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

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**7:00 PM**

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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

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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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# Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council Special General Board Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2025, 7pm

*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, 7:03pm. Opening remarks by Lydia:
  - a. Report Non Functioning Street Lights <https://forms.gle/yGjnKBXDVoFDDYdEA>
  - b. New MyLA311 app – Lydia suggested downloading the new app, an app to help with service requests and improve communication with the City.
  - c. The City is conducting a citywide survey for our Parks, the LA Parks Assessment Survey. Information and the link to the survey is available on the STNC.org website. Lydia encouraged people to fill out the survey.
  - d. The STNC has created an Emergency Preparedness Committee that has an immediate focus on egress in the event of an emergency. There were 2 recent incidents where Foothill Blvd was closed down and knowing alternate routes is important.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**, lead by Leny Freeman.
3. **Roll Call, Voting Eligibility** - Karen Moran, Recording Secretary & Completion of City / DONE Required trainings status for the STNC board & committees

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Lydia Grant	Present	Yes	President
Armen Mardirousi	Absent	Yes	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



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Sherry McCoy	Present	Yes	Region 2 Rep.
Vacant			Region 2 Rep
Mike Goglia	Absent	Yes	Region 3 Rep
Peter Darakjian	Absent	Yes	Region 3 Rep
Jon von Gunten	Present	Yes	Region 3 Rep.
Belinda Woodruff	Absent	No	Region 4 Rep
Trevor Schmidt	Absent	Yes	Region 4 Rep
Mark Seigel	Present	Yes	Region 4 Rep
Deborah Ramirez	Absent	Yes	Education Rep
Cheryl Schmidt	Present	Yes	Public Safety Rep
Nina Royal	Present	Yes	Senior Rep
Vartan Keshish	Present	Yes	Community Interest Rep
Quorum: 12 present at roll call, 7 absent (19 total). Note that Nina Royal came in after roll-call.			

*Members of the Community, including new candidates running for offices, include Regina Clark, Sue Ellen Hussung, Dante Calvo, Doug Chapin, Mikal McEnany, Susan Denning, Maggie Sietz, and Melissa Sagastume.*

4. **Announce any Board member recusals or paid lobbyists in attendance.** None identified.
5. **Upcoming Community Events:** Lydia noted that events might also be in the newsletter
  - a. Our Lady of Lourdes - Fish Fry 4/11
  - b. Earth Day Events
6. **Discussion/Possible Action & Updates regarding Truck Traffic with fires debris dropping in Seven Hills - STNC Letter,** Resources: SCAQMD, LA County, Others
  - a. Lydia provided a background about the Altadena debris basin clear-out that is being dumped in the Zachau Sediment Placement Site in the Seven Hills area of Tujunga. The debris basin in Altadena is surrounded by homes completely burned to the ground. The County has stated there is no toxic hazard based on their sampling. There are about 130 truck trips on a daily basis and it has been frustrating for the community members who can smell a burning, acrid smell. There are no protections around the Zachau site and winds can blow the debris around the area. Testing from the County has been limited for what was tested and how/where it is collected. Two small samples about 4 inches into the dirt were the only tests conducted by the County. STNC has asked for a restraining order on the trucks. A council woman did write a letter in



support of Sunland Tujunga concerns. The County will not let further testing of the soil to be done by any outside requests. STNC is working with State Senator Carol Menjivar's Office and others, continuing to push concerns forward as much as possible. It is obvious that the County intends to continue until it is completed. Lydia noted that we need an air quality test and suggested that if anyone has additional information to let her know so we can include it in our continuing efforts.

