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SUN VALLEY AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
Board of Directors Regular “Virtual” Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone  
(request Board Members to sign on at 6:00 pm)

Meeting to be held as a virtual WEBINAR  
Meeting ID: **987 6658 0221**

**VIRTUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCING NUMBER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

In conformity with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely telephonically. Members of the public may participate in this meeting via a phone call (both cellphone and landline) or through a smartphone App (recommended), or Computer. Below instructions will assist you to connect to this meeting through each mode of communication.

TO JOIN THE MEETING VIA COMPUTER - Go to <https://zoom.us/j/98766580221>

TO JOIN THE MEETING BY TELEPHONE: Every person wishing to address the Neighborhood Council must **DIAL 1 669 900 6833**, then dial Meeting ID: **987 6658 0221**, and then press # to join the meeting. Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting.

Instructions to join this meeting via a phone call: every person wishing to address the Neighborhood Council must DIAL 1 669 900 6833, and enter Zoom meeting ID 987 6658 0221 and then press # sign to join the meeting. Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting. If you wish to Raise your Hand to address the board, press \*9 and the moderators will ask you to speak. You will be identified by the last 4 digits of your phone number.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Comments from the public on items not appearing on the agenda that are within the board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the general Public Comment Period. Public Comment is Limited to Two Minutes per speaker unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

The public is requested to Dial \*(star) 9 when prompted by the presiding officer to address the board on any agenda item before the board takes an action on an item, or if you are participating via ZOOM, click the Raise Hand icon.

Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered

**PLEASE NOTE:** Under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board. 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

## **AGENDA**

**ITEM 1: Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Code of Civility**

**ITEM 2: Opening Remarks** (President)

**ITEM 3: EMERGENCY Personnel** from Fire and Police departments will always be allowed to address the Board when they are ready in order to facilitate their schedule (Senior Lead Officers Esther Vazquez, Richard Wall)

**ITEM 4: Presentation / Announcements** from elected officials or their representatives.

**ITEM 5: Comments from the EmpowerLA** representative Betty Wong.

**ITEM 6: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** that are within the Board's subject-matter jurisdiction (comments only, no discussion, two minutes each)

**ITEM 7: Board Member Announcements** on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion, three minutes each).

**ITEM 8: Presentation** on the Water Talks Project from Tree People by Jaime Del Río: <https://www.svanc.com/docs/2020/WaterTalks-TreePeople-11-2020.pdf>

**ITEM 9: Presentation** on the Heightening Opportunities through People's Empowerment (H.O.P.E.) Urban Farm Project by German Gurrola from Valley Oaks Center for Enriched Studies (V.O.C.E.S.)

<https://www.svanc.com/docs/2020/HOPE-Garden-Areas.png>

<https://www.svanc.com/docs/2020/Hope-Garden-Flyer.pdf>

**ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the letter written by the Ad Hoc LADWP Methane-Leak Committee to be sent from the SVANC Board addressing the methane leak at the Valley Generating Station. This letter is in draft format, and may include revisions, corrections and additional recipients as suggested during the discussion:

<https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2020/11/Draft-Letter-Regarding-LADWP-Methane-Leak-11-10-2020.pdf>

**ITEM 11: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve Treasurer Eddie Venegas to be the 1<sup>st</sup> card holder for SVANC replacing previously appointed Monica Vacas, President.

**ITEM 12: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to appoint Norma O. Chávez to the 2020-2021 Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUM) and to be its chairperson.

**ITEM 13: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to appoint a member of the PLUM committee to be the representative to the Plan CheckNC (<http://plancheckncla.com/> .)

**ITEM 14: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to appoint a representative to the Community-Police Advisory Board (C-PAB).

**ITEM 15: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to remove Board members Jesie Balbuena and Vahe Grigoryan from their seats since they have not complied with SVANC's Bylaws and Standing Rules regulations.

**ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve vacationing the SVANC's December Executive Board and Board of Directors meetings to give board members family time between Thanksgiving and New Year's.

**ITEM 17: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 13, 2020:

[https://www.svanc.com/archives/minutes/2020/10/2020\\_10\\_13\\_SVANC\\_Reg\\_Mtg\\_Minutes.pdf](https://www.svanc.com/archives/minutes/2020/10/2020_10_13_SVANC_Reg_Mtg_Minutes.pdf)

**ITEM 18: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the MER for October:

[https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2020/11/SVANC\\_October\\_2020\\_MER.pdf](https://www.svanc.com/archives/agendadocs/2020/11/SVANC_October_2020_MER.pdf)

**ITEM 19: Report / Discussion by Committee Chairs:** Finance, Outreach, Beautification, Planning/Land Use, Emergency-Prep/Public-Safety, Budget Advocates, LANCC, VANC, and any Ad Hoc committees that wish to report.

If anyone from the public wishes to join a committee please email [info@svanc.com](mailto:info@svanc.com)

**ITEM 20: The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council Board seats currently open are:**

- (4) seats available for At-Large Stakeholder (2 terms end 2021 and 2 terms end 2023)
- (2) seats available for Resident Stakeholder (1 term ends 2021 and 1 term ends 2023)
- (1) seat available for Business Stakeholder, term ending 2023.

There are also one year appointed positions for:

- (2) seats available for Senior Representative Stakeholder (age 55+, 1 year appointment, term ends approximately Spring, 2021)
- (1) seat available for Youth Representative Stakeholder, (age 14-21, 1 year appointment, term ends approximately Spring, 2021)

**Qualifications for all seats per the SVANC BYLAWS and STANDING RULES, further information and Candidate Filing Form are available at:**  
<https://www.svanc.com/board-candidate-appointments>

**ITEM 21: Public Comment** on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion, 2 minutes each.)

**ITEM 22: Board Members Announcements** on matters within the Executive Board's subject-matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda (comments only, no discussion, three minutes each.)

**ITEM 23: Adjournment**

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**RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS** - For information on the SVANC’s process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the SVANC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available on our website [www.SVANC.com](http://www.SVANC.com).

**SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION:** Si requiere servicios de traducción, por favor avisar al Consejo Vecinal con 3 días hábiles de anticipación (72 horas). Por favor contacte a Norma O. Chávez, secretaria, al correo [secretary@svanc.com](mailto:secretary@svanc.com) para avisar al Consejo Vecinal.

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