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**SUNLAND-TUJUNGA
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**Special General Board Meeting *corrected
Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 6:45 PM
Zoom Meeting *teleconference meeting**

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

Meeting ID: 892 0652 4158

To Join the Meeting Dial: (669) 900 6833 or one of the following Toll-Free Telephone Numbers: (833) 548 0282, (888) 475 4499, (877) 853 5257, (833) 548 0276

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** - Lydia Grant, President - Call to Order & Roll Call, Confirm Quorum
 - A. Announcement regarding new required training for all board members: The NC Funding Training for all board members has been updated to incorporate the recently updated policies and guidelines. This virtual training offers board members the flexibility to complete it at their own convenience. All board members are required to finish the training and pass the NC Funding Training quiz by **August 31**.
 - B. Providence Community Health is offering Mental Health First Aid 8 hours of FREE training, includes certification for three years. This is a request for volunteers to arrange with Providence the partnership for this training. Please email secretary@stnc.org if interested.
 - C. STNC Community Survey:
- 2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM / ROLL CALL** - Determination of Quorum /Roll Call, Report

on Voting Eligibility - Karen Moran

3. Discussion/Motion: To accept resignation of Armen Mardirousi, First Vice-President.

4. Discussion regarding candidates for First Vice President, Region 1, Region 2, Region 4, and Education Board and committees. Discussion/Motion to approve Vickie Nailing to STNC Education Representative

5. Motion to Approve outstanding Minutes

6. DISCUSSION//Updates/Q&A: (2 min per Representative Including Q&A)

- A. LAPD, LAFD, Elected Officials/Representatives: Mayor, CD7, State Assembly, LAUSD, DONE, NC Budget Advocates, City Departments
- B. LA CITY BUDGET ADVOCATES: August 15 @ 1PM - Regions 1 & 2 Town Hall

7. PRESENTATION: Urban Strategy Group – Advanced Water Purification Facility Presentation update on the City of Los Angeles' new Advanced Water Purification Facility at the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant. The presentation will cover construction progress, project details, and how the facility will provide a new local source of drinking water for up to 500,000 residents. **(10 min)**

8. General Public Comment up to two minutes per person non-agenda items.

9. Discussion/Action: That STNC Board Elections in 2027 be conducted by the City Clerk instead of as a Selection.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STNC COMMITTEES:

- A. Land Use - Discussion/Motion** to approve Rachel Belofsky as a member of the Land Use Committee.
- B. Discussion / Motion:** Submit updated letter to City Planning regarding 8100-8160 McGroarty Street - appeal hearing scheduled for Aug. 27 at City Planning Commission.
- C. Beautification - Community Cleanups**

11. DISCUSSION/ACTION: TREASURER'S REPORT: Current fiscal year balance; remaining financial obligations; potential rollover considerations for next fiscal year.

- a. Approve June 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report
- b. Approve July 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report
- c. Motion to approve board member Dante Calvo reimbursement up to \$500.00
[previously approved for parade decorations]
- d. Motion to Approve Revised Annual 2026-27 NC Funding Budget Package including rollover, cardholders, second signature commitments, recurring payments.

12. Adjourn

Posted: 8/11/26 — Remove after: 8/13/26

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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.

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A 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 paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(A),

A 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 paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(B).

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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New Board Member
Vickie Nailing

August 4, 2026

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the open **Education position** on the City Council. As a committed and active resident of our city and a advocate for our youth, I want to help bridge the gap between our local government and our school system.

To begin with, I have lived in Tujunga since 2023, am a member of the La Crescenta Woman's Club (since 2013), and an active participant of the Neighborhood Watch/Tacos with Cops.

In 2020, I graduated from California State University, Chico with a Master's degree in Teaching English as an International Language. In addition, I possess a Bachelor's degree in Education and work for Scoot Education as a Substitute Teacher throughout Los Angeles.

Regarding my teaching and training experience, I have over 30 years of experience working with children and young adults from diverse communities throughout the United States and abroad. From 2020-2022, I taught English in a Ukrainian public school before being evacuated from Ukraine due to the war.

Most importantly, I am a Returned Peace Corps TEFL volunteer who served two tours: from 2016-18 in Ukraine as a TEFL Teacher Trainer, which was held at the Kirovograd Teachers Training Institute (English Department); a government/state institution for all teachers to be certified in the Kirovograd/Kropyvnytskyi district of Ukraine. Also, In 2002-05, I served as a TEFL Teacher (1st-11 grade) at a public school in Uzbekistan.

My goal as Education Council Member, my goal is to bridge local schools and our community together which include making our community safer for children to go to and from school, connect students to after-school programs and youth centers, and build strong partnerships between city leaders and local teachers.

