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**General Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 9, 2024**

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1. Call to Order, Welcome - Lydia Grant, President
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. STNC President's Updates
 - A. Notice of Boardmember resignations.
 - B. Notice of Board Vacancies: **Region 2 Representative**: North-West Tujunga Region: North of Foothill

Boulevard, from Mount Gleason Avenue and Big Tujunga Canyon Road to Commerce Avenue and Seven Hills Drive. **Region 4** Representative - South of Foothill Blvd. between Sunland Blvd. on the west & Tujunga Canyon on the east. Geographical Representatives shall represent the interests of the stakeholders within their region. Geographical Representatives shall maintain lines of communication with the various neighborhoods, businesses, and other organizations operating within their districts. Geographical Representatives shall actively outreach to stakeholder groups and individuals within their regions. One (1) Geographical Representative from each region shall attend all Outreach Committee meetings. Region boundaries shall be based upon population density, distinct neighborhoods and geographical size within the community, and distribution of diverse populations and interests. It is expected that region boundaries may need to be changed over time, and that these changes will be made by means of bylaws amendments.

Vice President Community Improvement: Shall perform the duties of the President when the President is unavailable or otherwise unable to preside at Agenda or Board meetings. They shall be the liaison between the Board and STNC/Community Improvement Projects They shall assist Standing and or Ad Hoc committees and see that the committees are able to perform their appointed tasks, as requested by the President or any Board member. The First Vice-President shall carry on the duties of the Treasurer should there be no Treasurer or the Treasurer be incapacitated. The First Vice President will chair the Community Improvements Committee.

Education Representative (1) Open to Stakeholders eighteen (18) years of age or older who live, work, or own real property within the STNC boundaries. This Representative shall be elected from the pool of community stakeholders representing an interest in Education and will chair/co-chair the Education Committee.

- C. Announce any Board member recusals or paid lobbyists in attendance
 - D. Update regarding Welcome Garden Tree Trimming
 - E. Update on Oro Vista Survey & Outreach
 - F. Community Events: Halloween Oct. 31; Veterans Day Nov. 11;
4. Roll Call, Voting Eligibility - Karen Moran, Recording Secretary & Completion of City / DONE Required trainings status for the STNC board & committees
 5. Discussion/Q&A with LAPD, LAFD, Elected Officials/Representatives, DONE, NC Budget Advocates, City Departments (2 min per Representative including Q&A)
 - Tagging on Property
 - Inaccessible Sidewalks
 6. Discussion/Motion to Approve STNC Board 2025 Selection Manual and Timeline
 7. Discussion/Motion to appoint Ross Herman to DONE/L.A. City Homelessness Liaison
 8. Discussion/Motion to appoint Ross Herman as a Neighborhood Council Budget Representative
 9. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (FUNDING) - 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 funding consent calendar: Discussion/Action:
 - a. Motion to approve September 2024 MER
 - b. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$400 to purchase Doggie waste bag dispensers (unable

to purchase dispensers, previously approved due to price increase.) Dispenser only- plus tax and shipping per dispenser x 3 dispensers, one replacement for Sunland Park (one already purchased) as well as dispensers for Finn park and McGroarty Park from dogwastedepot.com

- c. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve \$700.00 outreach materials.(i.e. totes, beach balls, etc.)
- d. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$800.00 for promotional materials, food, amenities, location and staffing for “Community Engagement Event” for end of October or early November.
- e. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$350.00 for outreach materials for STAT committee tree watering events: Five gallon buckets w/lids & 2 gallon jugs with caps.
- f. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$300.00 for Beautification committee for future Big Tujunga Canyon clean ups, welcome garden maintenance, paint supplies.
- g. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$200 for Halloween event materials including promotion, candy, table, materials, miscellaneous.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (NON-FUNDING) - 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 non-funding consent calendar:

