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Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council
Special General Board Meeting
Minutes

Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 7:00 pm

In person
Elk's Lodge, 10137 Commerce Ave, Tujunga, 90142

6:30-7:00 pm – Meet & Greet with Presenters, STNC Board - Refreshments

1. **CALL TO ORDER -** Lydia Grant, President, 7:09pm

    a. 3,800 sq. ft ADU – Updates. Lydia provided commentary. There is an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) being discussed with the City Council to put the cap back on the size of ADUs to the former 1200 sq ft. The language in the bill was vague and one developer exploited it to build very large units (3 of them) in Northridge that are up to 3,800 sq ft. There are currently 5-6 properties in Northridge building large ADUs. ADUs by definition are accessory buildings to the main house, but in current cases, the house was demolished and only the "ADUs" stand, a clear violation of the law. Lydia noted the properties are renting out at $65,000/month, not benefitting low income at all. There are no single residential buildings but these can be converted to other purposes, getting around other constraints.

    b. Dam Dredging Updates - For more information about the mitigation area, please visit: www.dpw.lacounty.gov/wrd/Projects/BTWMA. Lydia said that personnel from the County Public Works Dept are invited to the next STNC General Board meeting to discuss dam dredging and dumping concerns in the Seven Hills area.

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Lydia Grant	Present	Yes	President
VACANT	N/A	N/a	1st VP

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Appointment
Melissa Sagastume	Present	Yes	2nd VP
Carol Hutchinson	Present	Yes	Treasurer
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	Yes	Correspondence Sec
Karen Moran	Present	Yes	Recording Sec
Leny Freeman	Present (until 8pm)	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
Jon von Gunten	Present	Yes	Region 3 Rep.
Vicky Cerpa	Absent	No	Region 4 Rep.
Dante Jose Calvo	Present	Yes	Region 4 Rep
Mark Seigel	Present	Yes	Region 4 Rep
Ross Herman	Present	NO	Region 4 Rep
Cheryl Schmidt	Present	Yes	Public Safety Rep
Nina Royal	Present	Yes	Senior Rep
Vartan Keshish	Absent	UNK	Community Interest Rep
Vickie Nailing	Present	No	Education
Members of the Community (MC) with information as identified.			
MCs not identified; about 10 MCs present (not including speakers and invited guests).			
	11 present/4 absent		

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Comments from Lydia.

    a. Passing of **Scott Froschauer** - former board member on the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council, Artist.

    b. STNC Board Vacancies: Three positions vacant: VP Community Improvement; Region 1 and Region 2 Representatives. This is an opportunity to join the STNC Board and Committees. Please send an interest letter to president@stnc.org to apply. Also Committee Chair seats are opened; committees

3. **DETERMINATION OF QUORUM/ROLL CALL -** Determination of Quorum /Roll Call, Report on voting Eligibility - Karen Moran. Karen noted that Ross and Vickie N were not eligible to vote until training completed. Funding training expires the 16th and other members need to do this training or voting the next meeting will be impacted.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**:

    a. **Assemblymember Nick Schultz, California State Assemblymember for District 44**. Nick introduced himself, saying that his start in politics was from being a member of the board in a Neighborhood Council. Nick have a legislative and community update [w/projector]. The 3 aspects of his presentation were (1) Legislation; (2) Budget; (3) Opportunities to engage with his office. Questions and comments were made by Cindy, Melissa, Mark, Kevin Davis, Carol and Lydia.

    Nick went over current bills -Assembly Bills (AB) and Senate Bills (SB), providing the background and what the bill hoped to accomplish. The bills included *(Note: Handout from Shultz provided a more comprehensive list of bills with detailed descriptions*):

    - AB 2319 (California Post-Production Tax Credit program)
    - AB 823 (Microplastics Ban)
    - AB 1905 (Juveniles: Custodial Interrogation)
    - AB 1917 (Respect Judicial Decisions Act)
    - AB 1546 (DUI Vehicles)
    - AB 939 (Housing Development & Density Bonuses)
    - AB 690 (Indigent Defense Compensation)
    - AB 2478 (Streamlined pathway for adoption)
    - AB 2266 (Reporting standards for the state's electricity providers)

    More information can be obtained at Assembly.ca.gov/Schultz. Schultz.asmdc.org/there-outght-be-law. Bills can be tracked at leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/.