I am ready to work hard to make sure every child in our city has the support they need to succeed. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Vickie Nailing


Returned Peace Corps Volunteer
Ukraine, 2016-18
Uzbekistan, 2002-2005

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CALIFORNIA
Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
General Board Meeting
Minutes

Draft

Wednesday, July 8, 2026, 7:00pm

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Lydia Grant, President - Call to Order & Roll Call, Confirm Quorum

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Lydia Grant	Absent	Yes	President
Armen Mardirousi	Present	Yes	1st VP (left early)
Melissa Sagastume	Present	Yes	2nd VP
VACANT		Yes	Treasurer (Carol to be voted on during meeting)
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	Yes	Correspondence Sec
Karen Moran	Present	Yes	Recording Sec
Leny Freeman	Present	Yes	Region 1 Rep
VACANT			Region 1 Rep
Sherry McCoy	Present	Yes	Region 2 Rep.
Mikal McEnany	Absent	Yes	Region 3 Rep
Dillon Dorothy	Absent	Yes	Region 3 Rep

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Jon von Gunten	Present	Yes	Region 3 Rep.
Vicky Cerpa	Present	No	Region 4 Rep.
Dante Jose Calvo	Present	Yes	Region 4 Rep
Mark Seigel	Present	Yes	Region 4 Rep
VACANT			Region 4 Rep
Cheryl Schmidt	Absent	Yes	Public Safety Rep
Nina Royal	Absent	Yes	Senior Rep
Vartan Keshish	Absent	Yes	Community Interest Re
Members of the Community (MC) with information as identified.			
Ross Herman	Absent		MC
Carol Hutchinson	Absent		MC
Wesley Carerra	Absent		MC
11 present; 5 absent (16 total) (Was 17, but Treasurer position now VACANT)			

2. **Announcement regarding new required training for all board members:** The NC Funding Training for all board members has been updated to incorporate the recently updated policies and guidelines. This virtual training offers board members the flexibility to complete it at their own convenience. All board members are required to finish the training and pass the NC Funding Training quiz by August 31.

Per Cindy, this will be a YouTube training, with video(s) followed by a test. The test is submitted to DONE. The deadline for the training is August 21st and applies to all Board members. It will expire June 30, 2027. The email certification of completion (passing is 70% on the test) will be submitted to DONE. Jose Galdamez said Cornerstone will still be active this fiscal year to support training (e.g. trainings (ethics, code of conduct, anti-Obias, and gender expression), but future years are uncertain. Jon asked about access for the google forms and Jose said you don't need a gmail account. Vicki asked about the link. Jose said the link was available on the website and City Clerk page also. From CHAT, the link is <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLB8K7Ssr3cRGgAsrp91T7gcPXXRwXKZd>. Mark asked about passwords or log-in codes to get access; Jose said that the Department would provide information when a board roster was provided to them.

3. **Board & Committee Member, and Elected Officials/Representatives Comments**

- **Officer Godoy** provided a status of crimes for both himself and for **Officer Caloca** who was not able to be present. Caloca is #1 in the Division, with 138 crimes in 2025 and 140 in 2026. Burglary for motor vehicles was 12 reported incidents and thefts were 9. People should use the 311 app to report crimes. We are waiting on the City for funding to board up the house on Commerce Ave. Cindy asked about graffiti in Little Landers. Again, call 311, and pictures are appreciated. Caloca also shared that the July 4th parade was very successful with no reportable issues.
- **Officer Godoy's** own report was 220 crimes in 2025 and 175 in 2026 with grand theft auto the biggest one followed by car thefts. Godoy remarked about a homeless individual who moves between Sunland Park and adjacent areas. A cleanup crew is being requested and together with CD7 providing housing options, the individual's homelessness might be addressed. He is a local person with family in the area. Vicky asked about speed bumps and what it would take to get them in place. Godoy said that with the narrow streets in many areas, speed bumps were hard to get – emergency vehicles have to use these roads and speed bumps are a problem for them also. With limited manpower, the focus is on Foothill Blvd. Jon said he understood that DOT was reconsidering speed bump philosophy. Ross commented that the process is data driven prioritization for speed bumps and equity indicators are being considered as well as proximity to schools, parks, etc. Requests are not being taken. Wesley said he noticed vandalism (e.g. drinking, smoking in parks, etc.). Godoy said that when investigated, not all apparent smoking was illegal. Wesley also wanted to know who to contact about cameras in the park; Godoy said Bolton Hall.
- **Jose Galdamez**, *Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate (NEA) with EmpowerLA*. The Joy Atkinsons NC Excellence Award is now extended to the end of July, and nominations can still be submitted. The Commissioner will select a winner for different NC regions. Reminder to take the funding training (discussed previously). Galdamez also noted the training sessions planned at this time, including a brown bag on July 22nd with the Planning Department. The NC Alliance meets second Saturday of the month at 10am - see the PlanCheck NC website (<https://plancheckncla.com/>).

