

# Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council

## Special General Board Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, October 9, 2024

*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 and Role Call - Lydia Grant, President, 7:10pm**

| Board Member     | Roll Call | Funding Voting Eligibility | Board Appointment  |
|------------------|-----------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Lydia Grant      | Present   | Yes                        | President          |
| Vacant           |           |                            | 1st VP             |
| Ross Herman      | Present   | Yes                        | 2nd VP             |
| Carol Hutchinson | Present   | Yes                        | Treasurer          |
| Cindy Cleghorn   | Present   | Yes                        | Correspondence Sec |
| Karen Moran      | Present   | Yes                        | Recording Sec      |
| Leny Freeman     | Present   | Yes                        | Region 1 Rep       |
| KT Travers       | Present   | Yes                        | Region 1 Rep       |
| Sherry McCoy     | Present   | Yes                        | Region 2 Rep       |
| Vacant           |           |                            | Region 2 Rep       |
| Mike Goglia      | Absent    | Yes                        | Region 3 Rep       |
| Peter Darakjian  | Present   | Yes                        | Region 3 Rep       |
| Jon von Gunten   | Present   | Yes                        | Region 3 Rep       |
| Vacant           |           |                            | Region 4 Rep       |
| Vacant           |           |                            | Region 4 Rep       |
| Mark Seigel      | Present   | Yes                        | Region 4 Rep       |
| Vacant           |           |                            | Education Rep      |
| Cheryl Schmidt   | Present   | Yes                        | Public Safety Rep  |
| Nina Royal       | Present   | Yes                        | Senior Rep         |

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| Vartan Keshish  | Absent    | Yes                        | Community Interest Rep |
| Quorum: 13 present at roll call, 2 absent (15 total). <i>Note: No longer with STNC are Lallah Rowe, Chris Rowe, Belinda Woodruff, Mapi Moran, and Trevor Schmidt.</i> |           |                            |                        |

**2. Discussion/Action:** Motion to add to the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Standing Rules that in the event that the City Clerk does not hold In Person Elections that the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council reserves the right to hold an In Person Election/Selection instead of a Vote By Mail Only Election.

- Discussion: Lydia said there has been a backlash about having an in-person open and transparent elections that STNC NC intends to conduct and that we need to add to Standing Rules that the NC has a right to do have such elections. Lydia said she and Jose have been discussing this matter; STNC is not the only NC doing elections the way that STNC plans to do. Susan Denning said she will not put her personal voter verification documentation on the internet. Jon said this electronic-only voting move is a covert way to suppress the opinions of our older demography; Nina agreed. Leny said it's the difference between centralization and de-centralization. Carol felt it is an erosion of NC rights; we should be able to offer people a place to vote in-person. Cindy said that STNC has always had in-person voting in the past. Ross said that we are not the city's representative to the people, but it is the other way around; the City should not be dictating how we do the elections. Lydia said that our by-law windows were open and we had the ability to change them to include in-person voting, but the City did not let us know in time that they were baselining elections on-line when we had the chance (when updating the by-laws). Lydia also felt the City dictate is voter suppression, noting that we have always done in-person voting in the past. Sherry said that enabling and empowering voters is important, not excluding large portions of our community.
- Jose Galdamez said that providing documentation is part of registration process, not part of voting process and that the documentation is to verify stakeholder voter status with documents deleted after being reviewed.
- The motion passed.

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| <b>Item 2. Motion to add to the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Standing Rules that in the event that the City Clerk does not hold In Person Elections that the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council reserves the right to hold an In Person Election/Selection instead of a Vote By Mail Only Election.</b> |    |         |            |        |        |
| <b>Motion: Herman, Second: Hutchinson</b>   |    |         |            |        |        |
| Yes   | No | Abstain | Ineligible | Recuse | Absent |

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| Grant, Herman, Hutchinson, Cleghorn, K<br>Moran, Freeman, McCoy, Darakjian, von<br>Gunten, Siegel, C Schmidt, Royal,<br><br>12 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 2<br>absent | Travers |  |  |  | Goglio,<br>Keshish |
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**3. ADJOURN at 7:28pm**