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ZOOM COMMUNITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021 - 7:15 PM

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GUEST SPEAKER: CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR CONGRESSWOMAN KAREN BASS

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the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. As Speaker, she had to lead the assembly through the financial emergency by passing legislation to help Californians through the crisis. Due to her leadership, she was one of four legislators to be awarded the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award.

Congresswoman Bass currently serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and assists with Global Health and Human Rights issues including COVID-19. She also serves on the Judiciary Committee. Her work includes criminal justice and prison reform and passing the Equality Act of 2020 to provide anti-discrimination protections for LGBTW people with employment and housing.

If you have a question for Congresswoman Bass, email it to us at SOHAZoomMtg@gmail.com on or before Monday, January 17, 2022. This will be your opportunity to ask the potential new Mayor a question!

To attend the virtual Zoom Meeting, the Meeting ID is 816 0062 8377 and the Passcode is SOHA914. Please arrive at the waiting room between 7:00 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. The Meeting starts promptly at 7:15 p.m. If you are unfamiliar with how to sign into a Zoom Meeting or need help, please email us at SOHAZoomMtg@gmail.com. We will email you instructions.

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If you do, please "like" the Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association page. Our Facebook page provides updates on local news and information about events happening in Sherman Oaks. Go to www.facebook.com/soha914 to get instant information from your Association.

You can also follow us on on Instagram [914SOHA](https://www.instagram.com/914SOHA).

A NEW YEAR – BUT THE SAME OLD METRO WANTS PUBLIC INPUT, BUT TELLS PUBLIC NOTHING!

The Sepulveda Transit Corridor Project is moving forward but Metro wants to keep you in the dark. Metro held their first public scoping meeting on December 7th. It was shameful. They want public comment on their six alternatives but withhold meaningful information. It's all a sham to make Metro look interested. They even said they would not answer questions.

A day before Metro's scoping meeting, SOHA sent them ten critical questions. How and when will concepts be refined? How will the public-private partnerships work? What are latest technical details? How much does each alternative cost? What is Metro's available budget? These are simple questions and Metro should have answers at their fingertips. We asked for answers in a week. We never heard back from Metro. We never do.

Without details, no one could support any of Metro's six alternatives. But SOHA does oppose one of them, the ridiculous Alternative 4 with elevated trains operating above Sepulveda Blvd in the Valley. SOHA told Metro this alternative will destroy Sherman Oaks. Yet Metro continues to study it. Why? Because they don't listen!

Here are SOHA's thoughts on Metro's six alternatives. None are acceptable yet and one is totally unacceptable. Metro's last scoping meeting is January 22nd. SOHA will be telling you how to make comments.



ALTERNATIVE 1 - Monorail along 405 with Electric Bus Connection to UCLA

- ACCEPTABLE** - ONLY IF route realigned to 405 median (versus east shoulder) in Valley
- AFFORDABLE** - Possibly buildable with currently available Metro budget
- SHORTEST SCHEDULE** - Quickest to build with no tunneling

ALTERNATIVE 2 - Monorail along 405 with Automated People Mover Connection to UCLA

- ACCEPTABLE** - ONLY IF route realigned to 405 median (versus east shoulder) in Valley
- AFFORDABLE** - Possibly buildable with currently available Metro budget
- SHORTEST SCHEDULE** - Quickest to build with no tunneling

ALTERNATIVE 3 - Monorail along 405 in Tunnel Under UCLA

- ACCEPTABLE** - ONLY IF route realigned to 405 median in Valley and no tunneling under Bel Air
- UNAFFORDABLE** - At least one billion dollars more than available Metro budget
- LONGER SCHEDULE** - Three-mile tunnel under UCLA adds at least two years

ALTERNATIVE 4 - Heavy Rail Subway on Westside but Elevated in Valley on Sepulveda Blvd

- UNACCEPTABLE** - Ridiculous elevated trains in Valley - TERMINATE THIS CONCEPT NOW
- UNAFFORDABLE** - At least four billion dollars more than available Metro budget
- LONGER SCHEDULE** - Nine-mile tunnel under Westside/Sepulveda Pass adds at least four years

