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Special General Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, October 14, 2026
Meet & Greet at 6:30 PM • Meeting starts at 7:00 PM
In Person

Elk's Lodge at 10137 Commerce Avenue, Tujunga 91042

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6:30 PM - Meet & Greet with Presenters, STNC Board - Refreshments

7:00 PM -1. CALL TO ORDER - Lydia Grant, President

- a. 3,800 sq. ft ADU – Updates
- b. Dam Dredging Updates - For more information about the mitigation area, please visit:
www.dpw.lacounty.gov/wrd/Projects/BTWMA

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Passing of **Scott Froschauer** - former board member on the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council, Artist

B. STNC Board Vacancies: Three positions vacant: VP Community Improvement; Region 1 and Region 2 Representatives. This is an opportunity to join the STNC Board and Committees. Please send an interest letter to president@stnc.org to apply.

3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM/ROLL CALL - Determination of Quorum /Roll Call, Report on Voting Eligibility - Karen Moran

4. PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Assemblymember Nick Schultz - legislative and community update [w/projector].
- B. Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) - community and public safety update.
- C. Los Angeles County Public Works - Tujunga Dam, sediment placement, and debris-flow preparation.
- D. Storm readiness and emergency preparedness update.
- E. LA Sanitation - community services and storm-readiness update (invited: Tristen Marler).

5. DISCUSSION//Updates/Q&A: (2 min per Representative Including Q&A)

LAPD, LAFD, Elected Officials/Representatives: Mayor, CD7, LAUSD, DONE, NC Budget Advocates, City Departments, LADWP.

6. STNC COMMITTEES: Discussion / Possible Action:

- A. Land Use update re: Next meeting will be October 26, 2026.**
- B. Beautification** - Community Cleanups
- D. STARC** - no longer meeting, needs chair
- E. STAT** - needs chair starting in January 2027

7. DISCUSSION: TREASURER'S REPORT / FUNDING ITEMS:

- A. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve the August 2026 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER).
- B. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve the updated Neighborhood Council Funding Program (NCFP) Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Administrative Packet. [Approval of the packet approves recurring expenses: Webcorner, US Storage, Constant Contact, Adobe, E-Voice (phone), PO Box.]
- C. Discussion/Action: Motion to reapprove Sunland Printing invoice for outreach postcards, up to \$200.00 [previous FY approved but not paid, requires new FY vote, for STAT committee.]
- D. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve the use of STNC tables and chairs by McGroarty Arts Center on November 1, 2026, for Día de los Muertos.
- E. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve the purchase of up to 500 replacement STNC tote bags, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.
- F. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve the purchase of STNC license plate holders, at a cost not to exceed \$500.
- G. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve the purchase of pet waste bag dispensers, at a cost not to exceed \$500.
- H. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve the purchase of STNC baseball-style hats, at a cost not to exceed \$350.
- I. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve the purchase of STNC shirts, at a cost not to exceed \$750.
- J. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve sponsorship of Verdugo Hills Pool Movie Night in October, including drinks and snacks, at a cost not to exceed \$300.
- K. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve a \$1,000 sponsorship for the Chili Bowl Festival at McGroarty Arts Center to include banner, social media promotion
- L. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve sponsorship of candy for the Sunland Park Halloween Event on October 31, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$500.
- M. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve a \$500 sponsorship to the Sunland Tujunga Shadow Hills Rotary for Hanukkah in the Hills to include logo on banner, social media promotion, table at event.
- N. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$350 for refreshments at tree watering events.
- O. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve Elks Lodge invoice for meeting October 14, 2026 in the amount of \$160.00

- P. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$1,000 to cover cost to move salvage items to the City.
[list of salvage items previously approved]
- Q. Discussion/Action: Motion to approve up to \$2,400 for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 web services agreement with The Web Corner, Inc. [recurring expense in NCFP packet, 3 months already paid.]

7. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Approve STNC Board Minutes for prior meeting(s), as presented.

8. STNC COMMITTEES: Discussion / Possible Action

- A. Notice of STAT Committee Chair, Pat Kramer, resignation effective Dec. 2026
- B. Committee updates and recommendations, including Land Use, Beautification, STARC, STAT, and other active committees.