- b. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) representatives, Alicia Lizarrag and Debra Ashby, were present to provide information about how to report air quality concerns. AQMD is a regulatory agency for implementing air quality per Debra. Debra said to report a complaint, you can either call at 800-CUT-SMOG (7664) or go on-line at AQMD.gov, emphasizing that the report should take place when the incident/experience is happening. When several people report the same issues, it helps to support the AQMD team in investigating the concern. During non-business hours, the system prompts for information that includes the address and wind direction. Inspectors will contact the community member as a follow up. Debra said that many follow up phone calls have gone unanswered because the person didn't recognize the phone number. Information is confidential and complaints can even be made anonymously. An app is available for mobile phones, fully translated into Spanish also. Debra is available to drop off fliers about how to file air quality complaints, or people should feel free to email her at [dashby@aqmd.gov](mailto:dashby@aqmd.gov).
- c. Jon V asked what the latest info was for our Seven Hills area and commented that AQMD has known for 3-4 weeks that there is a problem and it seems that they seem to have no teeth to do anything about it. Jon noted that his wife had been outside doing yardwork but had to go inside because the smell, with the wind direction, was overwhelming. Debra encouraged reporting as the experience was happening. Lydia said a lot of people have been reporting it, and the truck drivers even concur that there is an acrid smell. Lydia said that many City agencies have said that they do not understand why dumping has to be at Zachau with so many houses in the immediate area. Karen Waters asked Lydia a question about how many homes are impacted; hundreds per Lydia. Karen asked if anyone had contacted the Assessor's Office, noting that property values are bound to be affected. Lydia will reach out to the assessor's office. Susan Denning noted that, in her experience, AQMD doesn't work after-hours and responses can be slow.

**7. Discussion/Q&A with LAPD, LAFD, Elected Officials/Representatives, DONE, NC Budget Advocates, City Departments**

- a. Officer Caloca LAPD. Caloca provided a status report of crimes which were down in some areas and up in others. Caloca talked about the recent Foothill Blvd shut downs and what precipitated them. In both cases there was criminal activities and the offenders were arrested. Caloca noted that she was involved with directing traffic; it was obvious that people didn't know detour routes and at times tried to navigate around her instead of following directions. Caloca will reach out to Ross Herman. Bus drivers making tight turns were the most challenged. Susan Denning inquired about DUI incidents. Caloca said that this would be under traffic enforcement and she might be able to get information from them.
- b. Sergeant Jesse Ojeda, provided a status and said that he will invite someone from the Traffic division to come to the next meeting (in June).
- c. Diane Rana, California State Assembly District Director, and Alex Avanesyan, Field Rep from the California State Assembly (Assemblymember Nick Schultz Office). Diane said they are working to get testing done of the soil and appreciates communications with STNC noting there have been concerns about transparency and conflicting public health guidance. Melissa Sagastume

noted that there is an Environment Quality Committee for the State of California. Diane noted that they have no enforcement arms. Alicia Lizarraga noted that there is a California State enforcement board which regulates mobile sources (e.g. cars, trains etc.). Lydia said that she will move forward with Environmental Protection Affairs (EPA).

- d. Ricardo Flores, Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez, CD7, provided a briefing on current bills; there are 19 bills that have been introduced. Ricardo also statused events that are coming up, including Hansen Dam clean-up and the Eggs-stravaganza event. Ricardo encouraged people to take the Park survey. The Verdugo Hills High School is pool about 90 % completed. There will be a Dog Park in the San Fernando Valley that will be opened June 7<sup>th</sup>. The Dept of Sanitation is in contact with the County and efforts to complete debris dumping should be the week of April 18<sup>th</sup>. KT asked if the council member is going to attend the Welcome Garden event on Saturday. Ross invited Ricardo to attend one of the Tuesday night meetings to discuss the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, noting that there is a lot of controversy about whether the parade should be continued or not. There were additional comments from Lydia, Leny and Jon about the continued toxic dumping at Zachau.
- e. Diana Oganessian, Supervisor Kathryn Barger's Office, provided a status of on-going events, including the L.A. County Fair in Pacoima that is starting up. Lydia requested a meeting be arranged with Barger and herself. Ross commented that it was their office that should have been aware about the dumping issue and notifying the community. Diana said that the decisions were made without their input and acknowledged that they could have done a better job notifying the community. Ross asked if their office could help resolve the issue, noting that environmental issues were put to the side for the clean-up. Lydia recalled that during the Station Fire, when the fire was heading into the city of L.A., the City didn't realize it and didn't activate any of the animal service programs that would have protected the animals (e.g. egress for horses), noting that in one location 27 horses burned to death. Ricardo said they are trying to get people to register their horses with the City so they can provide information in the future.
- f. Karen Waters, Commissioner, North Valley Department of Neighborhood Councils. Karen discussed the new by-laws/rules revisions and said that there is a link in the department's website to make comments. The City attorney will work with the ad-hoc committee before final release of the By-Laws.
- g. Jose Galdamez, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, reminded about deadlines for funding requests that need to be approved, and provided bill status updates. Lydia asked how we would pay for events if funds were cut off. Jose said to submit requests ahead of time and also to make sure we have ordered supplies. Ross asked about budget rollover dates; Jose said that this information will be available April 21<sup>st</sup> and he will advise Ross about the rollover dates when known.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (FUNDING) MOTION:** The STNC Board approves the funding consent calendar:

