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Summary: The Sylmar Neighborhood Council board members on November 21, 2019 voted to support CF#19-1173, a motion introduced by Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez, seeking assessment of a vacant building at Sylmar Recreation Center, 13109 Borden Ave., for possible use as a Senior Center, as a welcome first step to address senior needs in Sylmar. The motion notes that while the Department of Recreation and Parks operates 29 Senior Citizen Centers throughout the city, "Sylmar is geographically one of the largest communities in the City of Los Angeles without a Senior Citizen Center." The Sylmar Neighborhood Council is concerned about this issue, especially given the 28% growth in Sylmar's senior population since the 2010 census, to nearly 16,000. The SNC's Senior Committee petition for a center for Sylmar seniors says they deserve services that "preserve their independence, self-sufficiency, physical and emotional health-- as well as positive social and community engagement." The Sylmar Neighborhood Council feels this motion puts an important issue on the right track. However, the empty building at Sylmar Recreation Center was withdrawn from public use as unsafe some six years ago and may not prove feasible for this project. Therefore, the city should broaden the search to other locations in Sylmar that could house a Senior Center. The Sylmar Neighborhood Council also believes the requested feasibility study and report should be done in a timely manner, completed in six months or less.