

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am thankful to Council members Park and Padilla for this motion, which I strongly support. Each neighborhood council is as unique as the community it represents. The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council (SVANC) faces many challenges finding a place to hold their meetings that can accommodate the schedule of its board members. Our area is at least one third industrial. We do not have many options of places where we can hold our meetings. We have five very active committees that currently utilize the space to hold meetings and bring important presentations for our constituents. We already have a difficult time securing a venue for our Board meeting, now add the five committee meetings. The office lease absorbs \$21,500 of our budget, but it is worth it because we are in a main street that gives us visibility. We have our logo on the building and is the least expensive compared to all the rentals on Sunland Blvd. Having such financial challenge did not stop SVANC from accomplishing so much for the last two years. We organized many events in partnership with our Council members offices and local businesses: National Night Out, Movie Night, Citizenship Workshop, Women's Wellness Fair, Breakfast with Santa, Turkey Giveaway, Spring and Fall Festivals at the parks, Self-Defense Workshop, DONUT forget to resister to vote with SVANC at the library, These event were possible with the help of the community. We've also had great workshops at our committee meetings: CPR hands only, Domestic Abuse awareness, Living Trust Vs. Will, Searching projects in Sun Valley via ZIMAS, Meet and Greets that resulted in new community members joining the Board. We host Coffee with a COP monthly. The list goes on and on. This again shows that our community came together to have all these events and workshops that our community so badly need. However, we cannot raise money to pay for rent. Therefore, I urge our government representatives to support this motion and restore our funds back to a minimum of \$32,000. My name is Norma O. Chávez and I just concluded two terms as SVANC president. I am currently the SVANC vice-president, but I am speaking on my behalf based on my experience in the neighborhood council and the impact this cuts will have for my beloved Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council.