- a. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve March 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report and Balances. (MER)
- b. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$1000 Sponsorship for Little Landers Historical Society Home Tour May 10, 2025
- c. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$288.42 reimbursement to Carol Hutchinson for refreshments for 3/12/25 General Board meeting

- d. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve moving Outreach light pole banner funds to General Outreach funds in the amount of \$4000.00
- e. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$130 for renewal of CANVA license
- f. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve \$657 invoice for candidate selection banners, Sunland Printing
- g. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve \$50 to be paid to Elks Lodge 2098 for use of meeting space for 3/12/2025 meeting
- h. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve \$418.98 for repairs to the Welcome Garden irrigation system.
- i. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve \$2000 to be set aside from Elections funds to be held in Outreach General funds in case it is needed for soil testing at Zachau dump site
- j. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$300 candy for Spring event at Sunland Park (April 20) – *Ross noted that the event is April 19, not the 20<sup>th</sup>.*
- k. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve February 2025 MER

The motion made by Cheryl and seconded by Leny, passed. Cindy recused herself from all items.

Item 8. Motion to approve Funding Calendar items A through K.					
Motion: C Schmidt, Second: Freeman					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, Herman, Hutchinson, Moran, Freeman, Travers, McCoy, Seigel, C Schmidt, Royal, Keshish  <i>11 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 0 ineligible, 6 absent, 19 total</i>		Von Gunten		Cleghorn	Mardirousi, Goglio, Darakjian, Woodruff, T Schmidt, Ramirez

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (NON-FUNDING)** - MOTION: The STNC Board approves the non-funding consent calendar:

- a. Discussion/Motion: To approve March 2025 board meeting minutes
- b. Discussion/Motion: To approve Town Halls without need of board quorum

A motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Ross. The motion passed.

Item 9. Motion to approve Non-Funding Calendar items A and B.					
Motion: C Schmidt, Second: Herman					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent

Grant, Herman, Cleghorn, Hutchinson, Moran, Von Gunten, Freeman, Travers, McCoy, Royal, Keshish  <i>11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 8 absent, 19 total</i>					Mardirousi, Goglio, Darakjian, Woodruff, T Schmidt, Ramirez, C Schmidt, Seigel
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10. **Discussion/Motion:** Should the STNC work to coordinate/collaborate planning and production of the Sunland-Tujunga 4th of July Parade? A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Ross.

- a. Ross gave background about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, now threatened to not be carried on after 40 years. The parade is hosted by the Rotary, but there are now only about 5-6 people in the Rotary and they cannot continue to support it alone. In addition, there have been problems with members of the public throwing water balloons and using water guns on the people in the parade. The aggressiveness of these 'water attacks' has prompted a number of groups to withdraw from the parade, such as the equestrian unit. The Rotary needs help if the parade is to continue and the water events have to be addressed. Lydia, Mark, Cindy and Ross have been active in attending meetings with the Rotary and American Legion to see how the STNC can help. The Rotary provides insurance through their national chapter. Meetings are Tuesdays at 7pm at Caruso's, if anyone wants to join. 36-50 people to man the streets alone.

