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**Sylmar Neighborhood Council
Special General Board Meeting –Draft Agenda
Thursday, July 28, 2022 – 6:30 PM**

Zoom Meeting Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89371968816>

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AB 361 Updates:

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.

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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. Welcome and Housekeeping**
- 3. Public Comment** on items not appearing on the agenda.
- 4. Announcements from Public Officials**
- 5. Presentation** from LADWP on local projects: Foothill Trunk Line (Nathan Sheagley, Project Manager) and the Haskell Sylmar Transmission Line (Jeremy Fabreges, Project Manager)
- 6. Presentation** from MySafe:LA on Wildfire Safety
- 7. Discussion and possible action** to approve June General Board meeting minutes.
- 8. Discussion and possible action** to approve Monthly Expenditure Reports MERs.
- 9. Discussion and possible action** to form committees and appoint committee chairs.
- 10. Discussion and possible action** to create newsletter and expand outreach efforts.
- 11. Discussion and possible action** to approve up to \$1,500 for a minutes taker for SNC general board meetings.
- 12. Discussion and Possible Action:** Sylmar Channel Project – Safe Clean Water Program Glenoaks at Bledsoe to Herrick Avenue. This project aims to improve water quality, increase water supply, mitigate localized flood issues, and provide improved walkability and educational opportunities within Sylmar and the Upper Los Angeles River. Juan Solorio from

Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez, 7th District Office requesting the attached support letter be recommended for approval to the Sylmar Neighborhood Council. More information can be found at: visit our website https://www.lacitysan.org/san/faces/home/portal/s-lsh-sp/s-lsh-sp-scwp?_afLoop=5948708715810839&_afWindowMode=0&_afWindowId=null&_adf.ctrl-state=x1u00t58k_1#!%40%40%3F_afWindowId%3Dnull%26_afLoop%3D5948708715810839%26_afWindowMode%3D0%26_adf.ctrl-state%3Dx1u00t58k_5 Consider a conditional support letter as long as public access is restricted and fencing improvements are made in coordination with adjoining residents. Letter is Attachment A.

13. Presidential Appointment of Board members from applications received.

14. Announcement of Sylmar Neighborhood Council vacancies and application process. Application is Attachment B.

15. Board Member Updates and Announcements

16. Future Agenda Items: Write to Executive Board by email at ExecutiveBoard@SylmarNC.org or mail Executive Board c/o Sylmar Neighborhood Council, P.O. Box 921023, Sylmar, CA 91392-10

17. President's Closing Remarks, Acknowledgement, and Adjournment

18. Adjournment

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SCWP Regional Oversight Committee Members
SCWP Scoring Committee Members
SCWP ULAR Watershed Area Steering Committee Members

c/o Los Angeles County Public Works
900 S. Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803
email: san.safecleanwater@lacity.org

Subject: Sylmar Channel Project - Safe Clean Water Program

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of Sylmar Neighborhood Council, I am writing to express our **conditional** support for LA Sanitation and Environment's proposed Sylmar Channel Project for funding consideration by the Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP).

The Sylmar Channel is in desperate need of attention due to the lack of proper maintenance by the City of Los Angeles. There are over grown trees and vegetation, trash and debris that has not seen upkeep in a number of years. The neighbors along the channel have been dealing with these conditions for a number of years.

We appreciate LA Sanitation and Environment's public engagement on this project. The Council Office presented information to the Sylmar Planning and Land Use Committee at their June 8th, 2022 public meeting. A number of residents and stakeholders spoke of their concerns regarding the plan. The major concern is public access as it will invade the privacy of their back yards, invite homeless and others into the area as well as increase trash, maintenance and noise impacts to the channel and

hence their property. The other concern is the disrepair of fencing along the drainage easement. This lack of maintenance and non-existent fencing in some areas allows trespassers to access the Channel and set up camps and live creating health, fire and safety issues.

Sylmar supports elements of the plan to improve the conditions of the current channel allowing enhanced infiltration to increase ground water reserves, adding green elements to improve the air quality in the area and reduce the heat island effect as well as reducing localized flooding, and removing pollutants from the LA River. **We however, do not support PUBLIC ACCESS to the area.**

The Sylmar Neighborhood Council on behalf of the adjoining residents will **only support this project on the condition that the public will not have access to the channel and the project includes fencing along both sides of the easement preventing public access.** Fencing will need to be coordinated with existing neighbors to the Channel. As a Community we believe in the other goals of the Safe Clean Water Program as it would enhance our environment and improve current conditions.

We appreciate the City of Los Angeles' dedication to ensuring a safe, clean, and sustainable water future for all Angelenos.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter W. Postlmayr
Member and Planning and Land Use Chair

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**Sylmar Neighborhood Council
Application for Consideration of Appointment**

Name:

Occupation:

Home Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Home Phone:

Work Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Work Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

Preferred Email address:

Vacant Board Seat you are applying for:

Stakeholder Qualification – Please provide a brief statement as to how you qualify as a community stakeholder for this Board seat:

(Please also provide documentation that substantiates your status as a Sylmar stakeholder. “Stakeholders” shall be defined as those who live, work or own property in the neighborhood and to those who declare a stake in the neighborhood as a community interest stakeholder, defined as a person who affirms a substantial and ongoing participation within the Neighborhood Council’s boundaries and who may be in a community organization such as, but not limited to, educational, nonprofit and/or religious organizations (Ordinance No. 182830 effective January 26, 2014).)

Please answer the following questions:

- 1. Why do you wish to participate on the SNC Board?**

2. What are your goals for the community?

3. What areas of community service particularly interest you?

4. Do you have any special interests that might conflict with Neighborhood Council responsibilities?

5. Please return this form by email to: Andres.Rubalcava@SylmarNC.org and ExecutiveBoard@SylmarNC.org

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (818) 833-8737. Thank you for your interest in the Sylmar Neighborhood Council! Sylmar Neighborhood Council Board Member Application Revised 6-21-21