

**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

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Regular Board Meeting (Virtual):

Minutes

Monday, June 14, 2021, 6:30 pm

1. **Welcome, Call to Order, and Roll Call**
 - a. Jeffrey Hartsough, President, called the meeting to order at **6:35 pm**.
 - b. Gil Imber, Secretary, called the roll.
 - 1) **Present:** Christy Adair, Avo Babian, Levon Baronian, Michael Binkow, Joe Cappelletti, Lisa Cappelletti, Jeffrey Hartsough, Gil Imber, Jeff Kalban, Howard Katchen, Sarah Manuel, Lisa Petrus, Hayden Ranshaw, Neal Roden, Harold Shapiro, Candy Williams (16).
 - 2) **Absent:** Marcus Zimmerman (1).
2. **Administrative and Board Initiated Motions**
 - a. **SONC Board Meeting Minutes, May 10, 2021**

Approval of the Minutes of the May 10, 2021 Board Meeting.

Moved by: Lisa Petrus. **Seconded by:** Howard Katchen.
Yes: Adair, Babian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Williams
No: -
Abstain: Baronian
Ineligible: -
Absent: Ranshaw, Zimmerman
Motion to Adopt 2.a carries (roll call vote): 14-0-0.
3. **Comments by LAPD SLO's, Public Officials, and Staff**

Alexandria Naseef, LA City Council District 4.
Adriana Cabrera, Neighborhood Empowerment.
4. **President's Report**
 - a. SONC 2021 Election Results

- b. SONC Youth Seat Appointment for FY 2022
- c. End of 2021 Fiscal Year
- d. Next SONC Board Meeting - July 12, 2021

5. Presentation: Patrick Botz-Forbes, Executive Director Community Disaster Preparedness Foundation

Introduction of the Neighborhood Team Program (NTP), a program to train and establish self-sufficient neighborhood disaster teams which empower neighbors to respond effectively immediately following a disaster

6. Committee Reports

- a. Education Committee - Joe Cappelletti, Chair
- b. Government Affairs - Gil Imber, Chair

1) **[CF 21-0618. Miller, et al. v. Bonta / California Assault Weapons Ban / US District Court for Southern California / 9th Circuit Court of Appeals / California Attorney General / Amicus Brief.](#)**

In the interest of public safety, public health, and in an effort to curtail, mitigate, prevent, or impede the quantitative effect of gun violence and mass shootings in Sherman Oaks and the City of Los Angeles, as specifically pertains to semi-automatic rifles and similar high-capacity magazines and/or elevated-throughput capable firearms colloquially referred to in Bonta as "assault weapons," the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports LA City Council File 21-0618 regarding the City Attorney's amicus brief or other document to be filed in support of the California Attorney General's appeal of Miller, et al v. Bonta with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, which will seek to reverse the U.S. District Court's decision to strike down California's assault weapons ban

Community Impact Statements (CIS) to be filed and letters to CD 4 and others, as appropriate.

Moved by: Gil Imber. **Seconded by:** Jeff Kalban.
Discussion followed.

Yes: Adair, Babian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Ranshaw, Williams

No: Baronian

Abstain: -

Ineligible: -

Absent: Zimmerman

Motion to Adopt 6.b.1 carries (roll call vote): 15-1-0.

c. Green & Sustainability Committee - Avo Babian, Chair

1) **CF 17-0447. Land Use Codes / Oil and Gas Development / Impact on Resident Health and Safety / Code Change Proposals restricting oil extraction in the City of Los Angeles.**

According to the California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR), as of April 2018, there are 5,130 oil and gas wells within the City of Los Angeles, of which 780 are active and 287 are idle and uncapped. This poses health risks to all residents of Los Angeles, no matter what neighborhood. However, we recognize that historically disadvantaged and communities of color are significantly disproportionately affected due to the proximity of oil extraction facilities to those neighborhoods. Additionally, the city does not have adequate insurance or bond requirements to control liability or recover costs for clean up or other damages. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council recognizes that this motion must be passed for the good of the entire city and its residents and stands in solidarity with frontline communities that are disproportionately impacted and have special circumstances that must be addressed.

