

## STNC Board Application Form

Email address: kmoran

First Name Karen

Last Name Moran

Which Board Seat Are You Applying For ?

Street Address

City Tujunga

Zip Code 91042

Mailing Address (if different)

Home Phone Number

Mobile Phone Number

Select Yes if You Agree

I hereby certify:

- 1) I wish to serve on the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Board of Directors; and
- 2) I live, work, own property, or represent a community-based organization located within the boundaries of the STNC.
- 3) I live, work, own property within Region (circle one)    Region 3 Representative

Signature: *Karen Moran*

YES

Please limit answers to 200 words or less each.

1) Why do you wish to serve on the STNC Board of Directors I believe in community service and now, as semi-retired, have more time to give in a capacity that can make a difference.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." --*Helen Keller*

2) Have you previously served on the board of a Neighborhood Council? No

Have you previously served on an STNC Committee ? No

What relevant background do you possess that would make you qualified for this position?

Working as an engineer at JPL for 37 years (not including the last 3 years of part-time consulting) and volunteer teaching at a local church (Our Lady of Lourdes in Tujunga) for over 15 years have (hopefully) honed organizational and interpersonal skills. In addition, when I moved to my home (more than 20 years ago), I envisioned a venue where neighbors could provide support for each other. I researched Neighborhood Watch concepts that I could apply to my immediate area and solicited interested people with a small gathering in my home with the guest speaker at the time being Officer Wall from the LAPD. People were free to stay and talk and get to know each other. I had a sign in list for those interested and put out minutes and I would also send out a Newsletter with minutes and also emails when items of interest came up. Over time, our local LAPD officers have venues where more residents can meet and Jon V has been so supportive in providing detailed email information about Sunland-Tujunga NW meetings that my efforts were largely subsumed - although residents still enjoy a (now too infrequent) gathering for camaraderie and some email me whenever they have questions where I can help.

How long have you been a stakeholder in the STNC area 20+ years as a resident

What is your previous and/or current involvement within the neighborhood/community? At this time, no current formal involvement other than a concerned resident who attends NW zoom meetings as possible and still have a presence for neighbors who have issues or concerns and may email me for suggestions or resolutions knowing that I have an extended email list of people in the immediate area.

What are three pressing issues/major challenges you feel the Sunland-Tujunga Community is facing? (1) Homelessness and the impact on local residents as well as the humanitarian challenge; (2) crime - stopping small crimes helps to provide an environment where crime does not escalate; maintaining our infrastructure (e.g. paving roads, sidewalks, painting red curbs now long faded, etc.); (3) establishing a way where residents can exit our valley corridor in the event of an emergency (e.g. fire, earthquake). There are essentially 2 routes in and out of the area, one is the 210 and the other is Foothill Blvd. If there is an event where local residents need to evacuate quickly, the traffic jam will preclude safe egress unless traffic is stopped from entering at the 2/210 juncture and at the 5/210 juncture. If local emergency egress is needed, driving on the 210 should not be an option for someone trying to get from Arcadia to Chatsworth. Plans need to be in place ahead of time.

What do you see as the primary roles of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council? The STNC provides a venue where more dedicated leaders can support the community by focusing on current issues and concerns in the community and ensuring that these issues are addressed, funded as possible, openly communicated to residents, and ensure that the LA City Council is aware of our needs and the characteristics that make Sunland-Tujunga unique.

What overall vision do you have for the Sunland-Tujunga area? ST has always impressed me as having people very diverse (ethnicity, income, etc.) that still have a wonderful tolerance for each other. I have lived in more affluent areas in Los Angeles prior to moving to Tujunga and there is an unpretentious people-to-people connection in ST that other areas lack. I would like to see local businesses thrive. Tackling homeless issues (with a focus on mental problems) is important to accomplishing a vision where people feel safe and business can grow.

In what ways will your involvement help fulfill this vision? I strive to use common sense and analytical skills to understand issues and resolve them. My boss at JPL has always recognized me as a problem solver – someone who recognizes a problem and that other envisions a practical way to resolve it. Working in the context of a group and using the strengths individuals have is key to success.

Select Yes if You Agree

I declare under penalty of perjury the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge YES

Thank you for your submission and if you have any questions, please contact us at [secretary@stnc.org](mailto:secretary@stnc.org)

We look forward to seeing you at a future board or committee meeting.