- A. Discussion/Motion: To approve September 11 board minutes and September 19 special board meeting minutes.
- B. Discussion/Motion: The Board of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) **opposes** Council File 23-0002-S151:Title, AB 2525 (Zbur) / Freeway Underpasses / Parking / Storage / Recreational and Oversize Vehicles. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) owns certain state properties whose airspace can be leased on a right of first refusal basis to the City of Los Angeles. Such areas can be leased for \$1 per month and an administrative fee of \$500 per year for use as an emergency shelter or feeding program. Assembly Bill 2525 seeks to expand the number of such airspace parcels that the City can rent from 10 to 25. This bill would also permit the parcels to be used as vehicle storage; this would include the storage of recreational vehicles (RVs) and oversize vehicles for homeless persons receiving services. This bill is irresponsible and ill advised. Rented airspace under the 10 freeway recently caught fire, resulting in the closure of one of LA’s major freeways and millions of dollars in damage. There have been many fires of broken-down RVs in the City, which have threatened businesses and homes. Permitting the homeless to store decrepit RVs beneath freeway underpasses used by the traveling public invariably will lead to fires and other public safety threats, even if inspected prior to storage. The City does not need the liability.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to [Council File 23-0002-S151](#)

[CA Assembly Bill 2525](#)

- E. Discussion/Motion: The Board of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) **supports** Council File 23-0002-S147 to to block the largest proposed supermarket merger in U.S. history, (Kroger Company’s \$24.6 billion acquisition of the Albertsons Companies, Inc.), alleging that the deal is anticompetitive. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) charges that the proposed deal will eliminate fierce competition between Kroger and Albertsons, leading to higher prices for groceries and other essential household items for millions of Americans.

This motion is also to be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File [23-0002-S147 \(CFMS\)](#)

- F. The Board of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) *supports* Council File [24-0889](#) for the City Council to direct the Los Angeles Department of Sanitation (LASAN) to report on the status of the recyclables market, including:
- A review of market prices for major recyclable materials since 2018
 - An analysis of the factors that have contributed to market fluctuations
 - An assessment of the impact of market changes on the City's recycling program
 - A forecast of market prices for major recyclable materials
 - An analysis of the factors that are likely to affect market stability in the future
 - Recommendations for strategies to improve market stability

To be submitted as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) to Council File [24-0889](#) .

- G. The Board of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) requests Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez, as well as, the Los Angeles Bureau of Street Lighting to get the streetlights turned back on in Sunland-Tujunga. Specific areas include Sunland Blvd., Foothill Blvd., Commerce Avenue.

11. DISCUSSION/ACTION: To review and approve [STARC](#) Committee presentation and current members: Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo, Committee Members: Gerardo Barrientos, Joanna Gates, Dawn Jenkins, Corey Stein, KT Travers* Denotes Board member Quorum = 4

12. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that 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 one minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

13. Committee & Liaison Reports - by committee chairs present (See last page for committee members and meeting locations):

- Land Use Committee - Oct. 21
- Community Improvement & Government Affairs - Oct 29
- Outreach Meeting - Oct. 17
- Beautification: Oct. 17
- STAT - Oct. 22 @ 6PM
- STARC: Oct. 22 @ 7:30PM
- Youth & Adult Education: - No meetings
- Budget & Finance: Oct. 30
- Executive: Oct. 30

14. PRESENTATION & TRAINING on the Neighborhood Council (NC) System

- Bylaws, Standing Rules, BONC Policies, Brown Act (Meeting Agenda Posting, ENS)
- NC Meetings: Agenda Items, Presenters, Meeting Agendas, Making Motions, Community Impact Statements
- NC Alliances (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils - VANC meets 2nd Thursday on Zoom; LANCC meets 1st Saturday at 10am; PlanCheckNC meets 2nd Saturday at 10am, STNC Community Events/Meetings, Other Training Opportunities

15. FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

16. ADJOURN

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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SB 411 Updates:

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

(C) The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time.

(D) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(E) (i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

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

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RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS - For information on the STNC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Bylaws. The Bylaws are available on our website www.stnc.org

Committees in the STNC Bylaws re: Item 11 above.