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Moved by: Green and Sustainability Committee

Public comment followed. Discussion followed.

Yes: Adair, Babian, Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Ranshaw, Williams

No: -

Abstain: - / **Ineligible:** -

Absent: Zimmerman

Motion to Adopt 6.c.1 carries (roll call vote): 16-0-0.

2) **CF 20-0352. LA 100 / Strategic Long Term Resource Plan / 2035 100% Carbon-Free Energy / LA Department of Water and Power.**

Climate change increases the risk of wildfire, heatwaves, drought, and food insecurity, not only in Sherman Oaks, but throughout Los Angeles, California, and beyond. We must reduce the temperature of the planet through elimination of fossil fuels and transition to renewable energy. The LADWP/NREL study has found that transition to 100% clean energy by 2035/2045 is doable, practical, and beneficial. By implementing the “no-regrets” options in the LADWP/NREL study, we can rapidly get on track to achieve 100% clean energy by 2035. A shovel-ready plan with plans for rapid deployment of renewable energy will also allow Los Angeles to be ready for federal funding.

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Moved by: Green and Sustainability Committee

Public comment followed.

Yes: Adair, Babian, Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Ranshaw, Williams

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: -

Absent: Zimmerman

Motion to Adopt 6.c.2 carries (roll call vote): 16-0-0.

3) **CF 21-0002-S100. S. 984 (Merkley) / H.R. 2238 (Lowenthal) / Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act / Single Use Plastics / Corporation Responsibility.**

“More than 99% of plastic is created from fossil fuels . . .spurring a boom in new plastic production, contributing significantly to the climate crisis, and causing environmental justice issues at every step of its life cycle . . . the U.S. produces the most plastic waste per capita of any country, and an astounding 91% is never recycled. Of the more than 350 million tons of plastic produced each year globally, 8 million tons wind up as plastic waste in the world’s oceans.” Source:

breakfreefromplastic.org The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council is in favor of the resolution stated in CF 21-0002- S100 (A joint LA city and State Assembly Motion) which supports Federal Legislation known as the Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act (S984 and HR2238). The goals of the Break Free From Plastic Act are comprehensive and in alignment with the needs of the City of Los Angeles and its residents.

Community Impact Statements (CIS) to be filed and letters to CD 4 and others, as appropriate.

Moved by: Green and Sustainability Committee

Discussion followed.

Yes: Adair, Babian, Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Petrus, Roden, Shapiro, Ranshaw, Williams

No: -

Abstain: -

Ineligible: -

Absent: Zimmerman

Motion to Adopt 6.c.3 carries (roll call vote): 16-0-0.

- d. Outreach Committee - Sarah Manuel, Chair
 - e. Planning & Land Use Committee - Jeff Kalban, Chair
 - f. Public Safety Committee - Christy Adair & Jenna Lewis, Co-Chairs
Discussion followed.
 - g. Traffic & Transportation Committee - Avo Babian, Chair
 - h. Budget Advocates - Howard Katchen, SONC Rep & Budget Advocate
7. **Treasurer's Report** - Candy Williams, Treasurer
- a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. **Monthly Expenditure Report (MER), Period Ending April 30, 2021**

Moved by: Finance Committee
Public comment followed. Discussion followed.

Call the Question by: Gil Imber. **Seconded by:** Candy Williams.

Yes: Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Petrus, Williams
No: Roden, Shapiro
Abstain: Adair, Babian
Ineligible: Ranshaw
Absent: Zimmerman
Motion to Call the Question 7.b carries (roll call vote): 11-2-2.

Yes: Adair, Baronian, Binkow, J Cappelletti, L Cappelletti, Hartsough, Imber, Kalban, Katchen, Manuel, Petrus, Williams
No: Roden, Shapiro
Abstain: -
Ineligible: Ranshaw
Absent: Babian, Zimmerman
Motion to Adopt 7.b carries (roll call vote): 12-2-0.
8. **Public Comment**
Public comment followed.
9. **Announcements by SONC Board members**
Discussion followed.
10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent, **8:56 pm**.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Gil Imber