
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L Rowe, Perdue, Babakhanian, Perdue, Hutchinson, Freeman, Travers, T. Schmidt, Gordon, von Gunten, Moran, Woodruff, C. Schmidt, Kim, C. Rowe, Cleghorn, Siegal	Wadler				

18 yes, 1 no, 0 ineligible, 0 recuse, 0 absent					
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12. Discussion/Action: MOTION that STNC write a letter to the City Council, BONC, DONE, City Controller and Mayor demanding a full investigation regarding DONE Election monies spent for the 2021 NC elections - reference: Reseda NC letter.

Public Comments: None

Board Comments- von Gunten

Item 12 Motion to approve letter to the City Council, BONC, DONE, City Controller and Mayor-					
Motion: Mark Siegal Second: Nina Royal					
Yes	No	Ineligible	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Grant, L Rowe, Babakhanian, Perdue, Hutchinson, Freeman, Travers, T. Schmidt, Gordon, v Gunten, Moran, Woodruff, C Schmidt, Wadler, Kim, C Rowe, Royal, Cleghorn, Sieggal					
19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain					

13. PRESENTATION & TRAINING on the Neighborhood Council (NC) System

- a. Bylaws, Standing Rules, BONC Policies, Brown Act (Meeting Agenda Posting, ENS)
- b. NC Meetings: Agenda Items, Presenters, Meeting Agendas, Making Motions, Community Impact Statements
- c. NC Alliances, STNC Community Events/Meetings, Other Training Opportunities

14. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - One minute per speaker unless otherwise announced by the presiding officer – Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda items, issues, announcements within the jurisdiction of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council. The Brown Act prevents the Board from commenting on your comments. If you wish to speak, either raise your hand (on computer or tablet) or dial *9 (on your cell phone).

Public comment: Evelyn Serrano, Judith Quinones, Bart Trevino, Jim

15. FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & BOARD COMMENTS

Board comments: Mark Seigel, Cindy Cleghorn, T Schmidt, KT Travers, L Rowe, Gordon, Royal, Grant,

16. ADJOURN 10:54 pm