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SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING REVISED (Item #12, #13 added)

**Thursday, August 27th, 2026
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm**

**This meeting is held virtually via Zoom and in person at
Discovery Charter Preparatory School
13570 Eldridge Ave., Sylmar, CA91342**

**Please use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86423239940> to join
webinar; and/or,
dial (669) 900-6833, enter ID 864 2323 9940, and
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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026, ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707(DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting; only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial **(669) 900-6833** and enter **864 2323 9940** 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. 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.

California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(3).

The 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.

California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(4).

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.

California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(5),

A 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 paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(A),

A 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 paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(B).

PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS The public is requested to dial *9 when prompted by the presiding officer to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. 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 2 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.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Housekeeping:** Sign-in Sheets, Speaker Cards for public comments, Recording and Timekeeper, and facilities information.
4. **Pledge of Allegiance**
5. **Public Comment:** Matters not appearing on the agenda. (2 minutes per person)
6. **Special Guest Presentation:** Congresswoman Luz Rivas, who represents the California 29th District, will be providing an update on her work and actions in Congress along with a brief question/answer period.
7. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Removal of Sylmar Neighborhood Council Member Leonardo Orodenez due to 4 meeting absences within the year.
8. **Discussion and Possible Action:** SNC to Approve July 23rd, 2026 General Board Meeting Minutes.
9. **Discussion and Possible Action:** SNC Committee Chair Reports
 - CINEMA Committee** - Andres Rubalcava
 - Budget** - Chair George Ortega
 - Bylaws** - Felicia Bushwitz
 - Education** - Chair Jose Velasquez
 - Equestrian** - Chair Cheri Blose, Co-Chair Leah Blose

Executive - Chair Kurt Cabrera-Miller

Planning & Land Use - Chair Peter Postlmayr, Co-Chair Leah Blöse

Transportation - Chair Jeremy Steinert, Co-Chair Hiral Bhakta

Outreach - Chair Isaac Middleton

10. **Discussion & Possible Action:** SNC Liaison Reports
Homelessness Liaison - Kurt Cabrera-Miller
LA City Charter Reform - Rebecca Zamora
Film Liaison - Andres Rubalcava
Sustainability Alliance Liaison - Felicia Bushwitz
Animal Services - Lorri Roberts
11. **Public Official & Community Representative announcements and presentations: followed by public announcements.** Up to (5) minutes per report.
 - A. Los Angeles Fire Department (Valley Bureau) Commander Battalion Chief Scott Hilton and/or representative from Sylmar LAFD Station 91. scott.hilton@lacity.org
 - B. Los Angeles Police Department (Mission Division) Senior Lead Officers: Keith Crawford or Joseph Carter Officer Crawford - 38491@lapd.online, Officer Carter - 38835@lapd.online
 - C. Los Angeles City Council District 7 / Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez
Field Representative: Monica Benavides; monica.benavides@lacity.org
 - D. Los Angeles Mayor / Karen Bass
Field Deputy: Genesis Discua; Genesis.Discua@lacity.org
 - E. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors 3rd District / Lindsey Horvath
Field Deputy: Kimberly Perez Solis; KSolis@bos.lacounty.gov
 - F. California State Assembly 43rd District / Celeste Rodriguez
Field Rep: Fabian Alonso; Fabian.Alonso@asm.ca.gov
 - G. California Congressional District 29 / Congresswoman Luz Rivas
Field Deputy: Cynthia Becerra; cynthia.becerra@mail.house.gov
 - H. California State Senate District 20 / Caroline Menjivar
District Rep: Star Resendez; star.resendez@sen.ca.gov
 - I. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
Advocate: Vincent Autiero; vincent.autiero@lacity.org
12. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Sylmar Neighborhood Council to submit letter of support regarding Proposition 4 Investment—\$5 Million for Sylmar Wildfire Mitigation and Firebreak Improvements to The Honorable Jesse Gabriel, Chair, Assembly Budget Committee, The Honorable Steve Bennett, Chair, Budget Subcommittee No. 4 Funding request for consideration made by Assemblywoman Celeste Rodriguez.
13. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Sylmar Neighborhood Council to submit letter of support regarding Budget Request for \$40 million Capital Investment – Sylmar Fire Station to The Honorable Jesse Gabriel Chair, Assembly Budget Committee, The Honorable Steve Bennett, Chair, Budget Subcommittee No. 4 Funding request for consideration made by Assemblywoman Celeste Rodriguez.
14. **Discussion and Possible Action:** SNC to form an opinion and submit a Community Impact Statement on LA City Council File 26-0906-S4 (**AMENDED 8/19/2026**) “Boyle Heights / East Los Angeles / Cold Storage Warehouse / Fire / 1400 Los Palos Street / Los Angeles Fire Department / Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program.” Brief-Original Motion - LA Council instructs DONE and LAFD to provide a report in which it requires Neighborhood Council Members to be certified with CERT. Brief Amended

Motion - LA Council instructs DONE and LAFD to provide a report in which it subtracts “requires” and inserts “increase accessibility”

15. **Discussion and Possible Action:** The Council will discuss and choose a primary and secondary polling location for the upcoming 2027 Neighborhood Council elections. (Suggestion: LA City Library/Sylmar as Primary, LA City SNC Office as Secondary polling location) **ELECTION DAY - Saturday, May 1 2027**
16. **Discussion and Possible Action:** the Appointment and ratification of a Sylmar Neighborhood Council Board Member to serve as Election Committee Chairperson.
17. **Presentation Education Committee:** The SNC Education Committee has compiled a Resource Guide for the community that is available in Spanish and English and would like to share it with the community.
18. **Discussion and Possible Action:** The SNC to partner and participate in “SHINE LA” on Saturday, October 24th, to be held at the LA City East Valley Animal Services Shelter, 14409 Vanowen St., Van Nuys, CA 91405
19. **Discussion:** Treasurer’s Report
20. **Discussion and Possible Action:** The approval of the July 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)
21. **Discussion and Possible Action:** The Scheduling and layout plans for the 2026 Sylmar Neighborhood Council Community Holiday Party. To be held on Thursday, December 10th at Discovery Charter Preparatory School, SNC approves an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the 2026 Community Holiday Party.
22. **Board Member updates and announcements.**
23. **President’s closing remarks, acknowledgments, and adjournment.**

All Agenda items may include presentations, discussions, and actions by the Committee for recommendations to the SNC Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may discuss the recommendations and take action on the item, which could result in a Community Impact Statement to the City and/or a position letter to a City agency.

The Stakeholders may comment on any Agenda item only when the item comes up for discussion. The Committee will determine the length of discussion and comment times. The attending stakeholders may be polled for their opinion on any Agenda item before the Committee takes action for a recommendation to the Board. Comments from the stakeholders 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 stakeholder may become the subject of a future Board meeting.

Any Committee action may be reconsidered following the Meeting when the original action occurred. A Committee Member makes a Motion for Reconsideration, and if approved, another vote on the issue takes place based on the reasoning for the reconsideration. The Committee Member must have been on the prevailing side of the action/issue.

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NCsupport@lacity.org

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For information on the NC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website <http://www.SylmarNC.org>.

Committee Meeting Minutes are available on the SNC website www.SylmarNC.org