



**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council**  
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**Regular Board Meeting MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, September 8, 2020**  
**6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**  
**(DRAFT)**

**Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council**  
 Zoom Webinar ID #: 987 6658 0221

\* No training sessions completed, not eligible to vote \*\*No funding training, not eligible to vote on fund matters

BOARD MEMBER	BOARD POSITION	PRESENT	ABSENT	NOT VOTING ELIGIBLE
Balbuena, Jesse	Residential Stakeholder Director		<b>X</b>	
Carbajal, Jackelyn	joined at 6:40 pm Residential Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
Chávez, Norma O. <b>Secretary</b>	At-Large Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
Danielian, Serj	Residential Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
Fierro, Martha <b>1<sup>st</sup> VP</b>	Residential Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
García, Rosalio	Residential Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
García, Steven	joined at 7:05 pm Business Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
Gonzalez, Joel	Residential Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
Grigorian, Vahe	Business Stakeholder Director		<b>X</b>	
Kumar, Bobby	Business Stakeholder Director		<b>X</b>	
O’Gara, Barbara	<b>excused</b> Business Stakeholder Director		<b>X</b>	
O’Gara, Mike	At-Large Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
Perez, Carmen	Business Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
Power, Richard <b>2<sup>nd</sup> VP</b>	Business Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
Thum, Wendy	Residential Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
Vacas, Monica <b>President</b>	Business Stakeholder Director	<b>X</b>		
Venegas, Eddie <b>Treasurer</b>	Community Interest Stakeholder	<b>X</b>		
<b>TOTAL: 17</b>	<b>13 Present, 4 Absent, 0 Ineligible</b>			

**ITEM 1:** Monica Vacas called the meeting to Order at 6:35 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Rollcall was taken by Norma Chavez. The Code of Civility was recited.

**ITEM 2:** The SVANC President, Monica Vacas, informed board members and attendees that there is a calendar of regular board meetings for their reference every month. The calendar has been attached to the agenda in the SVANC’s website.

**ITEM 3: EMERGENCY Personnel from Fire and Police departments** Senior Lead Officer Esther Vazquez informed that grand theft auto has increased to 56%. Cars are being recovered in the vicinity. Board members had many questions regarding safety issues in the community.

**ITEM 4: Announcements from elected officials or their representatives**

**A. Tiffany Zeytounian (CD2, Paul Krekoryan, (818) 755-7676)**

- The Department of Water and Power continues to make progress toward restoring power. They have restored power on over 2000 homes.
- Drive Thru Walk Up Census event at Valley Plaza from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on September 12, 2020 and free COVID testing from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

- The Department of Transportation will open Speed Hump Applications on September the 16<sup>th</sup> for one day starting at 8:00 AM. There is a limited number of applications.

**B. Caroline Menjivar (Field Deputy from the office of Mayor Garcetti)**

- There will be an intern program from October to June for students in 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Community issues are discussed and what to do with them.
- Assistance with Filling Out the Census Event at Grocery Outlet on September the 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Then a second event at this location on September the 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Gift cards to the Grocery Outlet will be given to participants.
- Assistance with Filling Out the Census Event and Mask give away at Sun Valley Park.
- September the 12<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Garcetti's team will have a free COVID testing walk up from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- Immigration Workshop Citizenship sponsored by CHIRLA. They will have their first seminar on the process of how to apply on September the 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Conversations will be taking place starting tomorrow, September 9<sup>th</sup>, regarding the letter sent by SVANC about fireworks.

**ITEM 5: Comments from the EmpowerLA representative.** Betty Wong informed the Executive Board during their meeting that she would not be able to attend today's meeting.

**ITEM 6: GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** Maria Leonido, Community Engagement Coordinator with Neighborhood Housing Services of LA County. NHS is available to assist homeowners with keeping their home during this difficult time. They are providing counseling services, online workshops and more to help people get through this difficult time and protect their investments. They offered to pair up with SVANC for community clean ups.

**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). There was no comment.

**ITEM 8: 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)

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 9: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 11, 2020. **1<sup>st</sup>: Rick Power, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rosalio Garcia**

<b>Yes - 13</b>	<b>No - 00</b>	<b>Recused- 00</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 00</b>	<b>Absent - 04</b>
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, S Garcia, R Garcia, Gonzalez, M O'Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Balbuena, Grigoryan, Kumar, B O'Gara

**ITEM 10: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve the MER for July 2020. **1<sup>st</sup>: Rick Power, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Martha Fierro**

<b>Yes - 13</b>	<b>No - 00</b>	<b>Recused- 00</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 00</b>	<b>Absent - 04</b>
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, S Garcia, R Garcia, Gonzalez, M O'Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Balbuena, Grigoryan, Kumar, B O'Gara

**ITEM 11: Motion / Action** Elections 2020-2021 Standing Committee Chairperson Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee: candidate Jackelyn Carbajal **1<sup>st</sup>: Norma O. Chávez, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Martha Fierro**