    Bills can be tracked on https://legiscan.com/CA. Per Carol you can comment on the bills; Nick said this is an effective way to get his (and other's) attention on bills.

    Nick discussed some budget issues and wins. The Discovery Cube Los Angeles has. Been allocated $4M in state funding to develop its new Fire Prevention Training Grounds and Wildlife Prevention Program. $2.4 million is a Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) stormwater infrastructure investment at the Sun Valley Watershed / Hansen Dam Spreading Grounds pipeline network.

    Nicked shard that Rabbi Sarah Hronsky received the 2023 Pioneer Women Award.

Nick shared that Brian Veskosky and Jim Orazco, owners of the Red Maple, received the Community Service Award, honoring their long-standing dedication to small-business advocacy, community pride, and local philanthropic partnerships.

Questions and comments included $1.2M to acquire and preserve land in Shadow Hills, getting info on-line for the Olympics, the current budget deficit ($12-14B per Nick), why L.A. is renting "Super Scoopers" from Canada for fire-fighting vs. investing in buying them directly, and using other water sources (e.g. Hansen Dam) for fighting fires.

Lydia commented that local airports were starting to do air-taxis (i.e. small, commercial aircraft designed to provide short, on-demand passenger flights across congested urban areas or short regional routes) and expressed a concern about Whiteman being put in a position where they didn't support emergency services which are critical to the community.

b. **Los Angeles County Public Works** - Tujunga Dam, sediment placement, and debris-flow preparation. Postponed until the next meeting.

c. **Storm readiness and emergency preparedness update**. Postponed.

d. **LA Sanitation** - community services and storm-readiness update (invited: Tristen Marler). Postponed.

5. **DISCUSSION//Updates/Q&A:** LAPD, LAFD, Elected Officials / Representatives: Mayor, CD7, LAUSD, DONE, NC Budget Advocates, City Departments, LADWP.

- **Officer Caloca, Senior Lead Officer (SLO) for Tujunga**. Caloca introduced herself and provided a status of crimes, including squatters, homeless encampments (in particular the one on Foothill Blvd in front of Public Storage), wire theft, and the very real challenge of prioritizing support/responding to calls with police manpower limited.
- **Officer Godoy, Senior Lead Officer (SLO) for Sunland**. Godoy provided a status of crimes, including stats comparing previous periods and last year. Godoy also noted frustration trying to deal with multiple reports on homeless situation while juggling other issues/crimes. October 24th is the LAPD Community Clean Up Event 8-11am, at Lake View Terrace with burgers and hot dogs provided after the cleanup.
- **Ricardo Flores, CD7**. Ricardo went over up-coming events. Lydia asked about release of water from the dam, noting that the last time there were people in the wash that could have been killed when water was released without notice. Melissa asked about the pool; it is now opened. Vickie asked about the former Cocoa's site; it is now targeted to be a Denny's.
- Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) - community and public safety update. **Gary Izquierdo** is a **Firefighter-Paramedic,** serving the city in this role for over two decades. Gary discussed current fire-fighting challenges, focusing on the fiscal challenges of supporting all requests on a budget that has not significantly increased over the years but with more and more fire responses and responses to citizens experiencing a medical crisis or emergency than was ever the case in the past. There is a great need to hire more personnel and to build and maintain fire fighting equipment including fire trucks, and buildings/structures. With hotter and dryer conditions, there are more calls for fires now than ever in past years but budgets and personnel have not increased. The FD is only 16% of the general fund. 70% of calls are to address homeless issues. Lydia noted that it seemed fair that some of the budget for the homeless be directed to the FD; this is not the current baseline. While the FD tries to rise to the challenge, there will be a time when they cannot and the community will be severely impacted. They are at a breaking point now. The FD has been a resource to the Police Department.

- **Eric Moon, Field Rep from Laura Friedman's office**, California's 30th Congressional District. Eric spoke about updates (bills and ACTs in the City), including bills that impact ICE, creating a federal tax credit, social security, immigration and the 2028 Olympics. Jon asked about ICE wearing body-cameras, noting it would be helpful to have these images as the police have.