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION: *Items previously voted prior Fiscal Year to be voted in current Fiscal year:*

- Motion to Appoint Carol Hutchinson Treasurer. Motion made by Melissa and seconded by Mark.

Item 4A. Motion to appoint Carol Hutchinson to be Treasurer.					
Motion: Sagastume Second: Seigel					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel , Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

- Motion to Approve Annual 2026-27 NC Funding Budget Package including cardholders, second signature commitments, recurring payments. Motion made by Nina and seconded by Armen.

Item 4B. Motion to Approve Annual 2026-27 NC Funding Budget Package including cardholders, second signature commitments, recurring payments.

Motion: Royal Second: Mardirousi

Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

- Motion to approve the following outreach expenses: (includes card and check payments)
 - i. Sunland-Tujunga Shadow Hills Rotary - 4th of July Sponsor \$3,000. Motion made by Armen and seconded by Nina.

Item 4C(i). Motion to approve Sponsorship of Sunland-Tujunga Shadow Hills Rotary – for 4th of July parade for \$3,000.

Motion: Mardiousi Second: Royal

Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

- ii. Sunland-Tujunga Elks - National Night Out Sponsorship of \$2,000. Motion made by Melissa and seconded by Armen.

Item 4C(ii). Motion to approve Sponsorship of Sunland-Tujunga Elks - National Night Out \$2,000. Motion: Sagastume Second: Mardirousi					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Royal 9 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total	Seigel		Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

- iii. McGroarty Art Center - August BBB Sponsor \$1,000. Melissa said we would have a table at event and will be looking for volunteers. Motion made by Mark and seconded by Nina. Mark commented that McGroarty is a gem in our community.

Item 4C(iii). Motion to McGroarty Art Center - August BBB Sponsorship of \$1,000. Motion: Seigel Second: Royal					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

- iv. Budget Advocates - Sponsor \$250.00. Motion made by Cindy and seconded by Nina.

Item 4C(iv). Motion to approve Budget Advocates Sponsorship of \$250.00. Motion: Cleghorn Second: Royal					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel , Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

- v. Outreach expenses up to \$2,000 for National Night Out for water, decorations, ice, banners, cookies. Motion made by Nina and seconded by Melissa.

Item 4C(v). Motion to approve Outreach expenses up to \$2,000 for National Night Out for water, decorations, ice, banners, cookies Motion: Royal Second: Sagastume					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel , Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

- vi. Outreach expense up to \$300 for STNC buttons. Motion made by Cindy and seconded by Armen.

Item 4C(vi). Motion to approve Outreach expense up to \$300 for STNC buttons. Motion: Cleghorn Second: Mardirousi					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel , Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

- vii. NC Congress - Sponsor \$200.00. Motion made by Cindy and seconded by Melissa. Cindy said that at the end of September, all NCs will meet at city hall and all board members encouraged to attend. Melissa said that when she attended last year it was a lot of fun and interesting to see how other NCs are dealing with similar issues.

Item 4C(vii). Motion to approve NC Congress Sponsorship of \$200.00. Motion: Sagastume Second: Seigel					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

5. Discussion/Motion: Approve May 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report. A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Melissa.

- Note: Armen left after the items were voted on in item 4. Because Ross and Carol had already been voted in as Board Members, quorum could be maintained although they would be counted as ineligible because training is outstanding. Further note that Ross was voted on in item 6 below, but the vote was done out of sequence, i.e. prior to item 5 being voted on.*

Item 5. Motion to Approve May 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report. Motion: Cleghorn Second: Sagastume					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Royal 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 ineligible, 6 absent, 18 total			Cerpa, Ross, Hutchinson		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish, Maridirousi,

6. **Discussion regarding candidates** for Region 1, Region 2, Region 4, and Education Board and committees. Motion to approve Ross Herman, Region 4 Representative. Motion made by Seigel and seconded by Sagastume. Mark gave an intro to members who might not know Ross about Ross returning to the Board, and a welcome back!

Item 6. Motion to Approve Ross Herman as Region 4 Representative. Motion: Seigel Second: Sagastume					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Mardirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish,

7. Approve outstanding **Minutes**. 3 sets approved, all past outstanding. Motion made by Mark and seconded by Nina. Mark gave an intro to members who might not know Carol returning to the Board in her former position as Treasurer, and a welcome back!