Sunland Tujunga Arts Recreation and Culture Committee [STARC] - The Arts, Recreation & Culture Committee nurtures and promotes artistic endeavors and cultural events within the community; provides a resource for and expands the awareness of the growing diversity of our neighborhoods. works to provide local artists and cultural organizers with the nexus of public space, venues and available support to aid in the achievement of relevant projects. The committee also encourages the use and preservation of existing recreation space and advocates for future funding

and expansion as a necessary means for the growth of social interaction among our community. Committee members have T-Shirts available. The logo for this committee is:

- Meets at least once every other month
- Contains no more than five (5) Board members, so that a majority of a quorum of the Board will not be present at its Committee meetings, unless the meeting has been posted as a special joint board and committee meeting.
- Issues reports and recommendations to the Board on issues and developments within its purview.

Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting Minutes September 11, 2024, 7pm

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This meeting is being held by the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council using teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8(a)(2)(B).

1. Call to Order, Welcome – Ross Herman, Vice President, 7:08pm (assumed by Lydia after 10 minutes).
2. Pledge of Allegiance, Led by Leny Freeman
3. September 11th remembered - Ross commemorated 9/11/2024 with a moment of silence
4. STNC President’s Updates
 - A. Notice of Board Vacancy: Region 4 Representative - South of Foothill Blvd. between Sunland Blvd. on the west & Tujunga Canyon on the east.
 - B. Announce any Board member recusals or paid lobbyists in attendance – none identified.
 - C. Update regarding Welcome Garden Tree Trimming – No updated information. Per Ross, we have spoken to City staff and others and no one is able to assist so far; outreach in process.
 - D. Update on Oro Vista Survey & Outreach – Ricardo (CD7) said the Department has been receiving surveys and the surveys are still open for the public to weigh in on landscape details.
 - E. West Nile Virus Positive Mosquito Sample Found in Sunland - Stagnant water @ Tujunga Wash.
 - F. LA County Public Works - Devil's Gate Reservoir Maintenance Project.
 - G. Community Events – a lot coming up per Lydia (holiday events, etc.). Ross said there is a Clean-up event on Saturday with Council District 7.
5. Roll Call, Voting Eligibility - Karen Moran, Recording Secretary
 - a. Completion of City / DONE Required trainings status for the STNC board & committees. Belinda Woodruff has not completed required trainings. Will reach out to her.
 - b. Roll Call

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Position
Lydia Grant	Present	Yes	President
Lallah Rowe	Absent	Absent	1st VP
Ross Herman	Present	Yes	2nd VP
Carol Hutchinson	Present	Yes	Treasurer
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	Yes	Correspondence Sec
Karen Moran	Present	Yes	Recording Sec
Leny Freeman	Present	Yes	Region 1 Rep

Board Member	Roll Call	Funding Voting Eligibility	Board Position
KT Travers	Present	Yes	Region 1 Rep
Sherry McCoy	Present	Yes	Region 2 Rep
Mapuana Moran	Present	Yes	Region 2 Rep
Mike Goglia	Present	Yes	Region 3 Rep
Peter Darakjian	Present	Yes	Region 3 Rep
Jon von Gunten	Present	Yes	Region 3 Rep
Belinda Woodruff	Absent	No	Region 4 Rep
Trevor Schmidt	Absent	Yes	Region 4 Rep
Mark Seigel	Present - arrived Late	Yes	Region 4 Rep
Chris Rowe	Absent	Yes	Education Rep
Cheryl Schmidt	Absent	Yes	Public Safety Rep
Nina Royal	Present	Yes	Senior Rep
Vartan Keshish	Absent	Yes	Community Interest Rep
Quorum: 13 present at roll call, 7 absent (20 total). <i>Note: Mark Siegel came shortly after roll call.</i>			