ALTERNATIVE 5 - Heavy Rail Subway on Westside and under Sepulveda Blvd in Valley

- ACCEPTABLE** - ONLY IF subway route through Sepulveda Pass realigned under 405 freeway
- UNAFFORDABLE** - At least seven billion dollars more than available Metro budget
- LONGEST SCHEDULE** - Fourteen-mile tunnel adds at least five years

ALTERNATIVE 6 - Heavy Rail Subway on Westside and under Van Nuys Blvd in Valley

- ACCEPTABLE** - ONLY IF subway route through Sepulveda Pass realigned under Beverly Glen Blvd
- UNAFFORDABLE** - At least seven billion dollars more than available Metro budget
- LONGEST SCHEDULE** - Thirteen-mile tunnel adds at least five years

We know a lot more. Contact Bob Anderson at BobHillsideOrdinance@gmail.com for details.

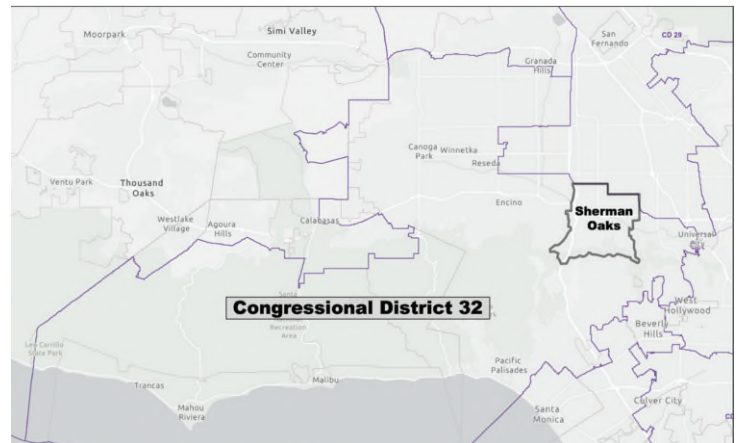
2022 REDISTRICTING MAPS

Three separate Redistricting Commissions redistricted our Los Angeles City Council, Los Angeles County Supervisorial, Federal Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly Districts in 2021. Our Sherman Oaks Community is whole in each of our five new Districts.

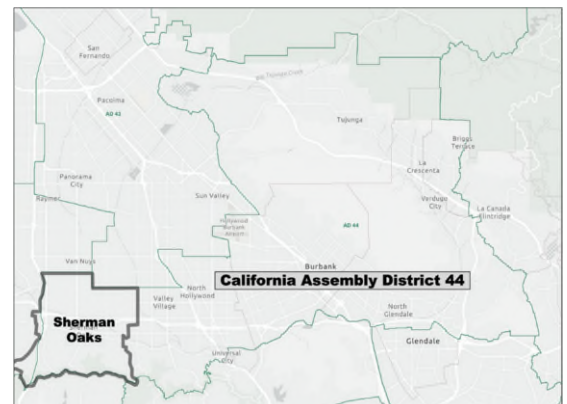
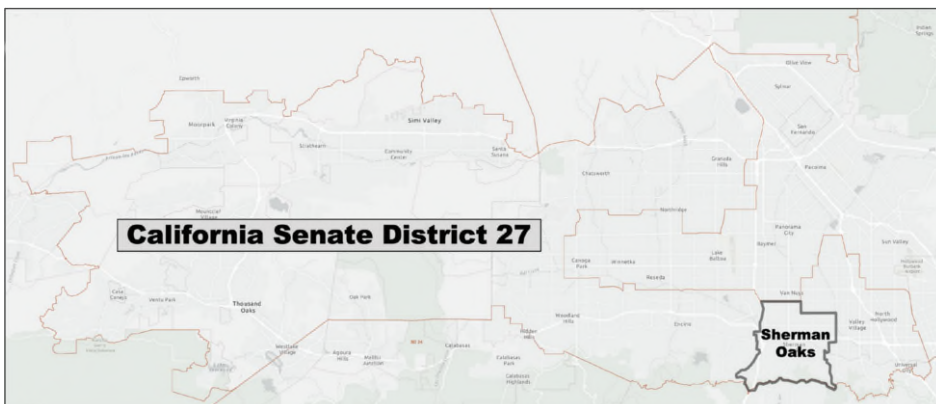
We retain City Councilwoman Nithya Raman. The new district takes effect on January 1, 2022.