A motion was made by Cindy, seconded by Ross, and approved.

Item 10. Motion to approve STNC working to coordinate/collaborate planning and production of the Sunland-Tujunga 4th of July Parade.					
Motion: Cleghorn, Second: Herman					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, Herman, Cleghorn, Hutchinson, Moran, Von Gunten, Travers, Seigel, McCoy, Royal, Keshish  <i>11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 8 absent, 19 total</i>					Mardirousi, Goglio, Darakjian, Woodruff, T Schmidt, Ramirez, Freeman, C Schmidt,

11. **STNC Board Candidates Introductions.** Current Board members who hope to retain their positions and potential board members who are new to STNC introduced themselves and shared why they would like to be part of STNC.

- Future (potential) members included Michel McEnany (Region 3 Rep), Melissa Sagastume (Region 3 Rep), Tim Smith (Community Interest Representative). (Note: Dante Calvo, Region 4 Rep, previously left the meeting).

- Current Board members included Karen Moran (Recording Secretary), Sherry McCoy (Region 2 Rep), Vartan Keshish (Community Interest Rep), Jon von Gunten (Region 3 Rep), Ross Herman (Second Vice President, Outreach), Cindy Cleghorn (Corresponding Secretary), Nina Royal (Senior Rep), Mark Seigel (Region 4 Rep), Lydia Grant (President).

**12. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Approve letter to CM Rodriguez for use of North Valley Neighborhood City Hall for STNC board meetings 2nd Wednesday of each month 6pm-10pm**

- Lydia provided the background of the issue. In years past (pre-covid), the STNC could use the North Valley City Hall for their meetings, but after Monica Rodriguez's Office decided to renovate it, and post-covid, STNC would be charged about \$204/hour for use of the Hall for their meetings – a cost that is exorbitant for 4 hours that the meeting could take, and not able to be funded through the current budget.
- Cindy read the draft letter to Monica Rodriguez that requested use of the NVCH for STNC General Board meetings once a month as had previously been baselined. Vartan suggested we have an open letter in the L.A. Times. Lydia asked Karen Waters if she could share how other Neighborhood Councils were dealing with meeting places including how many were using city facilities vs. private locales. Karen has requested that all NCs be able to have meeting places at affordable costs and that city locations be available for the NCs. Karen will see what the current status is for her requests. Karen said that some fire stations have been available to NCs during hours when fire station personnel are there, and some other meeting places included City Hall (downtown L.A.), and churches. Karen suggested that, where possible, STNC should try to stay within the working hours for the NVCH.
- Lydia said that STNC has used local schools for meetings (at a total cost of around \$160), but it is very inconvenient to have to bring our own tables, etc. from storage for the meetings. There is no local police station available for STNC meetings, per Lydia. The nearest is located in Pacoima per Jon. Jose said that Security has to be in place and that is a NC responsibility. Cindy gave additional background, saying that in 2015, non-profit organizations were moved into the NVCH building, forcing STNC to vacate. STNC had previously had a small office for the Board and a meeting space for the meetings. Between the pandemic and Rodriguez directed remodeling, STNC now has to pay for LAPD security if meetings are after-hours. The Letter is asking for at least our monthly meeting to be able to be held at no charge. Cindy noted that the meeting room previously had been filled to capacity and that it would be helpful to see how other NCs are handling meeting spaces.

A motion made by Ross and seconded by Vartan which passed.

**Item 12. Motion to approve a letter to CM Rodriguez for use of the North Valley Neighborhood City Hall for STNC board meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 6pm-10pm.**

**Motion: Herman, Second: Keshish**

Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
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Grant, Herman, Cleghorn, Hutchinson, Moran, Von Gunten, Travers, Seigel, McCoy, Royal, Keshish					Mardirousi, Goglio, Darakjian, Woodruff, Freeman, T Schmidt, Ramirez, C Schmidt
11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 8 absent, 19 total					

13. **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.