Item 7. Motion to appoint Carol Hutchinson to be Treasurer. Motion: Seigel Second: Royal					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Sagastume, Maridirousi, Cleghorn, Moran, Freeman, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Royal 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 ineligible, 5 absent, 16 total			Cerpa		Grant, McEnany, Dorothy, Schmidt, Keshish

8. **STNC Bylaws** approved by DONE. Cindy said all members should have received new bylaws provided by DONE, not on website yet but in this meetings stuff.
9. **General Public Comment** up to two minutes per person non-agenda items.
- Mark - We had Ham Radio Field Day end of June, which was educational. Laura Friedman visited us. Mark is hoping for more ham radio operators in our community.
 - Jon said that the STAT Committee is hosting a tree watering event Saturday, July 18th from 7-10am. Volunteers welcomed. Pick up a bucket (or more than one), gather at the Welcome Garden in Sunland. Jon noted that the Sierra Club also helps.
10. **Discussion/Possible Action to submit CIS to 26-0489 (CFMS)**. Cindy gave an overview of the draft CIS. Details about the immigrant voting portion was discussed in a previous Executive Board meeting; this and some other elements have been shelved at this time. The Rec and Parks Dept funding has moved on to the Nov 3rd ballot. Melissa said we can circle back and discuss items that made it at a future date. See item 11 below for more background.

11. **City of Los Angeles Charter Reform** Discussion and Possible Motion to comment on the elements of charter reform that the City Council voted to put on the ballot. BACKGROUND: On June 17, 2026, the City Council voted to advance a package of charter amendments to the November 3, 2026 ballot, including doubling Recreation and Parks Department funding and allowing noncitizen voting in certain local elections, while deferring council expansion, ranked-choice voting, voting age reduction, and the city attorney role split to a new ad hoc Council committee targeting a 2028 ballot. The City Attorney's Office is now drafting official ballot language, with a final Council vote expected in the coming weeks.

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Standing Rules - discussion meeting 7/13/26 on Zoom @ 6PM. Cindy said the meeting is at 6:15pm Monday - before the LUC meeting at 7pm. More info is on attachments in the STNC.org website calendar.
- Melissa said that NNO is looking for volunteers. Nina suggested a joint meeting for anyone who would like to volunteer. Nina and Melissa will get together to discuss further.

13. **Adjourn. 8:33pm.**

City Clerk - Elections

At the August 1 LANCC meeting, Michael Lektorich from the Los Angeles City Clerk's Neighborhood Council Elections and Funding Division presented the 2027 Neighborhood Council election process. The key change for this election cycle is that **City Clerk-administered elections will use a hybrid model, with both in-person voting and Vote-By-Mail.**

For STNC, the most important distinction is that this hybrid model applies to **City Clerk-administered Elections, not NC-run Selections.** During the meeting chat, Glenn Bailey specifically clarified: "Hybrid (in-person AND Vote-By-Mail) applicable only to NC Elections administered by the City Clerk (does not apply to Selections)."

Under the City Clerk model, the Clerk will handle the major administrative and logistical parts of the election, including voter registration, Vote-By-Mail processing, in-person voting, poll-worker recruitment and training, provisional ballots, ballot security, tallying, and election challenges. Each participating Neighborhood Council will also have an in-person voting location within or serving its NC area, subject to the City Clerk's confirmation of location and logistics.

The City Clerk also develops the **Ballot Voting Model** for each NC based on its Bylaws, including voter eligibility, seats, and ballot types. This is especially important for STNC because our election requires **five different ballots**, making an NC-run Selection significantly more complex.

The meeting also confirmed that voters who receive a Vote-By-Mail ballot but later vote in person will be handled through a provisional ballot process to prevent duplicate voting. Vote-By-Mail ballots may also be returned at polling locations.

The broader discussion repeatedly reflected the challenges Neighborhood Councils face with limited volunteers, increasing administrative requirements, and the amount of time required to manage City processes. Several participants emphasized that NCs are volunteer organizations and cannot reasonably take on every administrative responsibility.

For STNC, the practical takeaway is that allowing the **City Clerk to administer our 2027 election would provide both in-person and Vote-By-Mail voting while transferring the complicated election administration to the City Clerk's established system.** This would allow STNC to focus its limited volunteer and administrative capacity on candidate recruitment, outreach, voter education, and community engagement rather than running the election itself.

This provides a reasonable basis for STNC to reconsider its earlier decision to conduct a Selection and instead choose a City Clerk-administered Election for this cycle.

Application for Land Use Committee Membership

Name: Rachel Belofsky
 Address: [REDACTED]
 City & Zip: Sunland 91040

Phone: [REDACTED]
 Email Address: [REDACTED]

Please answer the following questions.

1. How did you find out about the Land Use Committee?

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

2. What would you like to accomplish by being part of the Land Use Committee (LUC)?

To preserve our neighborhood's character and beauty by enforcing strict zoning standards and preventing out-of-scale overdevelopment.