Our County Supervisor, Sheila Kuehl is not running for reelection in 2022. Our new Supervisorial District 3 takes effect at the beginning of 2023, when we've elected a new supervisor. Our Congressman, Brad Sherman, will run for reelection in new District 32 in 2022 because he retains about 80 percent of the District. The new district takes effect at the beginning of 2023.



Our current State Senator, Bob Hertzberg, is termed out in 2022. Our new Senate District 27 takes effect at the beginning of 2023. Senator Henry Stern currently holds District 27, but is running for Supervisorial District 3. If he wins, we must elect a new Senator. Our current State Assemblyman, Adrin Nazarian, will run in new District 44. Rumor has it Assemblywoman Laura Friedman will also run in District 44. Our new District takes effect at the beginning of 2023 after the 2022 elections.



ANOTHER LEGISLATIVE YEAR

The legislative committee of SOHA hopes the New Year inspires our state legislators to introduce good housing bills that will address our affordable housing problem, make communities healthier and better and leave single family neighborhoods intact. At the end of 2022, redistricting might change our state legislative districts. We will inform all of you of any changes to our representation.

Regarding SB 9, our committee worked last year with Councilman Paul Koretz to introduce a motion that would put in place guidelines for implementing SB 9 to protect our communities from the more destructive elements of this terrible bill. SB 9 allows some local control on certain provisions of the bill as long as a city officially acts on them. The motion was introduced and moved by Councilman Bob Blumenfield and Councilman Koretz and seconded by our Councilwoman Nithya Raman. The motion was then sent to the Planning and Land Use Committee where it was waived out of committee by Councilman Harris Dawson, but with only a few days left in the session it failed to be sent for a full Council vote by Council President, Nury Martinez. We have asked her office to agendaize this motion immediately upon the Council's return. It is very important for the city to vote on this motion. Until this motion is approved by the City Council, our city has no control over enforcing objective design and zoning standards on SB9 projects in single-family neighborhoods. Many cities throughout California have already passed Ordinances addressing the implementation of SB 9, Los Angeles should have been among them, passing something before the end of 2021.

It is important for all of us to keep alert to what is going on in Sacramento because every year we lose more and more individual rights. Currently with SB 9 and SB 10 we have no voice in what gets built in our neighborhoods. There is no public input or notification. With the reality of climate change, these new laws do not allow for California Environmental Review. This can mean the loss of our trees, as backyards are filled with more housing. Also, none of the bills coming out of Sacramento even address affordable housing. We see a better solution for adding more housing, by building in our underutilized commercial corridors, rather than devastating our single-family neighborhoods.

Another important note: The Voter Initiative, that seeks to amend the State Constitution granting land use authority back to individual cities and not to Sacramento, has until the end of April to collect 1.3 million signatures. It is off to a great start, and if you are interested in getting your neighbors and friends to sign on to this petition, please go to their website ourneighborhoodvoices.com. Donations can be made on their website as well.

Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association is known for being a very active group that works for the betterment of our community. We need your support as we inform you of all the important issues ahead.

ENTERTAINMENT, ADVANCEMENT...AND COMMITMENT

SOHA Volunteer Board Profile: Nancy Sogioan

As a 26-year Sherman Oaks homeowner and second-generation Californian, like most of SOHA's Board, Nancy has deep roots in our community. An Angelino through and through, her career was primarily in entertainment, starting in the music industry at A&M Records, then segueing into film feature film marketing as a Columbia Pictures Publicist. After a four-year stint at KCET-PBS as Executive in Charge of Talent, she was hired by Disney's Imagineering Department to help create a Let's Make A Deal attraction for Walt Disney World. Then, in the early days of cell phones, Nancy saw an opportunity to create a unique boutique retail cell service business. After 12 years, she was hired by Best Buy for Business, after which she joined the team for T-Mobile for Business. She concluded her career after a return to the entertainment industry as Director of Business Development for a production company.



