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SUNLAND-TUJUNGA Neighborhood Council Election

Saturday March 8 • 2pm to 8pm

NORTH VALLEY CITY HALL

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If you live, work, own real property or belong to an organization in Sunland-Tujunga YOU CAN VOTE MARCH 8th !!



STNC SAMPLE BALLOT

Do you live, work or own property in Sunland-Tujunga?

If so, you are a Stakeholder and are eligible to vote in the STNC Election.

If you want to be heard on issues affecting your neighborhood – then help elect a Board that represents YOU!!

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014

BBQ at 12 noon - Howard Finn Park • Polls Open 2-8 p.m.

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The STNC works closely with the Mayor, City Council and city departments to improve our neighborhood.

Stakeholders are defined as anyone who lives, works or owns real property in Sunland-Tujunga and also 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, non-profit and/or religious organizations.



Help us turn out the VOTES on Election Day! Invite your family and your neighbors to vote.

There will a BBQ on site from 12 noon to 2pm so you can eat and get to know other stakeholders.

PRESIDENT vote for one

☐ THOMAS SMOKER, JR.

☐ MARK SEIGEL – I am effective and dedicated to all stakeholders in Sunland-Tujunga and proud to continue to serve as your president. My experience is in working with City departments, Council staff and our active community and I'm good at getting things done. I will continue to be diligent in our search for TARGET to occupy the Kmart site, finish the community garden and continue to empower the board and committees to achieve their goals. Vote for me for STNC president.

☐ DAVID "DOC" DEMULLE – I am Editor/Publisher of The Foothills Paper, the most read newspaper in Sunland-Tujunga. I have fought cronyism and corruption here for the past 8 years. I was the Environmental Rep. for the STNC. This is a unique community with unique problems. We need to fix the homeless situation, the traffic injuries and deaths and the corruption in our community organizations. We have lost all credibility with our neighbors. We lost the Watermelon Festival because of greed and lies. We need to repair the credibility of our service organizations and the STNC. I set up and operated 3 Safe Haven Camps for the S-T homeless, and proved that a business/community partnership can remedy the homeless problem. With your help, I can make our community whole again.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT vote for one

☐ TOMI LYN BOWLING – I love this community. I have been a volunteer in many capacities for 20+ years having served on the NC previously as VP and Region Rep, Business Rep and was the Land Use Committee Chair as well as a member since 2001. I am Community Emergency Response Team trained since 2001 including setting up several training groups for others. Have done and continue to do work as well volunteering for LAPD. As a long time volunteer I hope to listen to the community and help be their voice to city hall. The NC system was founded to help stakeholders have a stronger voice in getting the attention their community deserves I know I can fulfill this objective. Sometimes what the community has to say, isn't what the city officials want to hear, so it is our NC representatives job to speak loudly and be heard on their behalf.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

OUTREACH vote for one

☐ BRENDA FORTUNE – My name is Brenda Fortune and I am seeking the position of 2nd VP Outreach on the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council. I am a long term resident and have broad experience working as an activist and volunteer in the community. I have taken an active role in addressing the needs of Sunland-Tujunga, and have been honored to hold several community leadership roles through the years. I am a devoted and engaged stakeholder. I believe that our Neighborhood Council Gives voice to the diverse layers of constituency that is Sunland-Tujunga.

Little Landers historical Society – Ways and Means VP
Sunland-Tujunga Shadow Hills Community Fund – Board of Directors
Sunland-Tujunga Lions Club – Director of Development Special Events
Sunland-Tujunga Rotary Club – Current Past President
STNC – Past VP Outreach/Region Representative

☐ WALLY WHARTON – S-T has become a dumping ground for the city's homeless and for the mentally ill. These people terrorize us and make it impossible for us to enjoy parks and open spaces. The LAPD seems more concerned with protecting the "rights" of indigent, criminal transients and allows them to sort thru our garbage and trash our neighborhoods. Our city councilman holds secret meetings — NOT open to the community — with churches, non-profits and developers to further seal our fate at a homeless haven. We need direct communication with our city councilman in the form of town hall meetings. DONE is extremely behind in its record-keeping accountability, i.e., audits, expenditures, purchase-card expenditures, etc., thus encouraging a lackadaisical attitude among current STNC board members. Wake-up, Sunland-Tujunga— Vote for Wally Wharton!!