3. Stakeholder Status:

Do you live in Sunland or Tujunga? Yes If so, for how long? 28 years

Do you own property in Sunland or Tujunga? Yes

Do you work in Sunland or Tujunga? Yes

Do you own a business located in Sunland or Tujunga? Yes

Do you belong to any service organizations and/or other groups that are based in Sunland or Tujunga? No If Yes, please list here: N/A

4. Please describe any formal education, career background and/or life experience that you believe would enhance your contribution to the LUC:

Executive background in project management, event permitting, and operational oversight. Skilled at evaluating complex proposals, reading site plans, and managing stakeholder interests. Long-time local resident committed to protecting our community's quality of life and visual appeal. Lived in South Sunland during 2017 La Tuna Fire that burned the hills on my street and surrounding areas.

5. Do you foresee that you and/or any of your family members or business associates would have a business or construction project that would be likely to come before the LUC? Yes No
 If yes, please explain:

6. I have attended and participated in the following LUC meetings:

a. Date: _____
 As an audience member, I participated in the discussion on these subjects:

b. Date: _____
 As an audience member, I participated in the discussion on these subjects:

c. Date: _____
 As an audience member, I participated in the discussion on these subjects:

7. I would like to request that the LUC consider me for membership.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Membership Guidelines for the Land Use Committee
of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Membership Guidelines

A person who would like to be considered for Land Use Committee membership must agree to the following guidelines:

1. I am a stakeholder of Sunland-Tujunga. [provide documentation to chair / co-chairs]
2. I want to help improve the community's appearance and livability.
3. I understand that I will be expected to be familiar with the contents of the Foothill Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan, the Community Plan, and with other appropriate aspects of land use and planning on an ongoing basis and as new situations occur.
4. I understand that I will be expected to assist with the enforcement of the above documents and related City of Los Angeles codes and requirements, as well as to discuss them during presentations to the Land Use Committee.
5. I do not have a current conflict of interest with the activities of the committee, and I promise to immediately disclose any that might develop in the future.
6. I understand that if accepted as a member of the LUC, I would represent the viewpoint of the community and not just my own viewpoint.
7. I am willing to commit to attending both regularly-scheduled and special LUC meetings, and to help write occasional letters or documents, and/or to attend City Council, Planning Commission, or other meetings from time to time.
8. I understand that if I miss three consecutive LUC meetings, I will be considered to have resigned from the LUC unless excused by the chair / co-chairs.
9. As a demonstration of my commitment to become a committee member, I am willing, after having read the Specific Plan and the Community Plan, to attend three consecutive regularly-scheduled meetings of the LUC before being considered for committee membership. During at least the second and third of these meetings, I agree to participate from the audience by either asking questions and/or making comments regarding at least one presentation or other item on the agenda of those meetings. At least some of these questions or comments should show my understanding of the Specific Plan and/or other concerns of the community at large. (Please fill out the appropriate areas on the reverse of this page as you attend the three meetings, then submit this completed and signed form to the Chairman of the LUC.)
10. I will complete L.A. City required Planning 101 Training and provide documentation of completion.
11. I will complete L.A. City required Code of Conduct Training and provide documentation.

I attest that I meet the qualifications for Land Use Committee membership and I agree to follow the above guidelines. I have filled out the Application for LUC Membership and herewith submit it for consideration.

Signed: Rachel Belofsky Dated: 8/8/2026

Please print name: Rachel Belofsky

Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: June 2026

Budget Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

NC Name: Sunland-Tujunga
Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$13824.96	\$826.87	\$12998.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12998.09

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$25000.00	\$576.87	\$2893.12	\$0.00	\$2893.12
Outreach		\$250.00		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$-169.87	\$0.00	\$-169.87
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$21449.88	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	PY US STORAGE CENTERS	06/01/2026	STNC Storage monthly cost.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$120.00
2	THE WEB CORNER, INC.	06/01/2026	STNC Website hosting & maintenance for one month (June2026)	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$150.00
3	PY US STORAGE CENTERS	06/01/2026	STNC new storage space.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$41.00
4	CCI CONSTANT-CONTACT	06/03/2026	Monthly Email marketing receipt	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$99.00
5	GB SUNLANDTUJUNGA FOR	06/04/2026	Outreach Sponsorship for Pride event on June 13 at Sunland Park.	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$250.00
6	DOMINO'S 8402	06/10/2026	Refreshments for June 10 Board Meeting	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$139.29
7	SMART AND FINAL 414	06/10/2026	Refreshments for June 10 Board Meeting	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$27.58
Subtotal:						\$826.87

Outstanding Expenditures						
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RE: 8150 McGroarty Street, Sunland – Case No. VTT-73957

Request to Reject the MND and Require Current Environmental and Fire-Safety Review

Dear City Officials:

The Sunland-Tujunga community has raised serious concerns regarding the proposed subdivision at 8150 McGroarty Street for nearly a decade. In 2017, we formally requested preparation of a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR), citing the site's steep terrain, extensive grading, removal of mature protected trees, drainage and debris-flow impacts, and other potentially significant environmental effects.