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Community Impact Statements (CIS), Council Files, and Letters

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve CIS regarding CF25-0848 / AB747 City Compliance Status Existing Evacuation Plans/Improve Evacuation Route Infrastructure. Council File: 25-0848 / AB 747

Position: SUPPORT WITH RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) supports Council File 25-0848 and efforts to implement AB 747 to strengthen emergency evacuation planning, wildfire preparedness, and community resilience throughout Los Angeles. Sunland-Tujunga includes hillside neighborhoods, wildfire-prone areas, and constrained roadways where evacuation capacity and emergency access are critical public safety concerns. STNC urges the City Council to:

Complete and publicly report evacuation capacity assessments, including identification of roadway bottlenecks, vulnerable populations, and cumulative development impacts.

Integrate evacuation safety into land-use decisions, particularly for projects in high fire hazard areas or along constrained evacuation corridors.

Prioritize and actively pursue State and federal grant funding for evacuation infrastructure, emergency access improvements, and community resilience, with greater interdepartmental coordination to avoid missed funding opportunities.

Provide transparent progress reports identifying funding applications, awards, implementation timelines, and outstanding evacuation planning needs.

The September 11, 2026 City Administrative Officer report demonstrates both the availability of potential funding and the importance of improved coordination and timely grant applications.

Public safety must remain a priority in land-use planning and infrastructure investment. STNC urges the City Council to move beyond informational reports toward measurable implementation of AB 747, with clear accountability and meaningful community involvement.

STNC supports Council File 25-0848 with these recommended amendments.

- B. Discussion and possible action to approve a CIS regarding Council File 16-1468-S5, Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) / Proposed Ordinance / Maximum Size Limitation.

RE: Council File 16-1468-S5 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) / Proposed Ordinance / Maximum Size Limitation

Position: SUPPORT

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports efforts to establish reasonable maximum size limitations for attached Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) while maintaining compliance with California housing laws and preserving neighborhood compatibility.

We recognize the importance of ADUs in expanding housing opportunities throughout Los Angeles.

However, ADU development should remain consistent with the scale and character of existing residential neighborhoods and should not result in disproportionately large structures that undermine the intent of accessory housing.

We support consideration of the proposed limitation that attached ADUs not exceed 50 percent of the

existing primary dwelling's floor area, with an overall maximum of 1,200 square feet, to the extent permitted by state law.

We also support the City Council's direction to the Department of City Planning to:

Evaluate the impacts of SB 9 and SB 1211 on attached ADU development.

Identify legally permissible local regulations that protect neighborhood compatibility.

Examine the use of breezeways and other attachment configurations that may circumvent intended development standards.

Ensure that proposed regulations are clear, enforceable, and consistent with state housing requirements.

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council urges the City to adopt a balanced approach that supports additional housing while preventing oversized attached ADUs, protecting existing residential neighborhoods, and ensuring fair and consistent application of development standards.

We respectfully request that the City Council consider these concerns as the proposed ordinance moves forward.

C. Discussion and possible action to approve a CIS regarding CF25-1083-S2 - Streamline Development Projects / Accelerate Project Approvals / Incorporate the City's Missing Middle LA Work Program / Technical Amendments.

Council File: 25-1083-S2 Position: Against

Re: Streamline Development Projects / Accelerate Project Approvals / Missing Middle LA Work Program / Technical Amendments

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council opposes this motion as currently proposed and urges the City Council to return to the drawing board.

While we recognize the need to improve the development approval process, streamlining must not come at the expense of transparency, public oversight, or meaningful community participation.

There must be more public participation in land-use decisions, not less. Residents and Neighborhood Councils deserve early notification, adequate time to review proposals, and meaningful opportunities to provide input before decisions are made.

Efficiency and community engagement are not mutually exclusive. We urge the City to reconsider this motion and develop a revised approach that protects public participation, ensures accountability, and respects the voices of the communities most directly affected.

The public must have a seat at the table, not be streamlined out of the process.

D. Discussion and possible action to approve a CIS regarding Council File 26-1238 - Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Review / Amendments / Governing Provisions / Deadlines and Procedures / Public-Facing Matrix / Solicit Testimony

CF-26-1238 Position: SUPPORT

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports the establishment of an independent, Citywide Inspector General to strengthen transparency, accountability, and public trust in Los Angeles City government.

Currently, the City lacks a centralized, independent oversight office with broad authority to investigate misconduct involving City departments and senior officials. When departments are responsible for investigating complaints about their own management or practices, legitimate concerns arise regarding impartiality and accountability.

This issue is particularly important to communities such as Sunland-Tujunga, where residents depend on fair and transparent enforcement of building, safety, land use, and other municipal regulations.