14. **Committee & Liaison Reports** - by committee chairs present:

- Land Use Committee - Next Meeting April 14 @ 7:30pm. Cindy gave an overview of the LUC. Lydia said that the STNC website has a tool that allows look-up for properties (e.g. permits obtained, etc.).
- Beautification: 4/17 @ 6PM - in person @ ST Library. KT expressed gratitude for funding for repairs. Ross said that the Welcome Garden near the 210 Freeway (off Foothill Blvd) is lovely with everything blooming at this time of the year.
- Outreach Meeting - 4/17 @ 7PM - virtual Zoom. Ross encouraged people to attend the Sunland Park Easter event (April 19<sup>th</sup>) and the May 24<sup>th</sup> Small Business Bazaar. Ross noted future events including the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and National Night Out. Ross and Cheryl will be taking on more responsibilities from Nina for National Night out.
- STAT - 4/22 - @ 6PM - virtual Zoom
- STARC: 4/22 @ 7:30PM - in person @ McGroarty Art Center. KT noted that the speaker at the last meeting discussed what could be done to protect homes in the event of a fire; you can make a fire-hardened house but proper landscaping is critical also.
- Youth & Adult Education: - TBA
- Budget & Finance: 4/30 @ 6pm. Lydia – Lydia noted that L.A. is \$1B in the hole at this time; STNC has a team that looks at the City budget and makes recommendations.
- Community Improvement & Government Affairs - 4/30 @ 6:30PM
- Executive: 4/30 @ 7:00pm

15. **PRESENTATION & TRAINING** on the Neighborhood Council (NC) System. *Note that in the interest of time, this section was not discussed in any detail.*

- Bylaws, Standing Rules, BONC Policies, Brown Act (Meeting Agenda Posting, ENS)
- NC Meetings: Agenda Items, Presenters, Meeting Agendas, Making Motions, Community Impact Statements
- 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

16. **FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Lydia reminded people that STNC Election voting will be at the Elks' Lodge on May 17<sup>th</sup> (1-4pm) and there would be an opportunity to talk with some of the candidates after voting with refreshments provided.
- Cindy reminded people that there is an "Historic House Tour" sponsored by Bolton Hall on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm. (See [boltonhall.org](http://boltonhall.org) for more information and tickets).
- KT said this Saturday, from 8-11:30 am, there will be a planting event at the Tujunga Welcome Gardens located at Pali and Foothill. Volunteers will help install lush, low-water native foliage. People are welcomed to come and help with the planting. Additionally, on April 19<sup>th</sup>, Indigenous People's Day, there will be another planting event at Big Tujunga Canyon (11950 Big Tujunga Canyon Road), also from 8-11:30 am. Volunteers will participate in a large-scale land restoration planting, adding native trees, shrubs, and bulbs. KT noted that the LA Conservation Corp has already planted many trees.
- Karen Waters provided her email address: [karen.waters@lacity.org](mailto:karen.waters@lacity.org).

17. **ADJOURN**, 9:49 pm



# Monthly Expenditure Report



**Reporting Month: April 2025**

**Budget Fiscal Year: 2024-2025**

**NC Name: Sunland-Tujunga  
Neighborhood Council**

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$23693.18	\$2447.28	\$21245.90	\$468.98	\$0.00	\$20776.92