Those concerns have not diminished. They have become more urgent.

The McGroarty Corridor lies within a hillside community facing significant wildfire, evacuation, flooding, and debris-flow hazards. Yet the City is considering approval of this development based on plans and environmental analysis dating back approximately ten years. The project would introduce additional residences and traffic into an area where safe emergency access and evacuation are already critical community concerns.

The City should not rely on an outdated Mitigated Negative Declaration to determine that today's risks are insignificant.

We respectfully request that the City:

1. **Reject the existing MND and require a current, comprehensive EIR** addressing present-day conditions and cumulative impacts;
2. **Require compliance with all applicable California Minimum Fire-Safe Regulations**, including evaluation of both on-site and off-site access, roadway grades, widths, turnarounds, emergency response, and evacuation conditions;
3. **Fully evaluate wildfire, evacuation, flooding, debris-flow, grading, protected-tree, habitat, and cumulative impacts** on the surrounding community;
4. **Require meaningful consultation with the appropriate Native American tribes and Indigenous organizations** regarding cultural, tribal, and sensitive land resources in and around the project area, and ensure those concerns are addressed through the current environmental review process; and
5. **Require meaningful protection of the site's sensitive slopes and natural resources**, including an appropriate conservation easement or equivalent permanent protection.

This is not simply about the impacts within one subdivision boundary. Emergency access, evacuation, wildfire, flooding, debris flows, and protection of cultural and natural resources affect the entire McGroarty Corridor and surrounding Sunland-Tujunga foothill community.

The community raised these concerns in 2017. Nearly a decade later, approving this project without a modern environmental and fire-safety analysis would disregard both the changed conditions we face and the very hazards residents have consistently identified.

We therefore urge the City to grant the appeal, reject reliance on the outdated MND, and require the comprehensive environmental and public-safety review this sensitive hillside site requires.

Sunland-Tujunga
Neighborhood Council

COMMUNITY SURVEY

We want to hear from you!

The STNC Outreach Committee is gathering feedback to better serve our community. Help us understand what matters most to you.

Help us understand:



Do you know about STNC and what we do?



How do you currently hear about community events and updates?



How would you like to receive information?



What matters most to you in our community?



What would you like to see more of in Sunland-Tujunga?



*Your input
makes a
difference*
in building a
stronger, more
connected
Sunland-Tujunga.

*Scan to
Participate!*



Stay Connected!



Follow us for updates
& ways to get involved.

Thank you for helping shape the future of our community.

Tree Watering in Sunland-Tujunga

Sunday, August 30, 2026, 7 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Behind the Council District 7 Office

7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, Ca



**Sponsored by STNC's Safe Traffic
Committee &**

Sierra Club's Crescenta Valley Group.

Our goal is to water 100 trees along

Sunland & Foothill Boulevards.

We need your help – even if only to water 5 trees!

We will have water jugs, snacks and water ready.

All you have to do is show up and help!



We are also looking for people to adopt a tree and water it every week.

Contact Pat at: patkramerstnc@gmail.com



Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Program



What does this mean to you?

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS & SCIENTISTS®

- 2023 Excellence in Engineering and Science: Grand Prize in Planning
- 2025 Excellence in Engineering and Science: Grand Prize for Environmental Sustainability



What does this mean to you?