The City has previously explored independent oversight through Council File 23-0188 and the Charter Reform Commission's Inspector General proposal (CRC 26). These efforts deserve renewed consideration. We urge the City Council to pursue a Charter amendment establishing an independent Citywide Inspector General with authority to:

Investigate complaints involving City departments and officials.

Obtain records, compel cooperation, and exercise appropriate subpoena authority.

Protect residents, complainants, and whistleblowers from retaliation.

Publicly report findings and recommend corrective actions.

Refer suspected criminal misconduct to appropriate authorities.

An independent Inspector General would complement existing oversight agencies while addressing gaps in accountability.

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council urges the City Council to advance this proposal and ensure that Los Angeles residents have access to meaningful, independent oversight of their City government.

E. Discussion and possible action regarding Council File 26-1199, Whistleblower and Anti-Retaliation policies and procedures, reporting misconduct, and anonymity protections.

Council File: 26-1199 Subject: Whistleblower and Anti-Retaliation / Policies and Procedures / Reporting Misconduct / Anonymity Protections

Position: SUPPORT

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) supports Council File 26-1199 and efforts to strengthen whistleblower protections, anti-retaliation policies, and confidential reporting procedures throughout Los Angeles City government.

City employees must be able to report fraud, waste, abuse, corruption, and misconduct without fear of retaliation or professional consequences. Effective policies must ensure clear reporting procedures, independent investigations, meaningful confidentiality and anonymity protections where legally permissible, and accountability for those who engage in retaliation.

Protecting whistleblowers is essential to safeguarding taxpayer funds, promoting government transparency, and maintaining public trust.

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council urges the City Council to ensure these protections are enforceable, consistently implemented, and regularly reviewed to promote accountability and integrity in City government.

F. Discussion and possible action regarding Council File 26-1330, Measure FD implementation and the LAFD Expansion Plan and recommendations.

Council File: 26-1330 Title: Measure FD Implementation / LAFD Expansion Plan / Recommendations Proposed **Position: FOR IF AMENDED**

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council supports the development of a comprehensive LAFD Implementation and Expansion Plan, contingent upon voter approval of Measure FD on November 3, 2026. However, planning must translate into meaningful investments in firefighters, emergency personnel, facilities, and equipment.

Sunland-Tujunga and surrounding foothill communities face significant wildfire exposure, challenging terrain, and increasing emergency service demands. Our fire stations must be adequately staffed, properly equipped, maintained, and modernized to meet today's emergencies and prepare for tomorrow's challenges. We recognize the long-overdue need for Sylmar Fire Station 31 and support its consideration among priority capital projects. At the same time, existing fire stations, including Sunland-Tujunga's Stations 24 and 74, must receive the staffing, equipment, and improvements necessary to protect our communities.

We urge the City Council to incorporate the following priorities into CF 26-1330:

Staffing, Training, and Retention: Prioritize hiring and retaining highly qualified firefighters, paramedics, dispatchers, and essential support personnel. Provide ongoing professional training, competitive recruitment, career development, and adequate staffing levels to maintain reliable emergency response and wildfire readiness.

Invest in Our Future Firefighters: Expand youth outreach, Fire Cadet and Explorer opportunities, school partnerships, mentorships, and career pathways that encourage young people from our communities to consider careers in firefighting and emergency medical services.

Strengthen Foothill Fire Protection: Prioritize improvements to existing stations, apparatus replacement,

wildfire response capabilities, and completion of needed facilities based on documented community risks and operational needs.

Leverage Available Funding: Coordinate Measure FD revenues with federal, State, and other funding opportunities to maximize investments in personnel, training, equipment, and infrastructure.

Ensure Accountability: Establish measurable staffing and training goals, response-time improvements, implementation timelines, and transparent public reporting. Ensure Measure FD revenues supplement rather than replace existing LAFD funding.

Our greatest public safety investment is in the people who protect us. We must recruit, train, support, and retain exceptional emergency personnel while inspiring the next generation to serve.

Emergency preparedness cannot wait until the next wildfire. Our communities deserve dependable staffing, modern facilities, and the resources necessary to respond effectively when every second counts.

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council respectfully requests that these priorities be incorporated into CF 26-1330 and the proposed LAFD Implementation and Expansion Plan.

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11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Committee & Liaison Reports and Confirm Assignments - by liaison chairs present

- ☐ Neighborhood Watch / Homeless
- ☐ Citywide Budget / Budget Advocates
- ☐ LADWP MOU / LADWP Committee
- ☐ LANCC
- ☐ VANC
- ☐ PlanCheckNC
- ☐ Emergency Preparedness
- ☐ Sustainability

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