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**Special General Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting

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7:00 PM

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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. MyLA311 submissions & Report Non Functioning Street Lights
<https://forms.gle/yGjnKBXDVoFDDYdEA>

- b. Forming the STNC Emergency Preparedness Committee
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call, Voting Eligibility - Karen Moran, Recording Secretary & Completion of City / DONE
Required trainings status for the STNC board & committees
4. Announce any Board member recusals or paid lobbyists in attendance
5. Discussion/Q&A with LAPD, LAFD, Elected Officials/Representatives, DONE, NC Budget Advocates, City Departments (*2 min per Representative Including Q&A*)
6. STNC Board Selections – MEET THE CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR 2025-27 BOARD
 - a. Candidate introductions
 - b. Vote in person at Elks Lodge on May 17 - 12noon to 4pm – bring your ID
7. Discussion/Action & Updates regarding Truck **Traffic with fires debris dropping in Seven Hills**
 - Resources LA County, others
 - L.A. City updates
 - County Meeting - June 3 – test results
8. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (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 funding consent calendar:**
 - A. Discussion/Action: Motion approve April 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report and Balances. (MER)
 - B. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve \$500 for Budget Day June 21, 2025.
 - C. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve \$3,000 for refreshments for STNC Selection Day.
 - D. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$3,000 for expenses related to STNC Selection Day items: Ballots, Flyers, Banners, Signage.
 - E. Discussion/Action: That the STNC credit card limit be raised to pay for selection expenses as necessary.
 - F. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve ST Rotary 4th of July parade sponsorship \$3,000.
 - G. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve Elks fee of \$600 for STNC Selection.
9. 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. All items may be submitted to Council Files as Community Impact Statements. **MOTION: The STNC Board approves the non-funding consent calendar:**
 - A. Discussion/Motion: To approve April 2025 board meeting minutes
 - B. Discussion/Action: To approve STNC Board Selection event
 - C. Discussion/Action: **Council File 25-0002-S19** Subject: California Senate Bill 79 (SB 79) / Abundant & Affordable Homes Near Transit Act Position: **Oppose** Summary: The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) urges the Los Angeles City Council to oppose California Senate Bill 79 unless amended to exempt single-family residential zones, historic districts, and light-industrial areas. SB 79 would allow construction of 65-foot apartment buildings within a half-mile of major transit stops, including areas currently zoned for single-family homes, without affordability requirements. This threatens Sunland-Tujunga's low-scale community character, historic homes (SurveyLA), industrial zones, and lacks infrastructure planning. Requested Amendments:- Exempt single-family residential, historic districts, and industrial zones.- Require mandatory affordability provisions.- Ensure infrastructure and environmental considerations.
 - D. Discussion/Action: **Council File 11-1813-S12** Subject: Rancho LPG Facility / Liquefied Petroleum Gas Storage / Independent Hazard Study Position: **Support** Summary:
 - E. Discussion/Action: The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) supports **CF**

- 11-1813-S12** requesting a full regulatory review and an independent third-party hazard study for the Rancho LPG Facility to ensure compliance with updated State and Federal codes and community safety.
- F. Discussion/Action: **Council File 11-1813-S13** Subject: Rancho LPG Facility / Regulatory Review / State and Federal Compliance Position: **Support** Summary: The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) supports CF 11-1813-S13 calling for regulatory updates and ensuring the Rancho LPG Facility complies with current State and Federal safety codes.
 - G. Discussion/Action: **Council File 11-1813-S14** Subject: Rancho LPG Facility / Railroad Spur Track Fees / Revocable Permit Review Position: **Support** Summary: The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) supports CF 11-1813-S14 to review and update agreements regarding railroad spur track usage and fees associated with the Rancho LPG Facility, ensuring accountability and public safety.
 - H. Discussion/Action: **Council File 25-006-S41** Subject: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program Continuation Position: **Support** Summary: The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) supports continued funding and expansion of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and its training sessions as essential components of neighborhood disaster preparedness.
 - I. Discussion/Action: **Opposition to SB 607** (Wiener) / CEQA Rollbacks Position: **Oppose** Summary: The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) opposes Senate Bill 607, which would weaken California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) standards, limit public environmental review, and allow rezoning without proper environmental safeguards, posing significant risks to public health, safety, and the environment. Key Concerns:- Weakens 'fair argument' standard for environmental review.- Exempts large developments from CEQA scrutiny.- Reduces protections for communities against environmental harms.
 - J. Discussion/Action: **Opposition** to Interactive Kiosk Experience (IKE) Program / Public Right-of-Way Advertising Position: **Oppose** Summary: The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) opposes the City's proposed IKE program, which would install digital kiosks in the public right-of-way, causing visual blight, undermining the City's STAP (Sidewalk Transit Amenities Program), and risking driver distraction and revenue losses for essential public infrastructure programs. Key Concerns:- Conflicts with STAP program revenue model.- Creates visual and advertising clutter.- Risks undermining citywide transit shelter expansion commitments.
 - K. Discussion/Action: **Approve letter Request for Re-Evaluation and Removal of Daylighting Red Curb Restriction**. Position: request to LADOT to reconsider and remove a 'daylighting' red curb restriction implemented under AB 413 in a low-traffic residential area. The restriction reduced parking with minimal added safety benefit, and local conditions permit flexibility under the law.
 - L. Discussion/Action: **Opposition** to removal of trees along Summitrose across from Verdugo Hills High School to put in a sidewalk and remove neighbor's existing landscaping and approve Ross Herman, VP as liaison.
 - M. The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) requests that the Mayor and City Council restore the **annual Neighborhood Council allocation** to at least \$50,000. STNC also supports the full rollover of all unspent funds from the current fiscal year into the next. Due to the lack of a permanent meeting location, STNC faces significantly higher expenses for meeting space rental and storage. A Community Impact Statement will be filed for Council File 25-0600, Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
 - N. The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) **supports the idea of an Advisory Group** to aid the City Council in setting the Los Angeles City budget on a sustainable path. With a projected budget gap of nearly \$1 billion, business as usual will not work. The 99 Neighborhood Councils were formed to advise the City government. The Neighborhood Councils should have a seat at the table. One Advisory Group member from the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates is an obvious choice. The Budget Advocates include representatives from each of the City's twelve service regions. Within the Neighborhood Council system, the Budget Advocates have the best knowledge of the City budget and they have a track record of recommendations on the City budget dating back 14 years. The Budget Advocates are ready and equipped to serve in this group. We urge you to appoint a Budget Advocate to the Advisory Group to give Neighborhood Councils a strong voice in providing solutions to the City's budget woes.

10. 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.

11. Committee & Liaison Reports - by committee chairs present

- ☐ Land Use Committee - Meeting May 12 @ 7:30pm
- ☐ Beautification: 5/15 @ 6PM - in person @ ST Library
- ☐ Outreach Meeting - 5/15 @ 7PM - virtual Zoom - 4th of July volunteers
- ☐ STAT - 5/27 - @ 6PM - virtual Zoom
- ☐ STARC: 5/27 @ 7:30PM - in person @ McGroarty Art Center
- ☐ Youth & Adult Education: - TBA
- ☐ Budget & Finance: 5/28 @ 6pm
- ☐ Community Improvement & Government Affairs - TBA
- ☐ Executive: 5/28 @7:00pm
- ☐ Other

12. 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

15. FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - June 11 Board meeting will be in person at 7PM at the Elks Lodge

16. ADJOURN

Posted: 5/12/25 — Remove after:

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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.

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