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$41177.92	\$1356.91	\$21155.90	\$50.00	\$20686.92
Outreach		\$1090.37		\$418.98	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$17574.74	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	PY US STORAGE CENTERS	04/01/2025	Storage for STNC supplies and equipment	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$810.50
2	THE WEB CORNER, INC.	04/01/2025	Web page mgmt for STNC	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$150.00
3	EIG CONSTANTCONTACT.C	04/03/2025	Email program for STNC	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$88.00
4	ADOBE ADOBE	04/06/2025	For Treasurer use	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$19.99
5	LS FOOTHILL TROPHY E	04/16/2025	Plaques for dog waste stations the NC erected in our local parks Finn, Sunland and McGroarty	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$29.71
6	WAL-MART #5686	04/17/2025	Candy for a City sponsored event at Sunland Park	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$60.66
7	Little Landers Historical Society	04/11/2025	Outreach sponsorship event in our community	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$1000.00
8	Carol Hutchinson	04/11/2025	refreshments for meeting- I wasn't anticipating buying refreshments and had left card at home	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$288.42

	<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$2447.28</b>
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Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	FormLA Landscaping	04/28/2025	Repair for Sunland Tujunga Beautification Welcome Garden	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$418.98
2	Sunland-Tujunga Elks Lodge #2098	04/29/2025	General Board meeting held at Sunland Tujunga Elks Lodge	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$50.00
	<b>Subtotal:</b> Outstanding					<b>\$468.98</b>

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Assemblymember.Schultz@assembly.ca.gov

# Assembly California Legislature



**NICK SCHULTZ**

ASSEMBLYMEMBER, FORTY-FOURTH DISTRICT

## COMMITTEES

CHAIR, PUBLIC SAFETY  
BUDGET  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
UTILITIES AND ENERGY

BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 6 ON  
PUBLIC SAFETY

May 9, 2025

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council  
PO BOX 635  
Tujunga, CA 91043-0635

Dear Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council,

I am writing to express my deep appreciation for your continued advocacy regarding the sediment placement issues affecting Sunland and surrounding communities. Your voices have brought critical attention to the environmental and public health concerns related to the transportation and dumping of debris in residential areas.

I stand with you in calling for transparency, accountability, and science-based decision-making from all levels of government. The health and safety of your families, pets, and local wildlife must remain a top priority as we address these pressing issues.

I commend the thoughtful and specific questions you have posed to Los Angeles County—questions that rightly demand clear, timely, and consistent responses. From concerns about groundwater contamination and public health to the need for independent soil testing, your efforts exemplify civic engagement at its best.

Please know that my office supports your continued efforts to ensure that public policy reflects both environmental responsibility and community well-being. I will remain engaged with local and county agencies, and I will continue to advocate for a process that includes public input, scientific integrity, and transparent communication.

Thank you for your commitment to protecting Sunland Tujunga. Together, we will work toward solutions that honor the voices and health of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Schultz", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

NICK SCHULTZ

Assemblymember, 44<sup>th</sup> District

**Neighborhood Council Funding Contribution Form**  
**Congress of Neighborhoods/Budget Advocacy Special Accounts**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (President or Vice-President [VP] name),  
declare that I am the President or VP of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Neighborhood Council (NC) and that on \_\_\_\_\_ (meeting date), a Brown Act-noticed public  
meeting was held by the NC with a quorum of \_\_\_\_\_ (number) board members present and that by a  
vote of \_\_\_\_\_ (number) Yea, \_\_\_\_\_ (number) Nay, and \_\_\_\_\_ (number) Abstentions, the NC approved  
funding contribution(s) from our current Fiscal Year budget for the following Department of  
Neighborhood Empowerment Special Account(s):

☐ Neighborhood Council Budget Day in the amount of:

\*\$\_\_\_\_\_ *By checking "Neighborhood Council Budget Day," you will be contributing to  
cover expenses associated with Budget Day, additional Budget workshops, and essential administrative needs.*

☐ Neighborhood Council Budget Advocacy (L.A. Charter Section 909) in the amount of:

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☐ L.A. Congress of Neighborhoods (LAAC 22.801) – Event in the amount of:

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☐ L.A. Congress of Neighborhoods (LAAC 22.801) – EmpowerLA Awards in the amount of:

\*\$\_\_\_\_\_

Therefore, the Neighborhood Council requests that the Office of the City Clerk, NC Funding Program  
issue payment from our NC's current Fiscal Year budget to the Department of Neighborhood  
Empowerment for the purpose(s) as indicated above.