☐ DON HARWARD – "I am currently serving out my third term as a Neighborhood Council Director, I have proudly represented the interests of my neighbors. I have strong familial ties to the local Fire Station and will fight against further reductions in service or staffing. As a member of this Neighborhood Council, I will continue to oppose unnecessary rate increases for City services such as those imposed by the Sanitation Department and the DWP. As a parent of four children currently attending the local Middle School and High School, I will continue to advocate for the safety and well being of all of the children in our community. Thank you for your vote today."

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SECRETARY vote for one

☐ **SANDRA BAUGUS**

TREASURER vote for one

☐ **BONNIE CORWIN** – I, Bonnie Corwin, want to take an active role in the growth and improvement of Sunland-Tujunga. I'm excited to offer my work experience and talents to help the area adequately plan for the challenges of future growth within our current Los Angeles budget. I served as Treasurer for Sage Passage a non-profit organization dedicated to helping women of domestic abuse. I assisted the national Red Cross in their accounting department after the Northridge Earthquake. I enjoy community service and knowing that I have made a difference. I am a bookkeeping and tax strategist consultant with knowledge and experience in auditing, financial analysis and business management. I would appreciate your vote for me, Bonnie Corwin, to serve as Treasurer on the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council.

☐ **NINA ROYAL** – I am a 29 year resident and I represent S-T on the Community Police Advisory Board, the S-T Elks, S-T SERVS and served as Treasurer, Vice President and Secretary for the STNC. I presently serve as Treasurer and I'm very knowledgeable of all significant requirements and detailed reports required by the city's Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). I look forward to continuing to be of service. I will also continue to be available for all meetings and handle all DONE/City Hall requirements. I have always fought hard for S-T, so that our issues are heard and we get our fair share of services, and I will continue to do so. Vote for NINA ROYAL as we look to new opportunities for Funding, Outreach, Community Improvement and Public Safety. Those issues are near and dear to my heart.

REGION REPRESENTATIVES

REGION 1 vote for one

☐ **KRESSE ARMOUR** – It has been my pleasure to serve the Sunland-Tujunga community as its Region One representative, and I would very much like to continue in this service. Together we have accomplished great things that have made Sunland-Tujunga a vital and welcoming family-friendly community. If elected, I pledge to carry on with this commitment to service, working with both local leaders and citizens at large to continue striving for even greater enhancement of our beautiful Foothills community.

☐ **JORGE A MARTINEZ** – I have lived here in Sunland, California for 18 years and I have seen many changes pass by that affect my family and neighbors. I have been on the side line watching all those change such as safety, building, street improvements etc, there are many changes say them all, therefore I have decided to run for neighborhood council this coming election to have my voice, opinion heard and also of my community. Yo he vivido aqui en Sunland, California por 18 años y e visto muchos cambios que pasan y q ue afectan a mi familia y vecinos, siempre e estado a un lado viendo estos cambios asi com la seguridad, construcccion , mejoramiento de carreteras, etc, por lo tanto e decidido correr com consejal de la vecindad estas elecsiones y q mi voz y opinion sean escuchadas asi como la de la vecindad...

☐ **PAT KRAMER** – After eight years serving STNC as the minute taker for all of the board meetings, I stepped up to fill in a vacancy on Region 1 in November 2013. From my many years of involvement with 4 different boards, I am very familiar with city politics and the inner workings of the NCs. I have lived in Sunland for 20 years and also have been a business owner, here, for that entire time. As a business owner and resident, I have always been active in my community, which includes working with the Sunland-Tujunga Elks Lodge, Business and Professional Women of Sunland-Tujunga, the Sunland Welcome Nature Garden, clean-ups at the Tujunga Wash, the Neighborhood Watch meetings, the Watermelon Festival, the July 4th Family Fireworks Festival and the 4th of July Parade. I also regularly support Bolton Hall and McGroarty Arts Center's events. I am committed to helping preserve our open space, I support keeping our air and community clean and safe, I am devoted to the care of my three dogs and helping strays or lost dogs in our community receive the care that they need. Additionally, I would like to help the stakeholders in Region 1 receive any needed services that the City of LA offers and be their voice to our STNC.