6. **STNC COMMITTEES: Discussion / Possible Action:** Lydia summarized the following briefly.
   a. **Land Use:** Next meeting will be October 26, 2026.
   b. **Beautification** - Community Cleanups
   c. **STARC** - no longer meeting, needs chair
   d. **STAT** - needs chair starting in January 2027

7. **DISCUSSION: TREASURER'S REPORT / FUNDING ITEMS:** Items except f voted altogether. ***Items a through q were voted on in a single vote WITH THE EXCEPTIONS OF ITEMS P AND F. ITEM P WAS SINGLED OUT FOR AN INDIVIDUAL VOTE AND A VOTE WAS TAKEN TO POSTPONE VOTING ON ITEM F.*** A motion was taken by Cindy and seconded by Nina, the items (a,b,c,d,e,g,h,l,j,k,l,m,n,o) were discussed, a vote was taken which passed.

Item 7 a,b,c,d,e,g,h,l,j,k,l,m,n, and o

Approve items a,b,c,d,e,g,h,l,j,k,l,m,n, and o (omitting items f and p).

Motion: Cleghorn Second: Royal

Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, Sagastume, Hutchinson, Cleghorn, Moran, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Schmidt, Royal ***11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 ineligible, 5 absent, 18 total***			Herman, Nailing		Freeman, McEnany, Dorothy, Cerpa, Keshish

   a. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve the August 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).
   b. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve the updated Neighborhood Council Funding Program (NCFP) Fiscal Year 2026 2027Administrative Packet. [Approval of the packet approves recurring expenses: Webcorner, US Storage, Constant Contact, Adobe, E-Voice (phone), PO Box.]
   c. Discussion/Action: Motion to reapprove Sunland Printing invoice for outreach postcards, up to $200.00 [previous FY approved but not paid, requires new FY vote, for STAT committee.
   d. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve the use of STNC tables and chairs by McGroarty Arts Center on November 1, 2026, for Día de los Muertos.
   e. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve the purchase of up to 500 replacement STNC tote bags, at a cost not to exceed $2,000.

f. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve the purchase of STNC license plate holders, at a cost not to exceed $500. A motion was taken by Cindy and seconded by Jon to postpone voting on this item. A vote was taken which passed.

Item 7f Approve postponing vote for STNC license plate holders **Motion: Cleghorn Second: VonGunten**					
Yes	**No**	**Abstain**	**Ineligible**	**Recuse**	**Absent**
Grant, Sagastume, Hutchinson, Cleghorn, Moran, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Royal, Nailing, ***9 yes, 2 no, 0 abstain, 2 ineligible, 5 absent, 18 total***	Schmidt. McCoy		Nailing, Herman		Freeman, McEnany, Dorothy, Cerpa, Keshish

g. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve the purchase of pet waste bag dispensers, at a cost not to exceed $500.

h. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve the purchase of STNC baseball-style hats, at a cost not to exceed $350.

i. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve the purchase of STNC shirts, at a cost not to exceed $750.

j. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve sponsorship of Verdugo Hills Pool Movie Night in October, including drinks and snacks, at a cost not to exceed $300.

k. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve a $1,000 sponsorship for the Chili Bowl Festival at McGroarty Arts Center to include banner, social media promotion

l. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve sponsorship of candy for the Sunland Park Halloween Event on October 31, 2026, at a cost not to exceed $500.

m. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve a $500 sponsorship to the Sunland Tujunga Shadow Hills Rotary for Hanukkah in the Hills to include logo on banner, social media promotion, table at event.

n. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to $350 for refreshments at tree watering events. Pat discussed her 12 year tree watering event and made the case for needing to provide food and water for the volunteers, especially the boy scouts and other youth group volunteers. Pat is stepping down from STAT as Chair-person at this time and will focus on the tree watering.

o. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve Elks Lodge invoice for meeting October 14, 2026 in the amount of $160.00

p. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to $1,000 to cover cost to move salvage items to the City. [list of salvage items previously approved]. Per Cindy, the cost could be $400, but this is 'up to' $1,000. Cindy and Lydia felt the money could come from the reserve for elections. A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Jon to postpone voting on this item. A vote was taken which passed.

Item 7p Approve voting on item p to postpone approving up to $1,000 to cover cost to move salvage items to the City. Motion: Cleghorn Second: VonGunten					
Yes	**No**	**Abstain**	**Ineligible**	**Recuse**	**Absent**
Grant, Sagastume, Hutchinson, Cleghorn, Moran, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Schmidt, Royal ***11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 ineligible, 5 absent, 18 total***			Herman, Nailing		Freeman, McEnany, Dorothy, Cerpa, Keshish

q. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to $2,400 for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 web services agreement with The Web Corner, Inc. [recurring expense in NCFP packet, 3 months already paid.

8. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION:** Approve STNC Board Minutes for prior meeting(s), as presented. motion was made by Cindy, seconded by Melissa. A vote was taken, without further discussion, which passed.

Item 8 Approve General Board minutes from September 2026. Motion: Cleghorn Second: Sagastume					
Yes	**No**	**Abstain**	**Ineligible**	**Recuse**	**Absent**
Grant, Sagastume, Hutchinson, Cleghorn, Moran, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Schmidt, Royal, ***11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 ineligible, 5 absent, 18 total***			Nailing, Ross		Freeman, McEnany, Dorothy, Cerpa, Keshish

9. **STNC COMMITTEES:** Discussion / Possible Action

a. Notice of STAT Committee Chair, Pat Kramer, resignation effective Dec. 2026. Pat recognized the need for STAT but cannot support as Chair in addition to the tree-water event coordinating. The last meeting in December will be the last one she chairs; the committee could dissolve if no one offers to be the Chair-person.

b. Committee updates and recommendations, including Land Use, Beautification, STARC, STAT, and other committees. No discussion.

10. **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Community Impact Statements (CIS), Council Files, and Letters.** ***Note: Items a through f: Items b, c, d, e were postponed. Items a and f were discussed and voted on.***

    a. Discussion and possible action to approve CIS regarding CF25-0848 / AB747 City Compliance Status Existing Evacuation Plans/Improve Evacuation Route Infrastructure. Council File: 25-0848 / AB 747. A motion was made by Cindy, seconded by Nina. This motion was discussed by Lydia. A vote was taken which passed.

    Position: SUPPORT WITH RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS

    The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) supports Council File 25-0848 and efforts to implement AB 747 to strengthen emergency evacuation planning, wildfire preparedness, and community resilience throughout Los Angeles. Sunland-Tujunga includes hillside neighborhoods, wildfire-prone areas, and constrained roadways where evacuation capacity and emergency access are critical public safety concerns. STNC urges the City Council to:

    - Complete and publicly report evacuation capacity assessments, including identification of roadway bottlenecks, vulnerable populations, and cumulative development impacts.
    - Integrate evacuation safety into land-use decisions, particularly for projects in high fire hazard areas or along constrained evacuation corridors.
    - Prioritize and actively pursue State and federal grant funding for evacuation infrastructure, emergency access improvements, and community resilience, with greater interdepartmental coordination to avoid missed funding opportunities.
    - Provide transparent progress reports identifying funding applications, awards, implementation timelines, and outstanding evacuation planning needs.

    The September 11, 2026 City Administrative Officer report demonstrates both the availability of potential funding and the importance of improved coordination and timely grant applications. Public safety must remain a priority in land-use planning and infrastructure investment. STNC urges the City Council to move beyond informational reports toward measurable implementation of AB 747, with clear accountability and meaningful community involvement.

    STNC supports Council File 25-0848 with these recommended amendments.

Item 10a Approve CIS regarding CF25-0848 / AB747 City Compliance Status Existing Evacuation Plans/Improve Evacuation Route Infrastructure. Council File: 25-0848 / AB 747 **Motion: Cleghorn Second: Royal**					
Yes	**No**	**Abstain**	**Ineligible**	**Recuse**	**Absent**
Grant, Sagastume, Hutchinson, Cleghorn, Moran, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Schmidt, Royal ***11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 ineligible, 5 absent, 18 total***			Herman, Nailing		Freeman, McEnany, Dorothy, Cerpa, Keshish

b. Discussion and possible action to approve a CIS regarding Council File 16-1468-S5, Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) / Proposed Ordinance / Maximum Size Limitation. RE: Council File 16-1468-S5Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) / Proposed Ordinance / Maximum Size Limitation. **POSTPONED.**

Position: SUPPORT

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports efforts to establish reasonable maximum size limitations for attached Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) while maintaining compliance with California housing laws and preserving neighborhood compatibility.

We recognize the importance of ADUs in expanding housing opportunities throughout Los Angeles, ADU development should remain consistent with the scale and character of existing residential neighborhoods and should not result in disproportionately large structures that undermine the intent of accessory housing. We support consideration of the proposed limitation that attached ADUs not exceed 50 percent of the existing primary dwelling's floor area, with an overall maximum of 1,200 square feet, to the extent permitted by state law.