6. Discussion/Q&A with LAPD, LAFD, Elected Officials/Representatives, DONE, NC Budget Advocates, City Departments

- Jose Galdamez, Empower LA New NEA for STNC. Jose reminded people that there is a workshop on Monday, Sept 30, to discuss the election process; the meeting will be via zoom and he will share link with the Board again. The month of September features Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15, 2024 to October 15, 2024. Reminders about Code of Conduct, reminder other training which needs to be current; only Belinda has not completed trainings for STNC. Sept 28th is the Congress of Neighborhoods, Board members are encouraged to attend, it will be held at City Hall. Cindy reminded board that the North Valley Commissioners' event on the September 21; Lydia said invitations were sent out to Board members.
- Officer Godoy, LAPD, SLO (Sunland). Ofc. Godoy reported that the homicide near Sunland Park about a month ago has resulted in an individual awaiting trial who was also allegedly responsible for another (stabbing) incident; be careful with ATM cards (cameras that can record pin numbers, etc.); this past week focused on fires so make sure evacuation plans are in place; and enter requests for trash pickup. There is an uptick in voice mails to LAPD which may not be responded to; if there is an emergency please call 911. Lydia asked about the local businesses that keep getting caught on fire from homeless individuals and what can be done. Ofcr. Godoy said that fences could be put around the building if not occupied but other than that, report problems. Jon asked about narrow roads in S-T and emergency exits; in the event there is an evacuation how do we proceed, particularly with Bollards interfering with emergency evacuations. Ofcr. Godoy said timely evacuation is the most important thing to do. Lydia emphasized that the bollards really need to be removed in the event of an emergency evacuation and this needs to be pursued.

- Ricardo Flores, CD7, noted events and to bring protective equipment for the clean up event. He noted that the Bollards issue on Foothill is being worked on at this time; there are other issues with the bollards than just emergency evacuation. Improving evacuation routes is priority.
 - Susanne Kluh from Los Angeles County Vector Control discussed the mosquito problem including how they are tested for transmitting diseases, and what potential impacts are from mosquito bites. As the temperatures get cooler, dangers from bites will decrease. Susanne advised wearing mosquito repellent to prevent bites and potential diseases. Lydia said we have a Board member (Leny) who is keeping an eye on the Tujunga wash area; there are pools of stagnant water because flow has been stopped by people which has created breeding grounds for mosquitos. Leny and Suzanne will get together to visit the area. Cindy asked if any new community members had any concerns or questions for Suzanne. Peter asked how the community was updated and Suzanne said it is primarily through the City (who flags in website information). Susan asked what do we do if we find a dead bird, Suzanne said that dead birds could be victims of West-Nile and can be reported and picked up for testing. Jon asked about a report that about 1 million male mosquitos (sterile) have been released and wanted to know if the program has been successful. Suzanne noted that the sterile male mosquitos released don't bite. Suzanne said that this is on-going program primarily for the invasive biters, but not for West-Nile disease control. There are good indications initially that the populations haven't increased and monitoring will continue. Alpine Village and Seven Hills Were the two places where they were released. Suzanne will share results from release at a later time when more data is established. Ricardo Flores said that when the Dept becomes aware of a case of West Nile virus, they do let the public know as soon as possible. Lydia said that we do post on our website so the community can get the information also.
 - Anthony Mahfood, Asm Friedman's Office. Anthony said that Assembly bills are on Governor's desk at this time for signature and noted a few of them. There is a car safety event in Glendale which is by appointment only and slots are currently full but there is a wait list. Carol asked how the Senator voted on AB 1840 (home purchase assistance program); Anthony didn't know but asked for Carol to call the office tomorrow and he would have an answer.
 - Declan Floyd, Sen. Portantino's Office, has 12 bills for signing at this time and noted a few of them. Carol asked how the Senator voted on AB 1840 (home purchase assistance program); Lydia said Newsom has refused to sign this bill.
 - Mark asked about cutting funding which is never discussed. Adding more bills impacts lives of people already financially stressed and funding measures invariably fail to do what they set out to do. Declan Floyd said that some time ago funds were issued back to people. This year funding has been cut in some areas but it is a continuing challenge; he hears our frustration. Contact Declan directly to discuss further; Sen Portantino's office has been open to our suggestions. Declan is available through November.
 - Recent business property fires – previously discussed.
 - Recent traffic accidents –Lydia said 3 pedestrians hit by cars in the last few weeks and we will address at the next meeting because Ofr Godoy was no longer at the meeting to discuss.
 - Skimmers at local stores- already discussed.
7. Discussion/Motion RE: STNC Board Elections 2025 Timeline to finalize at October meeting.
 8. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (FUNDING) - MOTION: The STNC Board approves the funding consent calendar:
Discussion/Action:
 - a) Motion to approve July & August 2024 MERs

