



Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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General Board Online Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

6:45 p.m.

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE BOARD OF SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING (STNC) WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY.

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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 our first virtual meeting, please understand that there may be some connection delays from time to time.

1. **Call to Order and Welcome** – Liliana Sanchez, President [2]
 - A. **Pledge of Allegiance**



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B. **Roll Call** - Secretary – Cindy Cleghorn – Quorum is 11

C. **Board Members eligible to vote.**

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2. President's Report [2]

A. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD VACANCY** - Stakeholder Group Representative (2) vacant positions. From the Bylaws: Seven (7) Stakeholder Group Representatives shall be elected at large. These Representatives shall be elected from the pool of community stakeholders representing nonprofits, educational, faith-based, and, service, youth, and special-interest organizations located or meeting regularly within the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council boundaries. No organization may have more than one stakeholder representative. All Group Representatives must participate on at least one committee. Candidates interested in applying for the vacancy on the STNC board are to submit their interest statement, stakeholder documentation and supporting organization letter to secretary@stnc.org *no later than Wednesday, September 23, 2020* to be added onto the next Executive Committee and Board meeting agendas. If selected, new board members will be required to complete ethics, funding and code of conduct training, attend meetings, join committees.

B. STNC BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

As a Board Member and/or Committee Representative of the STNC, I agree to

1. Attend all meetings and be on time unless prior arrangements are made.
2. Conduct myself in a civil manner at all times and always wait for the presiding officer to recognize me before speaking.
3. Learn the applicable laws that govern Neighborhood Councils including bylaws, standing rules, meeting procedures, the Brown Act, conflict of interest laws, city ordinances and the City Charter.
4. Take responsibility to fulfill my elected role as specified in the STNC Bylaws.
5. Support the chairperson's effort at preserving decorum.
6. Not use my Board position for a personal agenda outside my responsibilities as assigned by the STNC Bylaws.

3. REPRESENTATIVE's Announcements & Reports – [12 minutes total] –

Representatives of LAPD, Local, City, County, State - 2-minute limit per speaker.

Foothill LAPD Commanding Officer/Captain Johnny Smith 818-756-8861 -

Foothill Community Sgt. Jesse Ojeda - 818-756-8866 - 33272@lapd.online

SENIOR LEAD OFFICERS - TUJUNGA SLO: Gloria Caloca: 818-634-0754; 35755@lapd.lacity.org

SUNLAND SLO: Cesar Contreras: 818-634-0705; 36373@lapd.lacity.org

GANGS-DRUGS: Lt. Carlos Solano: 818-897-6081; 26339@lapd.lacity.org

NARCOTICS, Det. Travis Coyle, 818-834-3136; 33128@lapd.lacity.org

TRAFFIC ISSUES: Officer Joel Flores 818-644-8142 - Valley Traffic

CD7- Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez –Eve Sinclair 818-352-3287 - Staff Rep Eve.Sinclair@lacity.org

The Sunland-Tujunga Field Office is now located in Pacoima at 13520 Van Nuys Bl., Pacoima 91331

LA Mayor Garcetti–Caroline Menjivar, East Valley Rep - (818) 778-4990 Caroline.Menjivar@lacity.org

BONC Commissioner - Quyen Vo-Ramirez, North Valley Commissioner



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LA City Attorney Mike Feuer – Neighborhood Prosecutor Mark Ross 213-978-8100 —
mark.ross@lacity.org

LAUSD Kelly Gonez (District 6) – Michael Menjivar 213-241-6388 michael.menjivar@lausd.net

LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger 818-993-5170-Jason Maruca, Asst. Field Deputy:

JMaruca@bos.lacounty.gov

CA Assembly Member Luz Rivas (District 39) Arturo Garcia 818-504-3911 arturo.garcia@asm.ca.gov

CA State Senator Anthony Portantino (District 25) - 818-409-0400 vickere.murphy@sen.ca.gov

Mission College – Dean Madeline Hernandez - (818) 875-4036

Sunland Elementary School – Principal John Graham - Jmg8758@lausd.net (818) 353-1631

Apperson Street School – Principal Rene Chavez 818-353-5544 - 10233 Woodward, Sunland

Diana Gutierrez, Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District – 562-944-9656 -

dgutierrez@glacvcd.org

Sunland-Tujunga Library - Ardem Tajerian, Senior Librarian - 818-352-4481

Congressman Adam Schiff (District 26) (818) 450-2900 Theresa.lamb.simpson@mail.house.gov

Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment - Jasmine Elbarbary, NEA jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org

818-374-9886

L.A. City COVID-19 Resources <https://corona-virus.la/>

Friendship Line for Aging Adults - Call anytime 24/7 1-888-670-1360

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: a total of 10 minutes – Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda items, issues, announcements within the jurisdiction of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council. The Brown Act prevents the Board from commenting on your comments. If you wish to speak, either raise your hand (on computer or tablet) or dial *9 (on your cell phone). [10]

6. Discussion: STNC Land Use Committee Report - Pati Potter [2]

7. Selection to fill vacant Stakeholder Group Representative Board seat [5]

MOTION: The STNC Board shall select a stakeholder to fill a vacant Group Representative Board seat. Letter of application received by Evelyn Serrano representing ABRA Foothills: Anti-Bigotry Responding with Action.