<b>Yes - 13</b>	<b>No - 00</b>	<b>Recused- 00</b>	<b>Not Eligible - 00</b>	<b>Absent - 04</b>
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, S Garcia, R Garcia, Gonzalez, M O'Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Balbuena, Grigoryan, Kumar, B O'Gara

**ITEM 12: The 2020-2021 Standing Committees' membership** was finalized as follows:

- A. Beautification Committee: Wendy Thum (chairperson), Norma O. Chávez, Bobby Kumar
- B. Finance and Budget Committee: Eddie Venegas (chairperson), Serj Danielian, Steven Garcia
- C. Outreach/Community Affairs: Monica Vacas (chairperson), Rosalío García, Carmen Perez
- D. Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUM): Joel Gonzalez (chairperson), Rick Power, Bobby Kumar
- E. Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee: Jacky Carbajal (chairperson), Martha Fierro, Rick Power

**ITEM 13: Discussion/Action** Elections 2020-2021 of the Ad Hoc Committees' Chairperson. BACs were created for each committee.

- A. Monica Vacas moved to nominate Norma O. Chávez to the Bylaws Committee chair position and Martha Fierro seconded it. There were thirteen votes in favor. The motion was approved unanimously.
- B. Norma O. Chávez moved to nominate Monica Vacas to the Homelessness Committee chair position and Martha Fierro seconded it. There were thirteen votes in favor. The motion was approved unanimously.
- C. Monica Vacas moved to nominate Norma O. Chávez to the Elections Committee chair position and Martha Fierro seconded it. There were thirteen votes in favor. The motion was approved unanimously.
- D. Norma O. Chávez moved to nominate Jackelyn Carbajal to the CHSRA High Speed Rail committee chair position and Martha Fierro seconded it. There were thirteen votes in favor. The motion was approved unanimously.

**ITEM 14: The 2020-2021 Ad Hoc Committees' membership** was finalized as follows:

- A. Bylaws: Norma O. Chávez (chairperson), Monica Vacas, Susan Lustig (volunteer)
- B. Homelessness: Monica Vacas (chairperson), Jacky Carbajal, Steven Garcia
- C. Elections – (for 2021 NC elections): Norma O. Chávez (chairperson), Monica Vacas
- D. CHSRA High Speed Rail: Jacky Carbajal (chairperson), Susan Lustig (volunteer)

**ITEM 15: The 2020 – 2021 SVANC board members assignments to NC city-wide Committees/Liaisons** were finalized as follows:

LANCC (LA NC Coalition) ..... Serj Danielian  
 Budget Advocates rep ..... Wendy Thum  
 Plan CheckNC ..... Joel Gonzalez  
 Homelessness Liaison ..... Monica Vacas  
 NCEPA (NC Emerg. Prep Alliance) ..... Jacky Carbajal  
 VANC (Valley Alliance of NCs)..... Monica Vacas

**ITEM 16: Motion / Discussion / Vote** to approve pairing with Mayor Garcetti's office to host (assist) a Census Phone Banking. **1<sup>st</sup>: Norma O. Chávez, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rosalio Garcia**

Yes - 13	No - 00	Recused- 00	Not Eligible - 00	Absent - 04
Carbajal, Chávez, Danielian, Fierro, S Garcia, R Garcia, Gonzalez, M O'Gara, Perez, Power, Thum, Vacas, Venegas	NONE	NONE	NONE	Balbuena, Grigoryan, Kumar, B O'Gara

**ITEM 17: Report/Discussion by Committee Chairs:**

Finance – Eddie Venegas shared information on the MER.

Outreach – Monica Vacas reached out to Fernangeles Rec. Park about possible Halloween events and their response was that there will be no projects due to COVID safety regulations. There was no response from Sun Valley Park.

Beautification – Wendy Thum attended a ZOOM from Fernangeles Rec. Park about a project that captures rainwater and reuses it. This project may help minimize the flooding problem.

Planning – Joel Gonzalez will attend a meeting this coming Saturday at 10:00 AM via ZOOM.

Public Safety – Jacky Carbajal informed the Council that Sun Valley is in the top five in grand theft auto.

LANCC – Serj Danielian informed the Council that Mayor Garcetti was present at their last meeting and discussed the elections.

Budget Advocate – Joel stepped down from this position since he has become the chairperson of PLUM. Wendy Thum volunteered to represent SVANC.

**ITEM 18: 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). There was no comment.

**ITEM 19: Board Members Announcements** on matters within the Executive Board's subject matter jurisdiction that DO NOT appear on the agenda:

- Norma Chávez: recommended SVANC purchase new shirts with the SVANC logo for all board members to be prepared for when the board is able to hold community events. Steven Garcia recommended adding caps as well. Monica Vacas recommended Eddie Venegas look into the budget to see if funds are available. Rick Power will look into pricing. Depending on the results obtained on the budget and pricing this item may be added to next month's agenda.
- Wendy Thum proposed to hold a ballot drop out box at SVANC's office for the coming November 2020 elections. She will provide all the information for the board to review.

**ITEM 20: Adjournment: 1<sup>st</sup>: Rick Power, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Martha Fierro.** Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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