1

Local and reliable
source of water

2

Environmental
sustainability

3

Jobs and economic
opportunities

Project Funding



MWD LRP



EPA WIFIA



**CALIFORNIA
Water Boards**

SWRCB SRF



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RECLAMATION

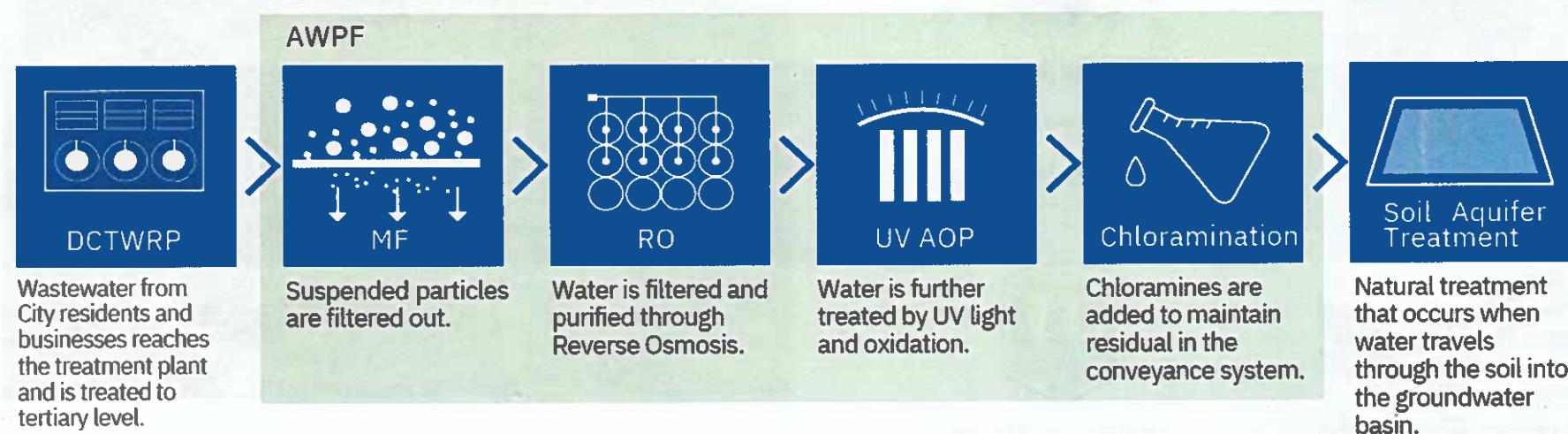
BOR Title XVI



Total External Funding
\$426 million



Advanced Water Purification Treatment



Advanced Water Purification Facility

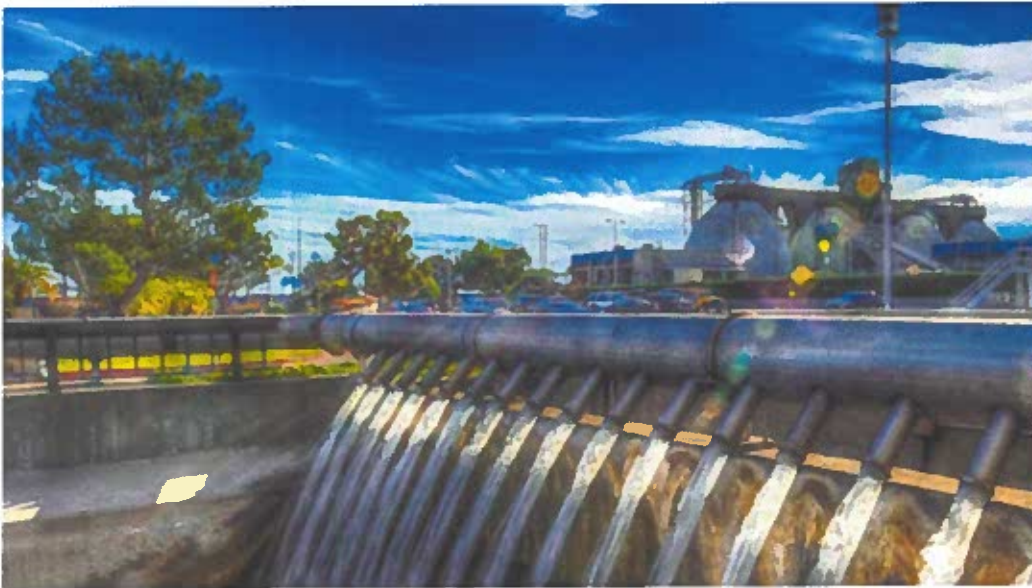


Regulatory Oversight

- Regulatory Oversight and Approval by:
 - State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water
 - Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Independent Expert Review by the
 - National Water Research Institute
- Regular meetings since the start of conceptual design in 2023.