8. TREASURER REPORTS (*Sandy Capps, Chair, Budget & Finance Committee approved 8-26-20*). [6]

A. Discussion: Update on City Funding approvals regarding events during COVID 19 Stay at Home.

B. Discussion: Sunland-Tujunga Shadow Hills Rotary NPG Report for PPE Face Shields

CONSENT CALENDAR FUNDING ITEMS - 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 consent calendar:

C. Approval of August 2020 MER

MOTION: The STNC Board approves the August 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report



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- D. **MOTION:** The STNC Board **approves** STARC Committee request that STNC provide up to \$300 for a sponsorship/outreach for the Sunland-Tujunga-Shadow Hills Rotary Club to promote and produce a virtual Halloween pageant and contest. (Outreach)
- E. **MOTION:** The STNC Board approves recommendation to **oppose** approval of Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 for The Civics Center Grant Application to provide training and materials for students in Sunland-Tujunga to lead voter registration drives. (NPG)
9. **CONSENT CALENDAR - NON-FUNDING ITEMS** - 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. [4]
- A. [Approval of Board Meeting Minutes](#)
MOTION: The STNC Board approves the August 12, 2020 minutes
- B. **MOTION:** That the STNC Board holds a Board Retreat within next two months via Zoom [*Lydia Grant*]
- C. **MOTION:** That the STNC Board approves letter to Mayor Garcetti and City Council supporting continuation of Zoom Meetings for Neighborhood Councils after COVID-19. [*Lydia Grant*]
- D. **MOTION:** STNC board approves adding the following language to government agencies outside the City of Los Angeles: “opinions expressed in this letter are those of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, and not necessarily those of the City of LA”; approve language to add to letters and statements sent out to levels of Government outside of City of Los Angeles. [*Lydia Grant on behalf of Community Improvement Committee*]
- E. [Approve STNC No Speeding artwork for lawn signs](#) recommended by STAT Committee
MOTION: The STNC Board approves the STAT Committee artwork and acknowledges Gerardo Barrientos for preparing the STNC No Speeding artwork. *Board previously approved funding.* [*Pat Kramer, STAT Committee*]
- F. **STNC requests City to reopen and maintain the [West Valley Animal Shelter](#)**
MOTION: To approve letter to Mayor Garcetti and City Council to immediately fund and open the West Valley Animal Shelter as a Municipal facility and do not give it away to nonprofits. The East Valley Shelter is unable to handle the load of needs for the entire San Fernando Valley. [*Lydia Grant on behalf of Community Improvement Committee*]
- G. **Community Impact Statement in support of extension regarding the [Housing Element](#).**
MOTION: the STNC Board approves the submission of a Community Impact Statement in **support** of [Council File 20-0002-s110](#) to extend deadline for Housing Element submission by at least six months for the 6th RHNA Cycle covering October 2021-2029 and authorize the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to extend the application deadline for LEAP grant application submission to January 31, 2021 due to the COVID-19 crisis. [*Lydia Grant on behalf of Community Improvement Committee*]