Voters will need to show ID. ID can be a driver's license, ID card, DWP bill, something with your Sunland-Tujunga address.

Visit www.stnc.org and click on the EmpowerLA button to view the candidates and get all the election information. Be sure to subscribe to our mailing list, and check out our community calendar with information on upcoming events.

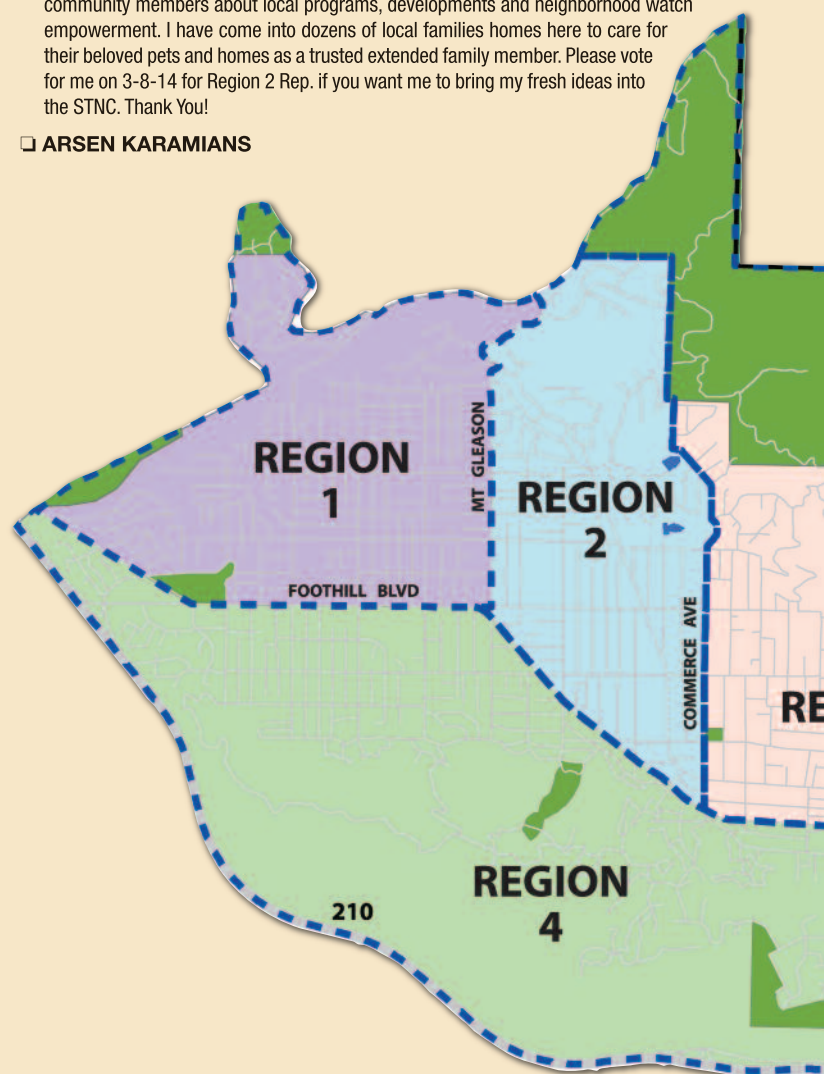
REGION 2 vote for two

☐ **ARNO AKOBYAN** – I'm running for the position of Region 2 Representative because I want to help improve my community. I am currently a third-year law student at Loyola Law School, a graduate of UC-Berkeley (GO BEARS!), and have resided in Region 2 all my life. I am also a product of the local public-school system, having attended Pinewood Elementary and Mount Gleason Middle School. As a Region 2 "Native Son", I am aware of the many areas where we can improve our community — and I believe that I have the energy, passion and leadership abilities to help make it happen. Vote for Arno Akobyan, Region 2's "Native Son," to be your Representative!

