

Communication from Public

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July 31, 2026

Re: CF #26-0906-04 (In Favor)

Hon. Council Members,

I am writing in support of CF #26-0906-04 and I write in my personal capacity. I previously served on the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council, and I have advocated for additional training for Neighborhood Council board members because I believe board members have a moral responsibility to serve their communities, regardless of the circumstances.

I also completed CERT training hosted by the Neighborhood Council Valley Village and passed the training. I found the CERT training extremely helpful, informative, and engaging. I strongly recommend it for all Neighborhood Councils and stakeholders. The training gave participants the opportunity to learn about community safety and emergency preparedness—both of which are critical to our shared safety and well-being.

During the Roosevelt administration, all Americans were encouraged to contribute to the effort to serve their communities. The message was “**We Do Our Part.**” In times of crisis, members of our community should answer the call to serve—this includes Neighborhood Councils.

For these reasons, I strongly support making required trainings mandatory for Neighborhood Council board members. It serves an important purpose for our community.

I urge a “Yes” on this motion. Board members should take this required training. Yes, we can.

Sincerely,

Lionel Mares, MPA