- b) Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$1,200 to purchase Doggie waste bag dispensers and waste bags at our parks. Dispenser only-\$89.98 plus tax and shipping per dispenser x 4 dispensers, two replacements for the Sunland Park receptacles as well as dispensers for Finn Park and McGroarty Park (\$359.92); Dog waste bags- \$69.99 per case x 10 cases (\$699.70) Total with estimated tax and free shipping: \$1,160.28 from dogwastedepot.com; and to approve up to \$30 for Dog waste station plaques: “Waste bags supplied courtesy of the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council. Please contact: STNC.org or call 818-951-7411 for any questions.”
- c) Discussion/Action: Motion to approve \$300 for Neighborhood Council Congress (September)
- Cindy moved, Peter seconded. No items were asked to be removed from the Consent Calendar. Motion passed.

Item 8. Motion to approve the Consent Calendar for Funding items a, b and c.					
Motion: Cleghorn, Second: Darakjian					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, Herman, Hutchinson, Cleghorn, K Moran, Freeman, Travers, McCoy, M Moran, Darakjian, von Gunten, Royal, 13 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 7 absent	Goglio				L Rowe, Woodruff, T Schmidt, C Schmidt, Siegel, C. Rowe, Keshish

9. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (NON-FUNDING) - MOTION: The STNC Board approves the non-funding consent calendar:
- A. Discussion/Action to submit Community Impact Statement in SUPPORT CF **24-0011-S24** - I MOVE that \$11,815 in the Council District 7 portion of the Street Furniture Revenue Fund No. 43D-50 be transferred I appropriated to the Street Services Fund No. 100, Department 86, Account No. 001090, (Salaries, Overtime) for the Oro Vista K-Rail placement. *This item was approved by the City Council on 9-4-24, the same day it was introduced.*
- B. Discussion/Action to submit Community Impact Statement in SUPPORT CF **24-0011-S25** I MOVE that \$21,689 in the Council District 7 portion of the Street Furniture Revenue Fund No. 43D-50 be transferred / appropriated to the below listed Accounts, and in the amounts specified, in the General Services Fund No. 100, Department 40 for the CD 7 Oro Vista Avenue and Big Tujunga Canyon Road fencing project: Account No. 001014 003180 Salaries, Construction \$exxx2,049 + Construction Materials \$19.640 Total Amount \$21,689. *This item was approved by the City Council on 9-4-24, the same day it was introduced.*

Motion made by Cindy and seconded by Nina; motion passed (with no item pulled).

- There was a question from a community member about the funding; the funding for the furniture is being paid for by an outside company per Lydia. Cindy suggested this is a question to take to the STAT Committee. Leny said electronic billboards are illegal. Lydia stated that the City Council approved use of the wifi billboards and to track people in their vehicles; STNC did put a letter of objection in previously, but it was approved by the City. Cindy said it might be a good topic for the upcoming Town Hall meeting.