☐ **ROBERTA KONRAD** – Hello. My name is Roberta Konrad. I am running as a candidate for the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, Region 2. I have owned property in this neighborhood for over 25 years and have lived in my home here for the past seven years. As a homeowner and in my professional career with the Los Angeles Unified School District working with Special Education parents, teachers, and youngsters, I believe I would bring an outlook of understanding facing the challenges of people living in our neighborhoods and the organizational skills to help accomplish the goals of the Council. I would bring a willingness to work with the council on the local challenges, including the LADWP and its MOU's, the Land Use Committee, and the Arts Committee, as our community continues its on-going journey as a destination for families. Thank you

☐ **GAIL CARLSON** – I am Gail Carlson, known as Auntie Gail for my pet sitting business in the Foothills. I have lived in Tujunga for the last 19 years and was born in Los Angeles, CA. I am running for the Representative position for Region 2 in the STNC. I love where we live and want to keep this community informed on NC activities and bring fresh ideas. My passion is for improving the safety on Foothill Blvd. where 12 people died last year and accidents happen almost daily. I want our children to be safe in their schools and in the local parks from sex offenders in our area. I want to improve communications to individual community members about local programs, developments and neighborhood watch empowerment. I have come into dozens of local families homes here to care for their beloved pets and homes as a trusted extended family member. Please vote for me on 3-8-14 for Region 2 Rep. if you want me to bring my fresh ideas into the STNC. Thank You!

☐ **ARSEN KARAMIAN**



REGION 3 vote for two

- ❑ **AMELIA ANDERSON** – I've been marching thru this town since 1998; first as a real estate entrant in the July 4th parades, later as a rotary club member helping to orchestrate the parade. We herded high school kids down foothill blvd. wearing yellow t-shirts and yelling "just say 'no' to drugs. I've assisted rotary booths at the easter carnival and the watermelon festival; and was instrumental in negotiating the venue for the "healing from the ashes" art exhibit after the stations fire that raised money for forest homeowners burned out; followed by a raucous Halloween "spooky house" fundraiser. I was on hand to plan our frosty "winterfest" Christmas santa extravaganza that is now a yearly event. I also helped out Alarcon for senate and Linblad for representative political campaigns and attended STNC, helpful to my current work backed by councilman Fuentes, which is providing service to and housing the homeless, i.e., HUD.
- ❑ **JIM MOORE** – Hi, I'm Jim Moore from Tujunga. (Not the well known Tujunga contractor Jim Moore, by the way.) I've lived here with my lovely wife and daughter for 12 years. I have worked as a design engineer at JPL for 18 years. I attend Chapel of the Hills church. I am running for a board seat because I want to work for a more peaceful, prosperous and close-knit community. I also want to see the old Kmart turned into a community center, a place where young, old and in between can come and meet one another and build new relationships. I want to write or help write a start-up grant proposal. I know at least 50 people from different churches, faith based organizations and JPL who would volunteer their time to the center.
- ❑ **DAVID BARRON** – As a renter in Sunland-Tujunga I know the challenges that renters can face. Because of my experience as an employee with the LA Housing Department I have the ability to help renters with their issues. I currently serve on the STNC Land Use, Budget and Safety committees. Vote for DAVID BARRON, STNC Renter's Representative on the March 8 ballot.
- ❑ **MICHAEL JONES** – I'm running for Region 3 because I want to continue my work on the STNC board to improve local communications during major events such as the Station Fire, including having a Ham Radio Station at North Valley City Hall, phone trees, more Neighborhood Watch groups, website and social media. I want to see more "pocket parks" in Region 3 and encourage more community improvement. I enjoy working with our community groups and organizations and people know me. Vote for Mike Jones on March 8, 2014.