Nancy began her service to our community by creating a grass-roots campaign to help Sherman Oaks obtain protections to curb rampant mansionization. She presented our then-City Councilman David Ryu with thousands of signatures from her Change.org petition, which he then presented to the Los Angeles City Council with his Motion seeking the Sherman Oaks ICO (interim protections) – which was later obtained. After joining SOHA's Board, Nancy helmed SOHA's hardworking, determined Sunkist Committee, which successfully worked with the site's developers over two years to transform the development's design from institutional-looking to inviting and fitting neighborhood character, reducing negative impacts and creating a site (Citrus Commons) beneficial to our area.

Her personal interests include extensive international travel and being blessed with three of the world's most wonderful canine companions, all rescues. She enjoys living in Fashion Square, loves our community and appreciates all who help keep Sherman Oaks a wonderful place to live.

Nancy currently serves as SOHA's Membership Chair.

A TASTE OF PARIS IN SHERMAN OAKS



Calling all francophiles! Members of the Sherman Oaks community looking to try a taste of traditional French fare may be interested in Le Petit Restaurant. Located at 13360 Ventura Boulevard near Dixie Canyon, Le Petit Restaurant brings a slice of Paris to the San Fernando Valley.

With classic French menu items such as Black Truffle perlage, Escargot de Bourgogne, and Lobster bisque, Le Petit Bistro has garnered a loyal customer base since 1996. For 25 years, patrons have shown their enthusiasm for the restaurant's special French cuisine and often order the French Onion Soup for starters, the Crispy Duck entrée, and for dessert, a Chocolate Soufflé.

Owner, Jay Arefi, says he enjoys Sherman Oaks as the location for Le Petit Restaurant because, "It is very diverse and has a small town feel." Arefi appreciates the many "loyal customers who are considered family." Over time, the restaurant has formed a devoted community, but Arefi is still excited for any new customers "wanting to try great food!"

The small, intimate atmosphere replicates an authentic French cafe and attracts families and couples ready for a date night. The touches of Art Deco decor, white linen tablecloths, and high ceilings create a classical ambience and environment. The environment is as delectable as the cuisine.

So, instead of hopping on a plane to France, you can visit your local Le Petit Restaurant in Sherman Oaks. Bon appetite!

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Our 23rd Annual Toy Drive was a great success! As usual a huge number of toys were collected for the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services. The Agency held a Holiday event for foster children and the toys you donated were the only ones distributed at the event.

Many thanks to Jules Feir (Chairman of the Event), Matt Epstein (fantastic antique car to hold the toys), and, of course, Marshall Long (Santa Claus). Special thanks to Gelson's for use of their parking lot, their advertising of the event and the foods and drinks provided to everyone. Police and Fire equipment and a trash truck were at the event for children to explore. Also, thank you to Council Deputy Alex Naseef for arranging the City equipment and personnel.

Special thank you to our Council Member Nithya Raman for contributing money so we could purchase a huge number of toys.

Special Toy Drive Attendees: United States Congresswoman Karen Bass, candidate for Mayor; California State Senator Robert Hertzberg, City Attorney/Mayor candidate Michael Feuer, Zev Yaroslavsky, former Councilman and former member of the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, Jessica Lall, Mayoral candidate who is the President and CEO of Central City Association, our Councilwoman Nithya Raman (and family), Councilmen Bob Blumenfield and Paul Koretz, Los Angeles Police Department Chief Michel Moore, Joan Pelico, Councilman Paul Koretz' Chief of Staff, Katy Young Yaroslavsky, Candidate for Council District 5, Los Angeles Fire Department Captain Adam Knabe, Station Chief for Los Angeles Fire Department Station 88 (Sepulveda Boulevard), Ryan Ahari, Field Representative for Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian, Andy Soliman, our Neighborhood Prosecutor for the Los Angeles City Attorney's office, Los Angeles Police Department Sergeant Maria Pedroza, Supervisor of all 7 Van Nuys Los Angeles Police Department Senior Lead Officers, Los Angeles Police Department Senior Lead Officer Jose Saldana, Los Angeles Police Department Captain Robin Patillo, Van Nuys Division Patrol Commanding Officer, SLO Sergeant Maria Pedroza and SLO Mariana Romo (North Sherman Oaks).



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