Item 9. Motion to approve the Non-Funding Consent Calendar items A and B.					
Motion: Grant, Second: Herman					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, Herman, Cleghorn, K Moran, Freeman, Travers, McCoy, M Moran, Goglio, Darakjian, von Gunten, Siegel, Royal 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 7 absent					L Rowe, Hutchinson, Woodruff, T Schmidt, C Schmidt, C. Rowe, Keshish

10. DISCUSSION/ACTION: To review and approve STAT Committee presentation and current members: Pat Kramer and Jon von Gunten* co-chairs, Natalie Cruz, Susan Denning, George Arakel. * Denotes Board member Quorum = 4

- Motion Cindy and second Peter.

Item 10. Motion to approve STAT Committee presentation and current members: Pat Kramer and Jon von Gunten* co-chairs, Natalie Cruz, Susan Denning, George Arakel					
Motion: Cleghorn, Second: Darakjian					
Yes	No	Abstain	Ineligible	Recuse	Absent
Grant, Herman, Cleghorn, K Moran, Freeman, Travers, McCoy, M Moran, Goglio, Darakjian, von Gunten, Siegel, Royal 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 7 absent					L Rowe, Hutchinson, Goglio, Woodruff, T Schmidt, C Schmidt, C. Rowe, Keshish

11. DISCUSSION/ACTION: To review and approve STARC Committee presentation and members: Committee Chair: Joe DeCenzo, Committee Members: Gerardo Barrientos, Joanna Gates, Dawn Jenkins, Corey Stein, KT Travers* Denotes Board member Quorum = 4.

- *Moved to the next meeting.*

12. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS. None.

- *Meeting recessed at this time (8:32pm). Resumed at 9:13pm.*

13. Committee & Liaison Reports - by committee chairs present (See last page for committee members and meeting locations):

- Land Use Committee (LUC) - Sept. 12 - Public Hearing re: 9604 Hillhaven; Next LUC meeting is September 16th.
- Community Improvement & Government Affairs - TBA
- Outreach Meeting - Sept. 19
 - Ross is in contact with Ricardo for the upcoming 'Community Engagement Event' (e.g. Town Hall) with an October 26th date baselined (Saturday). The Department of Transportation, Water and Power, and others invited with the focus on how to get the community more engaged (who to contact, what departments are involved in what issues, etc.) Lead reps from each committee should attend. Mapi will put info on social media. Ross will be doing outreach to Declan and others. In addition, Ross said that an event for community businesses is planned for late

November – Business Bazaar. This will advocate for our small community businesses. Lydia will make sure on the STNC Website for the businesses to be aware and suggested including home-based businesses also. Lydia would also like to put in for expenses for Halloween event in the Budget and Finance Committee so we can address at next meeting; Ross said it would be on our agenda for next Outreach meeting. Lydia noted she hasn't received an invoice yet for the previous chili event.

- Beautification: Sept. 18
 - From KT, cleanup is Saturday, which is the big focus for the month. Lydia would like the committee to fill out the event form. KT said that event under CD7 purview.
- STAT - Sept. 24 @ 6PM
- STARC: Sept. 24 @ 7:30PM
 - Need to have artist presentations at the beginning of meetings per KT. Ross said he is in contact with city for bench ads.
- Youth & Adult Education: - No meetings
- Budget & Finance: Sept. 25
- Executive: Sept. 25
- Neighborhood Council Congress is Saturday, Sept. 28

14. PRESENTATION & TRAINING on the Neighborhood Council (NC) System

- A. Bylaws, Standing Rules, BONC Policies, Brown Act (Meeting Agenda Posting, ENS)
- B. NC Meetings: Agenda Items, Presenters, Meeting Agendas, Making Motions, Community Impact Statements
- C. NC Alliances (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils - VANC meets 2nd Thursday on Zoom; LANCC meets 1st Saturday at 10am; PlanCheckNC meets 2nd Saturday at 10am, STNC Community Events/Meetings, Other Training Opportunities
 - Valley Alliance per Cindy meets tomorrow, zoom meeting. Topic will be the \$24B that has gone towards homeless issues and where it has gone (L.A. Alliance for Human Rights).
 - PlanCheckNC – zoom at 1pm will cover budget, Cindy recommends attending.

15. FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- KT said that September 22nd the Village Poets will have a presentation at Boulton Hall (4:30pm to 6:30pm) and on October 13th 'ST Forward' will have a presentation for Indigenous Peoples Day.

16. ADJOURN 9:24 pm.

We would like to invite you to our

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Upcoming Meetings:

- General Board Meeting - Wed. Oct. 9th 7pm
- Beautification Committee - Thur. Oct. 17th 6pm
- Outreach Committee - Thur. Oct. 17th 7:30pm
- Land Use Committee - Mon. Oct. 21st 7:30pm
- STAT Committee - Tue. Oct. 22nd 6pm
- STARC Committee - Tue. Oct. 22nd 7pm
- Budget and Finance Committee - Wed. Oct. 23rd 6pm

All dates/times subject to change.

Please check the calendar at STNC.org for exact dates and times.

We hope you can make it. If you have any questions,
please don't hesitate to reach out.

Contact



STNC.ORG/Calendar or STNC.ORG/page/contact
or 818-951-7411



HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024

4 PM - 8 PM

SNACK STAND

POPCORN, COTTON CANDY, HOT DOGS, NATCHOS, & DRINKS
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGHOUT THE EVENT



COSTUME CONTEST 5 PM - 6:30 PM

WEAR YOUR FUNNIEST, MOST CREATIVE, OR SCARIEST COSTUME AND PARADE
AROUND HALLOWEENTOWN FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A SPECIAL PRIZE!



5:00 PM

4 YEARS OLD & UNDER

5:30 PM

5-7 YEARS OLD

6:00 PM

8-14 YEARS OLD

6:30 PM

15 YEARS OLD & UP

TRICK OR TREAT IN HALLOWEEN TOWN

7:00 PM - 7:30 PM

GRAB YOUR BAG AND TRICK OR TREAT IN HALLOWEEN TOWN!

KNOCK ON EACH DOOR TO COLLECT CANDY



GLOW IN THE DARK HAUNTED HUNT 7:30 PM

LIGHTS OUT, EYES OPEN! SEARCH THE PARK FOR GLOWING SKULLS



SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Let's Talk about our community

Community Engagement Forum

**Wednesday NOV. 13th
2024 7pm @ The STNC
General Board Meeting
(In Person)
(Location TBD)**



**A 3 Hour
Discussion**

**Free &
Open to
the Public**

Would you like to have an impact in your community?
Do you struggle to find where to direct your concerns?

Community Safety
Contacting Your Local City Leaders
Getting Involved
Upcoming Elections

Give us your feedback at STNC.ORG/Page/Contact



LA CITY COUNCILWOMAN, 7TH DISTRICT

MONICA RODRIGUEZ

FREE RAIN BARREL GIVEAWAY



Saturday, October 19
12:00 PM-2:00 PM

Conserve water, save money, and help the environment by reducing runoff and providing chemical-free water for your plants.

To receive a FREE Rain Barrel:

Register at: bit.ly/CD7RAIN

- Must be a Council District 7 resident
- Must provide proof of residence through LADWP bill
- Print or show proof of RSVP
- Limit one barrel per household



Lopez Canyon Environmental Education Center
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For additional information call:

Pacoima office at (818) 485-0600, Sylmar office at
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2024 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Point-in-Time (PIT) Count, on a single night in January 2024, nearly 3,700 recreational vehicles (RVs) on City streets were being used as dwellings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles operates 16 Safe Parking sites throughout the City for people experiencing homelessness - accommodating a total of approximately 200 vehicles - which offer services including case management, hygiene and shower stations, meals, assistance with effluent, and more, but none of these sites operate 24 hours a day nor do any of them accommodate RVs; and

WHEREAS, existing law vests the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) with the full possession and control of the state's highway system, including associated properties; and