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- H. [Approve letter regarding 60 days early notification for Neighborhood Councils prior to removal of protected trees.](#)
MOTION: To approve letter to Mayor Garcetti, Board of Public Works, Community Forestry Advisory Committee requesting Neighborhood Councils be given 60 days early notification notice prior to removal of protected trees because three days notice is not enough time. *[Lydia Grant on behalf of Community Improvement Committee]*
- I. **Update to Community Impact Statement regarding [Slow Streets](#)**
MOTION: To add the STNC letter to Slow Streets Council File Mobility & Open Space Access in Los Angeles during COVID-19 [CF 20-0838](#). STNC previously approved letter. This motion is to add STNC's letter to the Council File because there was not a Council File assigned at the time our letter was approved by the STNC Board. *[Lydia Grant on behalf of Community Improvement Committee]*
10. **OLD BUSINESS - None**
11. **NEW BUSINESS**
- A. **Direct the Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee & Reconfirm its members**
MOTION: The STNC Board reconfirms the Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee members Bill Skiles, Sandy Capps, Cindy Cleghorn, Peter Darakjian, Liliانا Sanchez, Vicky Cerpa, Lydia Grant and direct the committee to present draft of updated / new STNC Standing Rules at the December 2020 board meeting. The committee will review existing STNC Standing Rules, recommend changes or removal of Standing Rules, recommend new Standing Rules to clarify intent of STNC Bylaws dated 6-29-20, review STNC Bylaws for any possible errors, including looking back on past Bylaws. The committee may review Standing Rules of other Neighborhood Councils across the City. *[Cindy Cleghorn] [4]*
- B. [Neighborhood Council Elections in 2021.](#) Discussion/Possible Action: Neighborhood Council Elections Report - Council File 20-0963. Review of City Clerk report, dated August 3, 2020, relative to the conduct of Neighborhood Council elections during the COVID-19 pandemic and holding the 2021 NC Elections all via Vote-By-Mail; Creation of STNC Ad Hoc Elections Committee + Committee Members; drafting of Community Impact Statement. *[Cindy Cleghorn] [5]*
- C. [MOTION: STNC opposes any defunding to LAPD Valley Traffic](#) and requests funding for additional overtime for another LAPD Valley Traffic Officer in light of continued fatalities, including that of an 83-year old man in Tujunga who was killed by a hit and run driver in August. We need a strong police presence in our community that cares about our stakeholders and tickets and/or arrests those who injure or kill our stakeholders. We've seen a high rate of traffic-related crimes and a rise in fatalities over the past few years and it is absolutely essential that we have more Traffic Officers assigned to and patrolling our streets. That being said, we do not condone violence, discrimination or rude and hostile behavior toward people of color or those who are protesting peacefully for their beliefs. Upon approval, this letter of support will be sent to CD7, LAPD and other interested parties. *[Pat Kramer on behalf of STAT Committee] [5]*



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D. Update to Community Impact Statement regarding Defunding LAPD

Community Impact Statement (CIS) CF-0692 Motion to submit additional statement to Council File: Based on the present position/motion of the Mayor and City Council to Defund our LAPD \$150 million in the budget of 2020-2021, request that STNC support the DeFend The LAPD. [*Lydia Grant on behalf of Community Improvement Committee*] [5]

E. Elimination of DWP Electric and Water Tiers

MOTION: STNC Board approves letter to ECCEJ Committee, City Council District 7 Monica Rodriguez, OPA (Office of Public Accountability), Mayor Eric Garcetti, City Attorney Mike Feuer Eliminating DWP tiers. The Residents of Sunland-Tujunga are requesting that the Department of Water and Power lift all water and electric tiers during the remaining year of 2020. Los Angeles residents are not only suffering financial hardships during this pandemic but we are also experiencing climate change with historical recorded high temperatures. Our elderly are especially vulnerable during this extreme heat and a limited pop-up cooling centers throughout Los Angeles are offering some relief from the extreme heat to some of our most vulnerable residents. Sunland-Tujunga residents do not have a cooling center option for their residents. We are asking that the DWP's board immediately look at the current tier rates and approve imposing an emergency tier price reduction on both electric and water use in the city of Los Angeles. [*Liliana Sanchez*] [5]

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS – Committee Chair Updates & Meeting Announcements

- A. Beautification – September 16 @ 6 PM - via Zoom
- B. Budget & Finance – September 23 or 30 @ 6 PM - via Zoom
- C. RYLAN (Ready Your LA Neighborhood) Update - Sandy Capps [2]
- D. Emergency Preparedness – *Need liaison to attend monthly meetings*
- E. Neighborhood Watch – Jon von Gunten written report - meetings via Zoom 3rd Tuesday - 9/15
- F. Land Use – Pati Potter - Next Meeting Presentations: Sept. 21 @ 7 PM - via Zoom
- G. STAT - Safe Traffic & Transportation Committee next meeting Sept. 22 @ 6 PM - via Zoom
- H. Outreach & Community Improvement Committee – Next Meeting Sept. 17 @ 6:00 PM - via Zoom
National Night Out - Tuesday Oct. 6
- I. STARC – Arts, Culture & Recreation Committee, Sept. 22 @ 7:30 PM - via Zoom
- J. Executive Committee – Sept. 30, 2020 @ 7:30 PM via Zoom
 - i. STNC Bylaws Updated 6/29/20
 - ii. STNC Board Elections April 27, 2020 - Vote By Mail
- K. NC Congress - Saturday, Sept. 26 - 9:00 AM
- L. NC Budget Advocates – Liliana Sanchez / Sandy Capps [1] – ncbala.org - via Zoom
- M. VANC - Sept. 10 @ 6:30 PM via Zoom w/Mayor Garcetti
- N. DWP MOU / DWP Committee – Sept. 5 @ 8:30 a.m. via zoom
- O. LANCC Update on meeting with the Mayor – Next Meeting Sept. 5 @ 10 a.m. via Zoom

13. **FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next STNC Board Meeting October 14, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

[Google Drive Link to Agenda Items:](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1eGwlUC-OZdAD-ckQIVSAone3B3GiO5ZQ?usp=sharing)

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