

## COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

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### **Item #7**

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) supports increasing Neighborhood Council annual funding to \$40,000 and removing caps on rollover funds.

Neighborhood Councils are expected to provide increasing levels of outreach, emergency preparedness, public engagement, and operational support while working within funding levels that have not kept pace with inflation or rising community needs.

For communities such as Sunland-Tujunga, funding flexibility is especially important due to wildfire preparedness and emergency response concerns along the Foothill corridor. Neighborhood Councils should be able to responsibly save funds over multiple fiscal years for emergency equipment, outreach materials, evacuation preparedness efforts, and other large-scale community needs without being penalized by rollover limits.

Additional funding and rollover flexibility also support:

- Outreach to stakeholders across a geographically large community
- Hybrid meeting technology and related operational costs
- Storage, equipment, and maintenance expenses
- Youth and senior outreach programs
- Large-scale community events and public safety engagement
- Translation, printing, and communication efforts

Current rollover caps can unintentionally encourage unnecessary year-end spending rather than responsible long-term planning. Allowing Neighborhood Councils to retain and manage funds responsibly will improve efficiency, accountability, and community service.

STNC therefore supports increasing annual Neighborhood Council funding to \$40,000 and eliminating caps on rollover funds to better serve stakeholders and strengthen local community preparedness and engagement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council