WHEREAS, CalTrans may lease to the City on a right of first refusal basis any airspace located in the City and under highways or certain properties acquired for highway purposes for use as an emergency shelter or feeding program for \$1 per month and an administrative fee not to exceed \$500 per year; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 2525 (Zbur), introduced in the State Senate on January 23, 2024, seeks to expand the number of parcels that the City can rent from CalTrans for \$1 per month from 10 to 25; and

WHEREAS, AB 2525 also seeks to broaden the categories of use for these parcels to include safe storage for vehicles – including, but not limited to, RVs – belonging to people who are receiving homeless services from the lessee or other governmental agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of the Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-24 State Legislative Program support for AB 2525 (Zbur), which seeks to increase the ability to use freeway underpasses and similar areas as parking and storage for vehicles including recreational or oversize vehicles.

PRESENTED BY: *Nithya Raman*
NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY: *[Signature]*

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RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2024, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) sued to block the largest proposed supermarket merger in U.S. history—Kroger Company's \$24.6 billion acquisition of the Albertsons Companies, Inc.—alleging that the deal is anticompetitive; and

WHEREAS, the FTC charges that the proposed deal will eliminate fierce competition between Kroger and Albertsons, leading to higher prices for groceries and other essential household items for millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, this merger comes as American consumers have seen the cost of groceries rise steadily over the past few years, and this merger would lead to additional grocery price hikes for everyday goods; and

WHEREAS, if the merger takes place, the deal would eliminate head-to-head price and quality competition, which have driven both supermarkets to lower their prices and improve their product and service offerings; and

WHEREAS, Kroger and Albertsons are the two largest employers of union grocery labor in the country, mostly from the United Food and Commercial Workers union, and they actively compete against one another for workers; and

WHEREAS, the Kroger-Albertsons merger would also threaten the ability of grocery workers to secure higher wages, better benefits, and improved working conditions because of the erasure of aggressive competition; and

WHEREAS, the Kroger-Albertsons merger could result in the sale of 14 supermarkets in Los Angeles to C&S Wholesale Grocers, which would destabilize communities, increase food insecurity and eliminate good wages and benefits for hundreds of union protected workers, while creating windfall corporate profits resulting from potential store closures and the sale of the underlying real estate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for any legislative, legal and/or administrative regulatory action to block the merger of the Albertsons Companies, Inc., and the Kroger Company.

PRESENTED BY:

Traci Park

TRACI PARK
Councilwoman, 11th District

Marqueece Harris-Dawson

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District

Heather Hutt

HEATHER HUTT
Councilwoman, 10th District

John Lee

JOHN LEE
Councilmember, 12th District

Hugo Soto-Martinez

HUGO SOTO-MARTINEZ
Councilmember, 13th District

Jim Mcosker

JIM MCOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: *Katy Yanoslawsky*

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Motion


The Bureau of Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) collects over 4,000 tons per week of material in its blue-bins from approximately 750,000 residential customers. For over 30 years, LASAN was on the forefront in expanding the list of materials accepted in the blue-bin. However, in 2018, with the launch of the China National Sword Policy and similar policies in other jurisdictions, recycling markets worldwide were significantly disrupted and became highly volatile, and many materials that for years had a steady market and value were no longer accepted in some foreign ports leading to market failures. As a result, we saw an increase in costs to dispose of materials, increased investment in domestic processing, and a push to decrease contamination through education and adjustments on items allowed in the blue bin.

Recycling remains a critical component of the City's waste reduction efforts and it is important for the City to understand the current status of the recyclables market and to project future market stability as it contemplates how to achieve state law and local waste diversion and recycling goals.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct LASAN to report on the status of the recyclables market, including:

- o A review of market prices for major recyclable materials since 2018
- o An analysis of the factors that have contributed to market fluctuations
- o An assessment of the impact of market changes on the City's recycling program
- o A forecast of market prices for major recyclable materials
- o An analysis of the factors that are likely to affect market stability in the future
- o Recommendations for strategies to improve market stability

PRESENTED BY:


Katy Yaroslavsky
Councilwoman, 5th District

SECONDED BY:



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