We also support the City Council's direction to the Department of City Planning to:

- Evaluate the impacts of SB 9 and SB 1211 on attached ADU development.
- Identify legally permissible local regulations that protect neighborhood compatibility.
- Examine the use of breezeways and other attachment configurations that may circumvent intended development standards.
- Ensure that proposed regulations are clear, enforceable, and consistent with state housing requirements.

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council urges the City to adopt a balanced approach that supports additional housing while preventing oversized attached ADUs, protecting existing residential neighborhoods, and ensuring fair and consistent application of development standards.

We respectfully request that the City Council consider these concerns as the proposed ordinance moves forward.

c. Discussion and possible action to approve a CIS regarding CF25-1083-S2 - Streamline Development Projects / Accelerate Project Approvals / Incorporate the City's Missing Middle LA Work Program / Technical Amendments. **POSTPONED.**

Position: Against

Re: Streamline Development Projects / Accelerate Project Approvals / Missing Middle LA Work Program / Technical Amendments

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council opposes this motion as currently proposed and urges the City Council to return to the drawing board.

While we recognize the need to improve the development approval process, streamlining must not come at the expense of transparency, public oversight, or meaningful community participation.

There must be more public participation in land-use decisions, not less. Residents and Neighborhood Councils deserve early notification, adequate time to review proposals, and meaningful opportunities to provide input before decisions are made.

Efficiency and community engagement are not mutually exclusive. We urge the City to reconsider this motion and develop a revised approach that protects public participation, ensures accountability, and respects the voices of the communities most directly affected. The public must have a seat at the table, not be streamlined out of the process.

d. Discussion and possible action to approve a CIS regarding Council File 26-1238 - Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Review / Amendments / Governing Provisions / Deadlines and Procedures / Public-Facing Matrix / Solicit Testimony. **POSTPONED.**

Position: SUPPORT

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports the establishment of an independent, Citywide Inspector General to strengthen transparency, accountability, and public trust in Los Angeles City government. Currently, the City lacks a centralized, independent oversight office with broad authority to investigate misconduct involving City departments and senior officials. When departments are responsible for investigating complaints about their own management or practices, legitimate concerns arise regarding impartiality an accountability. This issue is particularly important to communities such as Sunland-Tujunga, where residents depend on fair and transparent enforcement of building, safety, land use, and other municipal regulations.

The City has previously explored independent oversight through Council File 23-0188 and the Charter Reform Commission's Inspector General proposal (CRC 26). These efforts deserve renewed consideration.

We urge the City Council to pursue a Charter amendment establishing an independent Citywide Inspector General with authority to:

- Investigate complaints involving City departments and officials.
- Obtain records, compel cooperation, and exercise appropriate subpoena authority.
- Protect residents, complainants, and whistleblowers from retaliation.
- Publicly report findings and recommend corrective actions.
- Refer suspected criminal misconduct to appropriate authorities.

An independent Inspector General would complement existing oversight agencies while addressing gaps in accountability.

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council urges the City Council to advance this proposal and ensure

that Los Angeles residents have access to meaningful, independent oversight of their City government.

e. Discussion and possible action regarding Council File 26-1199, Whistleblower and Anti-Retaliation policies and procedures, reporting misconduct, and anonymity protections. **POSTPONED.**

Council File: 26-1199
Subject: Whistleblower and Anti-Retaliation / Policies and Procedures / Reporting Misconduct / Anonymity Protections

Position: SUPPORT

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) supports Council File 26-1199 and efforts to strengthen whistleblower protections, anti-retaliation policies, and confidential reporting procedures throughout Los Angeles City government.

City employees must be able to report fraud, waste, abuse, corruption, and misconduct without fear of retaliation or professional consequences. Effective policies must ensure clear reporting procedures, independent investigations, meaningful confidentiality and anonymity protections where legal permissible, and accountability for those who engage in retaliation.

Protecting whistleblowers is essential to safeguarding taxpayer funds, promoting government transparency, and maintaining public trust.