LAGWR Project Goals

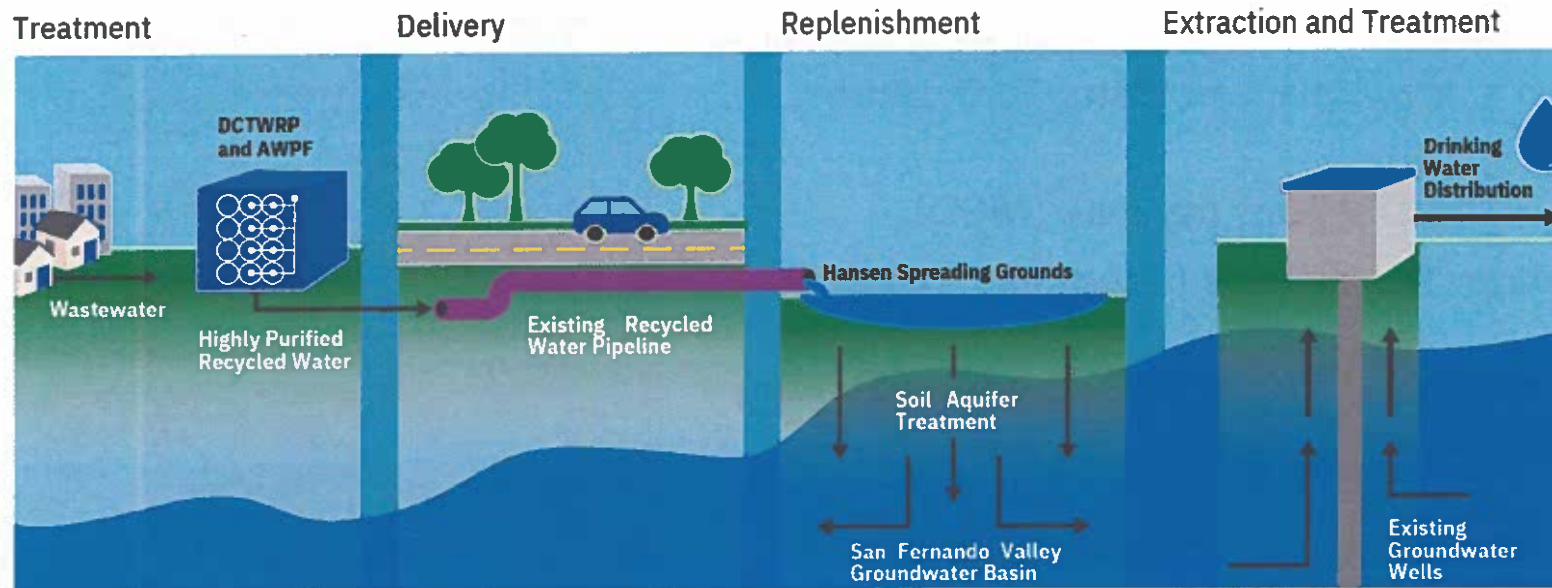


- ✓ Replenish the San Fernando Groundwater Basin to support restoration of beneficial uses.
- ✓ Create a local, sustainable, drought resilient supply of water for the City.
- ✓ Maximize utilization of recycled water DCTWRP.
- ✓ Satisfy all recycled water regulations for indirect potable reuse.

LAGWR Project Schedule



LAGWR Project



Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Program (LAGWR)

- Effluent from Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plan (**DCTWRP**) via a new Advanced Water Purification Facility (**AWPF**)
 - ✓ **Up to 45 Million Gallons per Day (MGD)**
 - ✓ **Enough water for close to half million Angelenos**
- Conveyance to Hansen Spreading Grounds via Existing Balboa Pump Station and Existing 54" Pipeline
- Surface Spreading at Hansen Spreading Grounds
- Extraction at Nearby LADWP Wellfields



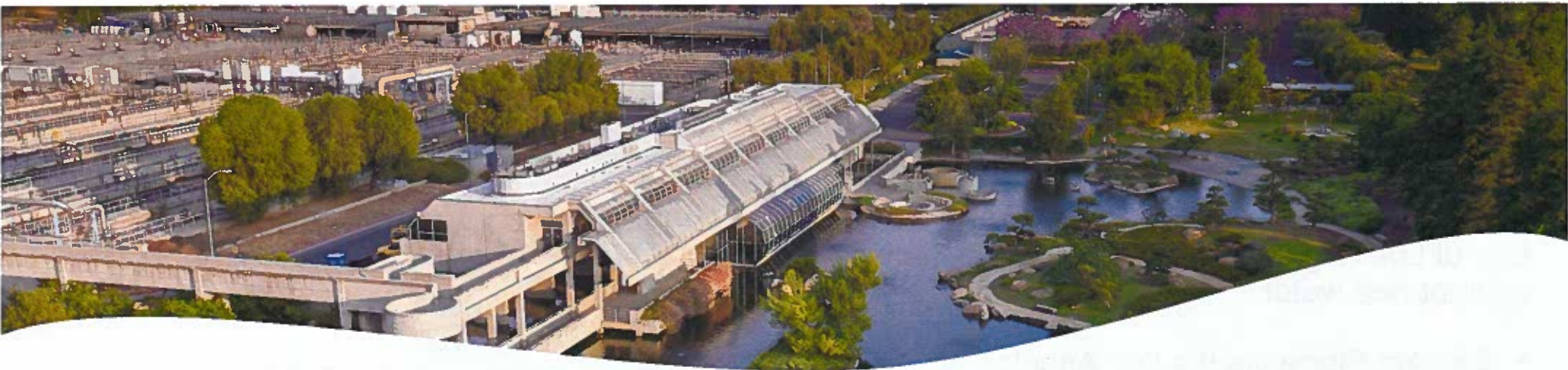
City of Los Angeles Water Supply

City of Los Angeles' water supply relies heavily on imported water

- Eastern Sierra via the Los Angeles Aqueduct
- Northern Sierra and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta via the California State Water Project
- Colorado River via the Colorado River Aqueduct
- Local Water Supply including groundwater

LAGWR complements other water sources, it diversifies LA's water portfolio





Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Program