REGION 4 vote for two

- ❑ **MAUREEN O'BYRNE** – I am a 25+ year Sunland local, a graduate of Mt. Gleason & Verdugo Hills and want to do my part in helping our community thrive. I hope to specifically bring focus and action to amending our "Foothill Specific Corridor Plan" so that illegal and unauthorized businesses are kept out of the community. I also believe that Foothill Blvd is long overdue for a traffic light signal assessment from the City; which would help cut down on the congestion and accidents. Another important focus for me would be keeping our parks clean, safe and family-friendly. And finally getting our local teens more involved in the STNC - because they are our future. It would be an honor to represent the residents of Region 4 and I sincerely hope to win your vote!"
- ❑ **CHARLIE A. BRADLEY** – I have been a resident of the Sunland/Tujunga community for nearly 10 years and I am raising my family here. I love my community and am desirous of being an active participant in its safety and advancement. I have a number of ideas to bring to the council that will not only make this a great place to live and work, but also ensure that a safe, healthy, and thriving community is left to our children. While I am seeking a seat in Region 4, I will work tirelessly for the betterment of the entire Sunland/Tujunga community.
- ❑ **ARAZ PARSEGHIAN** – Serving The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council for the past 3 years has given me the opportunity to meet many stakeholders whom I've listened to and voiced their concerns. My presence in Region 4 has been very strong working with City, State and Federal Officials and also Law Enforcement personnel to beautify Sunland-Tujunga and make it safer for our families and kids. My family and I look forward in seeing you on March 8th to re-elect me as Region 4 Representative.

STAKEHOLDER GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

vote for no more than 8

- ❑ **PATRICK O'BRIEN** – American Legion Representative
- ❑ **ROSIE N. TER-MATEVOSYAN** – Sunland Tujunga Foundation Representative
As a child of a first generation immigrant family from former Soviet Union, I learned first-hand the power of education. I watched as my parents worked extensive hours in sweet shops for nickels and dimes to start a new life for our family. I learned early on that education was going to be the ticket out. As a member of STNC it will be my ultimate goal to make the community more safe and youth friendly by bringing educational opportunities, more recreational opportunities and family focused neighborhood activities.
- ❑ **SERGIO E. SOTO** – Tujunga Masonic Center Representative
My plan for this year is to take my lodge into the community and make it more visible rather than keep it within the confines of the Masonic Center which is the current hub of our operations. I plan to collaborate with the appropriate councils, public schools, businesses and other community groups to improve the image of the area with service projects that involve cleaning and minor infrastructure of key identified areas in the neighborhood. The idea being, that adequate improvement to the visual appeal of the city will invite incentives to other groups to make our city a priority in terms of either short or long term projects and investments. We also intend to contribute to early childhood literacy in the nearby public school, being that the education of our children is vital to the future of this community in which we live and work.
- ❑ **DANA STANGEL** – Animal Issues Representative
I would very much like to join the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council because I live and work here, and I care. I would also like to help represent animal issues in this community. Animal issues (both wild and domestic!) arise here on a regular basis and I think we could use more representation in this direction.
- ❑ **JOHN LAUE** – Sierra Club Representative
I am a former member of the elected Board of the STNC (2010-12), and would like to return as the elected Environmental Rep. I am a long-standing member of the Sierra Club and the Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy, an organization that is concerned about the sediment removal projects in the San Gabriel Mountains including the proposed project in the Big Tujunga. My goal is to be an advocate to protect the natural environment that makes our community an attractive place to live in the city.

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☐ JON vonGUNTEN – Neighborhood Watch Representative

Please attend STNC elections Saturday, March 8th, at 7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga! To maximize City government attention, STNC must elect credible, ethical and effective representatives. I'm running as Stakeholder Representative to LAPD's Neighborhood Watch. We moved family and business to Tujunga in 1987. In the 1990s we served Sunland-Tujunga Association of Residents as officers and committee members. We gathered signatures and addressed City Council on land use. In 2012, I helped STNC organize town meetings to clarify and record local hopes for Foothill Blvd. We attend Neighborhood Watch, and email reports to family and friends. Because people's reports help LAPD cut crime, we must raise public knowledge of what to notice and where and how to make factual reports. We should lobby LAPD and City executives for better policing tools and resources. Please ask Officers Sánchez, Wahl and Boon if they think I can help! ¡Además, hablo español!