Contributions for Neighborhood Council Budget Advocacy and the Congress of Neighborhoods  
support activities and programs that advance the purpose of the Neighborhood Council System as  
determined by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Funds do not support any specific  
entity, alliance, or group.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of President or VP

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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To request payment, the NC Treasurer must submit this completed form in the NC Funding System portal, Outreach  
Category, as the "Payment Request Document" along with the respective Board Action Certification (BAC) form. Forms must  
be submitted by the annual deadline for check payment requests (normally June 1<sup>st</sup>) in order to process the payment from  
current Fiscal Year funds.

\*Please indicate a specific funding amount; Statements such as "unused funding for this fiscal year" will disqualify the  
payment request.

**"Neighborhood Council Budget Day" *or***  
**"City of Los Angeles Budget Advocacy" *or***  
**"City of Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods - Event" *or***  
**"City of Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods - Awards"**

Address: 200 N. Spring St., Suite 224, Los Angeles, CA 90012

- You may also search the respective Special Account in the Vendor section of the Funding System portal when  
submitting the payment request(s).
- Please submit separate payment requests for each Special Account contribution.



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**May 14, 2025**

**Re: Neighborhood Council Letter of Support – Jain Temple of Los Angeles  
Case Number: DIR-2025-2321-SPPC / ENV-2025-2322-CE - Specific Plan Project  
Compliance**

**To Whom It May Concern,**

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) is pleased to offer this letter of support for the Jain Temple of Los Angeles and their request for an increase in the height of the already approved dome structure at their property located at 10105 Commerce Avenue, Sunland, CA 91040. We appreciate the Jain Temple placing a visual story pole on the site to physically show the height of their proposed dome. This site was previously approved by the City under case no. DIR-2016-425-SPP / ENV-2016-426-CE.

We understand that the request involves increasing the height of the dome from the previously approved height of 26 feet to a proposed height of 31 feet 6 inches. The STNC supports this proposed modification, recognizing the dome's significance as a religious and cultural element of Jain architecture.

It is important to note, however, that this support shall not be considered precedent-setting. Any future requests for increased height or similar entitlements in our community must undergo a thorough process of community review and engagement to ensure transparency and neighborhood compatibility.

We appreciate the Jain Temple presence in the Sunland-Tujunga community and look forward to seeing them become a more engaged and active part of the neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
Lydia Grant, President  
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Cc: Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez, CD7  
Jain Temple of Los Angeles, Rajesh Shah - rbshah9@gmail.com  
550 S. Hill Street, No. 1183 • Los Angeles, CA 90013



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**May 14, 2025**

**To:**

Los Angeles Department of Transportation  
100 S. Main Street, 10th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Subject: Request for Re-Evaluation and Removal of Daylighting Curb Restriction in Residential Area**

Dear LADOT Staff,

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) respectfully request a formal review and potential removal of a newly painted red curb section implemented under the “daylighting” provision of California Assembly Bill 413.

While we fully support the goal of improving pedestrian safety, the specific location of this curb restriction is in a quiet residential area with minimal foot traffic and no recent history of pedestrian or vehicle incidents. We believe the restriction may have been applied in error or without full consideration of the street context and parking needs of our local residents.

This red zone has significantly reduced the availability of on-street parking in an already limited area and appears to provide little to no added benefit in terms of safety or visibility.

We ask that LADOT re-evaluate this location, preferably with input from our Land Use Committee and residents, and consider removing or adjusting the restriction. AB 413 does provide flexibility for cities to tailor its implementation based on local conditions and traffic engineering guidance.