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council urges the City Council to ensure these protections are enforceable, consistently implemented, and regularly reviewed to promote accountability and integrity in City government.

f. Discussion and possible action regarding Council File 26-1330, Measure FD implementation and the LAFD Expansion Plan and recommendations. **A motion was made by Ross, seconded by Cheryl. This motion was discussed by Lydia. A vote was taken which passed.**

Council File: 26-1330
Title: Measure FD Implementation / LAFD Expansion Plan / Recommendations

Position: FOR, IF AMENDED

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports the development of a comprehensive LAFD Implementation and Expansion Plan, contingent upon voter approval of Measure FD on November 3, 2026. However, planning must translate into meaningful investments in firefighters, emergency personnel, facilities, and equipment.

Sunland-Tujunga and surrounding foothill communities face significant wildfire exposure, challenging terrain, and increasing emergency service demands. Our fire stations must be adequately staffed, properly equipped, maintained, and modernized to meet today's emergencies and prepare for tomorrow's challenges.

We recognize the long-overdue need for Sylmar Fire Station 31 and support its consideration among priority capital projects. At the same time, existing fire stations, including Sunland-Tujunga's Stations 24 and 74, must receive the staffing, equipment, and improvements necessary to protect our communities.

We urge the City Council to incorporate the following priorities into CF 26-1330:

Staffing, Training, and Retention: Prioritize hiring and retaining highly qualified firefighters, paramedics, dispatchers, and essential support personnel. Provide ongoing professional training, competitive recruitment, career development, and adequate staffing levels to maintain reliable emergency response and wildfire readiness.

Invest in Our Future Firefighters: Expand youth outreach, Fire Cadet and Explorer opportunities, school partnerships, mentorships, and career pathways that encourage young people from our communities to consider careers in firefighting and emergency medical services.

Strengthen Foothill Fire Protection: Prioritize improvements to existing stations, apparatus replacement, wildfire response capabilities, and completion of needed facilities based on documented community risks and operational needs.

Leverage Available Funding: Coordinate Measure FD revenues with federal, State, and other funding opportunities to maximize investments in personnel, training, equipment, and infrastructure.

Ensure Accountability: Establish measurable staffing and training goals, response-time improvements, implementation timelines, and transparent public reporting. Ensure Measure FD revenues supplement rather than replace existing LAFD funding.

Our greatest public safety investment is in the people who protect us. We must recruit, train, support, and retain exceptional emergency personnel while inspiring the next generation to serve.

Emergency preparedness cannot wait until the next wildfire. Our communities deserve dependable staffing, modern facilities, and the resources necessary to respond effectively when every second counts.

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council respectfully requests that these priorities be incorporated into CF 26-1330 and the proposed LAFD Implementation and Expansion Plan.

Item 10f Approve Council File 26-1330, Measure FD implementation and the LAFD Expansion Plan and recommendations

Motion: Herman Second: Schmidt

Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, Sagastume, Hutchinson, Cleghorn, Moran, McCoy, von Gunten, Calvo, Seigel, Schmidt, Royal ***11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 2 ineligible, 5 absent, 18 total***			Herman, Nailing		Freeman, McEnany, Dorothy, Cerpa, Keshish

11. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEM**S

- **Kevin Davis, Administrative Secretary for the Budget Advocates' Executive Committee**. Kevin introduced himself and the areas he is supporting and invited questions. Kevin also serves as the President of the Foothill Trails District NC (representing the communities of Lake View Terrace, Shadow Hills, and La Tuna Canyon). The Budget Advocates meet the first Monday of the month and the first Saturdays; MCs are welcomed to join. Kevin invited the person in charge of the Selection effort to call him. Cindy asked about looking at the Fire Department budget which is very stretched; Kevin agreed it would be a good effort. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates typically meet twice a month. Their regular public meetings generally meet the first Monday of the month at 7pm (virtual) and third Saturday of the month at 9:30am which may be virtual of in-person (Los Angeles City Hall (20th Floor) and the West Los Angeles Municipal Building.)

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Committee & Liaison Reports and Confirm Assignments - by liaison chairs present. Not discussed due to time constraints.

- Neighborhood Watch / Homeless
- Citywide Budget / Budget Advocates
- LADWP MOU / LADWP Committee
- LANCC
- VANC
- PlanCheckNC
- Emergency Preparedness
- Sustainability

12. FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. Not discussed due to time constraints.

- Sign up for STNC Newsletter at: stnc.org
- STNC is on Instagram and Facebook

13. ADJOURN. 9:33pm