☐ JULIE CUDDIHY – Verdugo Hills High School Representative

☐ KRYSTEE CLARK – SAG-AFTRA Representative

I have enjoyed serving my first term on the Neighborhood Council. I cherish the diverse culture of our Sunland-Tujunga community and take pride in our indigenous environment and clean air. I love where I live and it is easy for me to promote our unique lifestyle, locally driven business culture and help protect our open spaces. I will continue my work to stimulate our local economy by fighting to restore the Entertainment Industry and by Co-Chairing the Arts and Recreation Committee as a way to promote our local talent, festivals and locations. It is important to increase our stakeholder participation in local government. I would love to see more communication and brainstorming in our community including regular Townhall Meetings and a rise in social media presence. Stay informed and get involved. Remember to VOTE on Saturday March 8th and help create a brighter future!

☐ CINDY CLEGHORN – Sunland Tujunga Chamber of Commerce Representative

The business community needs to be represented on the STNC board. As president of the Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce I will bring the voice of Sunland-Tujunga's businesses. I am the go to person for business improvement having assisted several businesses with City requirements. I will continue to reach out to the businesses the community needs and wants — such as Fresh & Easy.

☐ PATI POTTER – Neighborhood Watch Representative

I am running for 1 of the 8 "Stakeholder Group Representatives" positions. I would like to volunteer by being the STNC Rep for the Neighborhood Watch. I have lived in Sunland-Tujunga all my life so this is the only home I have known. I feel being involved and keeping informed by the LAPD on what is happening, both positive and negative, in the community is very important. In addition I hope to let the community realize what they can also do to help this community to stay safe. I have also been instrumental in keeping the big rig trucks and car transporters from parking overnight on Foothill Blvd. and for days at Sunland Park. Because of myself and a few others, these rigs have been receiving tickets which in turn has caused a 90% decrease in their parking. Please get out and vote for me. Thank you.

☐ VICKI GOORJIAN PIERCE – Sunland-Tujunga Elks Representative

I am Vicki Pierce and would like to represent the Stakeholder Group for Service Organizations. I am a member of the Elks and am interested in representing all the great service organizations that we have in this community that help deserving people and organizations in our community and elsewhere. I have lived in the Crescenta Valley for over 37 years and more specifically in Tujunga for the last 16 years. I look forward to meeting you at the various "Meet the Candidates" events.

☐ MARLENE HITT – Little Landers Historical Society Representative

I am a candidate for the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council representing the Little Landers Historical Society. My service in the STNC so far has been to serve on the Arts and Recreation Committee. I have acted as volunteer for the Voice of the Village and North Valley Reporter newspapers, have been actively contributing to the Little Landers Historical Society for over 20 years, and participate as planner for the Village Poets. I served as the first Poet Laureate of Sunland-Tujunga. My family came to Sunland in 1939 and started a business which served the community for 65 years. We are homeowners, have lived in the same house for 55 years. My promise is to continue in the volunteer work I have been doing as well as any meaningful project which appears.

☐ JOHN BLUE – Veterans and General Welfare Representative

While working with "veterans" of all ages with various needs, I kept having "non-veterans" come up and ask for my help. I couldn't say "no" to them — both out of my Christian conscience and personal convictions. So, I wound up helping everyone who came my way! Everyone's needs were almost the same, as were my solutions. If I found an answer in one area, it sometimes solved another person's problem, too. All my life I've helped people, from being a C.O. Combat Platoon Medic in Vietnam, to my work 3 decades as a professional EMT medic. I can't seem to help myself. I'm not sorry, but it has taken its toll! Anyway, I've expanded my "job title" to reflect all this. I'll still give out medical, health and money-saving info at meetings. I'll still ask the realistic questions no one else dares to. I'll still fight power corruptions...

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