Thank you for your consideration and support in ensuring common-sense safety improvements that reflect the real needs of our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

cc:

- Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez, CD7
- STNC Board
- LADOT



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May 14, 2025

## **Community Impact Statement**

### **Regarding : Council Files CF-11-1813-S12, CF-11-1813-S13 CF-11-1813-S14**

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports the position of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council and motions set forth by Councilman Tim McOsker. That Wilmington Neighborhood Council feels that there is more to this issue that needs to be investigated is critical for the community. Apparently, there are a number of agencies that are tasked with inspections and regulatory issues. They have found no record of recent inspections, and the different agencies do not seem to communicate with each other to make a coherent report available to the public. This happens here in Sunland-Tujunga which is why we are speaking up on this issue. An in-depth study developed by an independent local task force entered a statement CF-11-1813-S8 In 2022. However, when the Council failed to act on the motion for 2 years, the study was dismissed and filed.

It is unknown if it was ever read by members of the City Council. This 32 page document, in essence, states that where the Rancho LPG tanks are located is a red flag, as one side of the property is a liquefaction zone, while the other side is a landslide zone. The property sits on several faults including the Palos Verdes Fault. With recent seismic activity, this is a grave concern. The new clean water tunnel project goes underneath the tanks, with the possibility of more land destabilization.

The Rancho LPG tanks are also a terrorism vulnerability. The Dept. of Homeland Security has marked Rancho LPG as a "Tier-1 Soft Target of Terrorism", soft indicating that it is unguarded and not requiring protection. Translated, this means that the Rancho LPG facility has the highest threat level without the need for protection. However, butane tanks are classified as weapons of mass destruction. Rancho LPG is recognized as a target without proper security, protection and regulation.

If an explosion occurred, the number of individuals affected- as in, killed- within a 3 mile radius would be over 170,000. Within a 10 mile radius it would be over 1.315 million.



Buildings would be flattened. Infrastructure at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach would be crippled, affecting the economy nationwide. Revoking facility use permits would be a start in getting this under control. Temporary permits have been in place for 44 years, allowing a private company to use “public trust land” to export product via a rail and pipeline. The constant rolling over of permit allows Rancho LPG to avoid current standard procedures for land use assessment, such as the requirement for preparation and filing of an EIR or comprehensive risk analysis.

These are public assets being abused by a private company. Rancho LPG rakes in profit but leaves the burden of risk to be placed on the public.

In conclusion, Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports the motions by Councilman Tim McOsker and the Wilmington Neighborhood Council’s position to see Rancho LPG dismantled and removed from the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Grant  
President, Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

cc:

- Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez, CD7
- Wilmington Neighborhood Council

# **Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council**

**Selection May 17, 2025**

## **2025 Certified List of Candidates**

**Leny Freeman** - Region 1 Representative

**Brenna Redpath** - Region 1 Representative

**Sherry McCoy** - Region 2 Representative

**Melissa Sagastume** - Region 3 Representative

**Mikal J. McEnany** - Region 3 Representative

**Jon von Gunten** - Region 3 Representative

**Dillon Dorothy** - Region 3 Representative

**Mark Seigel** - Region 4 Representative

**Vicky Cerpa** - Region 4 Representative

**Dante Calvo** - Region 4 Representative

**Lydia Grant** - President

**Armen Mardirousi** - First Vice President Community Improvement

**Ross Herman** - Second Vice President - Outreach

**Karen Moran** - Recording Secretary

**Cindy Cleghorn** - Corresponding Secretary

**Cheryl Schmidt** - Public Safety Representative

**Nina Royal** - Senior Representative

**Vartan Keshish** - Community Interest Representative

**Tim Smith** - Community Interest Representative

**No Candidates for Treasurer, Education Rep**

**Short one candidate for Region 2**



# VOTE 2025



## FOR THE NEW NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

*Celebrating 22 years!*

# SATURDAY MAY 17

## Between 12–4pm

### WHO QUALIFIES?

A stakeholder is anyone who lives, works, or owns property within the STNC boundaries. Must be 16+ years old.



At the  
Elks Lodge  
10137 Commerce Ave  
Tujunga CA 91042



VOTE in Person  
Bring Photo I.D.  
& Stakeholder  
Status



**SUNLAND-TUJUNGA  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

More details at  
**stnc.org**

*Food will be served  
(while supplies last)*