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**Special General Board Meeting Agenda**

***Happy Valentine's Day***

**Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89206524158>

**Meeting ID: 892 0652 4158**

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**7:00 PM**

Every person wishing to address the Board virtually may join by clicking on the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89206524158> or by dialing (669) 900-6833 or (888) 475 4499 and entering Web ID # **892 0652 4158** and then pressing #. When prompted by the presiding officer to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial \*9 or use the Raise Hand option to address the Board 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. Public comment on any agenda item will be limited to 1 minute per person and a total of 30 minutes unless adjusted by the presiding officer. Comments from the public on 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.

**This meeting is being held by the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council using teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8(a)(2)(B).**

1. **Call to Order, Welcome - Lydia Grant, President**

**a. In Memory of Marlene Hitt**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **STNC President's Updates**
4. **Roll Call, Voting Eligibility** - Karen Moran, Recording Secretary & Completion of City / DONE  
Required trainings status for the STNC board & committees
5. **Announce any Board member recusals or paid lobbyists in attendance**
6. **Discussion/Action: Applications to fill board seats – last opportunity before May 17, 2025**
  - a. To appoint Deborah Ramirez to Region 4 Representative
  - b. Motion to approve Aaron Peterson as Education Representative
  - c. Motion to fill Region 2 representative vacancy
7. **Notice of Board Vacancies: Region 2 Representative & Region 4 Representative – Region 2 Representative:** North-West Tujunga Region: North of Foothill Boulevard, from Mount Gleason Avenue and Big Tujunga Canyon Road to Commerce Avenue and Seven Hills Drive. **Region 4 Representative** - South of Foothill Blvd. between Sunland Blvd. on the west & Tujunga Canyon on the east. Geographical Representatives shall represent the interests of the stakeholders within their region. Geographical Representatives shall maintain lines of communication with the various neighborhoods, businesses, and other organizations operating within their districts. Geographical Representatives shall actively outreach to stakeholder groups and individuals within their regions. One (1) Geographical Representative from each region shall attend all Outreach Committee meetings. Region boundaries shall be based upon population density, distinct neighborhoods and geographical size within the community, and distribution of diverse populations and interests. It is expected that region boundaries may need to be changed over time, and that these changes will be made by means of bylaws amendments.
8. **Upcoming Community Events:**
  - Elks - Fish Fry 2/15
  - American Legion - Dinner 2/15
  - Other
9. **Discussion/Q&A with LAPD, LAFD, Elected Officials/Representatives, DONE, NC Budget Advocates, City Departments (2 min per Representative including Q&A)**
10. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (FUNDING)**
  - A. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve December 2024 Monthly Expenditure Report and Balances. (MER)
  - B. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve January 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report and Balances. (MER)
  - C. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$50 for the January meeting of the STAT committee refreshments
  - D. Discussion/Action: To approve up to \$500 color flyer to promote candidates to run for STNC Board.
11. **DISCUSSION/MOTION: STNC SELECTION OUTREACH**
12. **DISCUSSION/MOTION: To establish the STNC Emergency Preparedness Committee with Lydia Grant as chair.**
13. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (NON-FUNDING) - 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 non-funding consent calendar:**
  - A. Discussion/Motion: To approve January 2025 board meeting minutes.
  - B. Discussion/Motion: To form the STNC Emergency Preparedness Committee.
  - C. Discussion/Motion: To add Armen Mardirousi as Community Impact Statement submitter.  
*[currently Cindy Cleghorn, Carol Hutchinson, Karen Moran and Jon von Gunten are submitters - up to five possible]*

- D. Discussion/Action: That STNC supports and recommends L.A. City Council support the “Our Neighborhood Voices” Ballot Initiative to Amend Article IX of the Constitution of the State of California to make zoning, development, and land use matters of local authority.
- E. Discussion/Motion: To support CF 25-0065 regarding illegal fireworks enforcement and recommend video be used as evidence and fines raised so people submitting violations can receive half of the reward.
- F. Independent After Action Report This motion instructs the Chief Legislative Analyst, in coordination with Los Angeles County, to procure an outside entity to prepare a comprehensive, independent After Action Report of the City and County emergency response to the January 2025 wildfires. [Click here to read the motion.](#)
- G. Improving Communication Between Departments The Council instructed the LAFD, in coordination with LADWP, to establish a formal protocol to provide the LAFD with weekly updates on the status of all water reservoirs and critical water infrastructure. This motion can be found [here](#).
- H. Preparedness Plan for Mudslide Risks The Council has instructed the Emergency Management Department, LAFD, and other relevant emergency response departments to report to the Council within 30 days on a comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Plan in preparation for mudslide risks. [Click here to read the motion.](#)
- I. Amending Emergency Declaration Regarding Parks in High Fire Severity Zones I introduced a motion amending the emergency declaration to close all parks in the city’s very high fire severity zones during these recent red flag days. Additionally, I introduced another motion asking to amend the municipal code to do the same during future red flag days. [Access the motions here and here.](#)
- J. Requesting Prosecution of Misdemeanors The City Council has instructed the City Attorney to prosecute all misdemeanors related to fires, including curfew violations, evacuation order violations, looting, and impersonation of public safety personnel. [Click here to view the motion.](#)
- K. Amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code to include Penalties for Price Gouging This motion requests that the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance that amends the LAMC to include penalties for price gouging on housing & lodging. This motion can be found [here](#).
- L. Discussion/Status on: Local Street Lights that are out. STNC will have a Google Form available for submittal and reporting.

14. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - 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 one minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

15. Committee & Liaison Reports - by committee chairs present (See last page for committee members and meeting locations):

- Land Use Committee - Next LUC meeting 2/10
- Selections Committee Meeting: TBA
- Community Improvement & Government Affairs - 2/26 @ 12 noon
- Beautification: 2/20 @ 6PM - in person @ ST Library
- Outreach Meeting - 2/20 @ 7PM - virtual Zoom
- STAT - 2/18 - Special Meeting @ 6PM - virtual Zoom
- STARC: 2/25 @ 7:30PM - in person
- Youth & Adult Education: - TBA
- Budget & Finance: 2/26 @ 6pm
- Executive: 2/26 @6:30pm
- Other

16. 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 (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils - VANC meets 2nd Thursday on Zoom; LANCC meets 1st Saturday at 10am; PlanCheckNC meets 2nd Saturday at 10am, STNC Community Events/Meetings, Other Training Opportunities

17. FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

18. ADJOURN

*Posted: 2/7/25 —*

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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**SB 411 Updates:**

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

(C) The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time.

(D) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that

requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(E) (i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

***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.***

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