

Valley Alliance of
Neighborhood Councils
VANC

Thursday, March 10, 2022 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Via zoom: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98759241651>

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LAPD Chief Michel Moore. 39-year veteran of the LAPD, Chief Moore was appointed and confirmed chief in June 2018. How can NCs work with the LAPD to protect our communities?

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Jill Banks Barad-Hopkins, Founder and Chair
2. **LAPD Chief Michel Moore:** Policing in the Valley. How can NCs work with the LAPD? Has removal of cash bail affected LAPD?
3. **DONE Digital Communications Policy:** Proposed **MOTION**. Oppose current draft by DONE. Proposed nine page policy not helpful to NCs. AB992 not applicable to NCs. All NC and DONE meetings must be open. See attached Hot Topics. #4
4. **NC In-Person meetings:** Agendas not sent in timely manner. See Hot Topics #1
5. **DONE Red Tape requirements:** What can we do? See attached Hot Topics #3
6. **PROPOSED new Code of Conduct:** (Len Shaffer, BONC Commissioner) Introduced 7/19, removes any words about NC's. Adds **Proposed** digital communication behavior. [draft Code of Conduct Policy](#). Response from NCs
7. **Dog and Cat Bill of Rights AB 1881:** See Hot Topics attached #6
8. **Councilwoman Rodriguez Council File (CF20-0963):** See attached Hot Topics #2
9. **Items from the Floor.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*VANC Meeting Thursday, April 14, 2022: Speaker: State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond

*PlanCheck 2nd Saturday of the month, details at www.plancheckncla.com

Educate yourself on City Planning and Land Use issues.

HOT TOPICS For March 10, 2022



1. BONC Agenda Posting Requirements Policy: https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/NC-AGENDA-POSTING-REQUIREMENTS_2014-01.1_revised-08-18-14.pdf

TIMELY DISTRIBUTION OF NC AGENDAS - The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) [Agenda Posting Requirements Policy](#) requires all NC meeting agendas to be submitted to NC Support for posting on the City website and distribution to hundreds of your NC subscribers via the City Early Notification System. Unfortunately, some agendas are being sent out very late or not at all. NCs need to monitor and if an agenda is not sent out by ENS within 24 hours of submittal, promptly follow up with NC Support, your NEA and inform VANC every time there is a deficiency so we can report them to BONC.

2. Council File 20-0963
<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0963>

NC 2021 ELECTIONS REPORT BACKS (CF 20-0963) - While initially the impetus for conducting the 2021 NC Elections via all Vote By Mail, [Council File 20-0963](#) more recently is where the 2021 post-election reports from City Clerk and DONE are filed. The City Clerk report dated October 20, 2021 includes candidate filing, voter registration and Vote By Mail statistics while the DONE report dated January 11, 2022 describes their election outreach efforts and how the \$456,000 allocated to them was spent. As of March 3, 2022 nine NCs have submitted Community Impact Statements -- has your NC considered this matter and provided its recommendations by filing a CIS? **City Clerk scheduled item for Council on March 9, 2022.**

3. DONE/CITY CLERK RED TAPE
There has been growing frustration among the NC community about the ever-increasing amount of administrative requirements from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Clerk's office. These mandates have been implemented with the intention that they help us in performing our civic responsibilities and ensure that our fiscal affairs remain sound. However, the creativity and enthusiasm that was once a hallmark for many who volunteered and/or continue to serve their communities is being worn down by administrative functions, mandatory regulations, required certifications and trainings. They have become barriers to entry that have had a marked impact on our ability to attract new Board and Committee members, particularly in communities of color and in neighborhoods with marginal economic status. In too many NCs this is rapidly becoming the key hindrance in our collective efforts to advance the city's goal to make NCs look more like the communities they represent. At the highest levels of the NC system, there should be a review of the impact of these administrative requirements and associated bureaucracy, with a focus on returning

the precious resource of time to NCs who manage their Board and associated affairs well, allowing us to invest that time in our neighborhoods and not in downtown mandated administrative tasks.

4. DONE/BONC's DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS POLICY <http://tiny.cc/digitalcommspolicy>

9 pages of mandated additional WORK for NCs. DONE should provide staff or FUNDS if approved by BONC. IF your NC already voiced an opinion (or you now have one) send a copy to Arts, Parks, Health, Education and Neighborhoods (APHEN) committee Chair John Lee at councilmemberlee@lacity.org and BONC Commission@empowerla.org before 3/21/2022.

5. Did you know: LA City Council does not review agenda items IF the committee had public comments and voted yea or nay on the Council File. Send your COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS (CIS) directly to the committee that has jurisdiction with a copy to Arts, Parks Health, Education, and Neighborhoods (APHEN) Committee chair councilmemberlee@lacity.org

6. AB 1881, Dog and Cat Bill of Rights

AB 1881, a bill currently pending in the California Assembly entitled the Dog and Cat Bill of Rights, provides that dogs and cats have the following rights:

To be free from exploitation, cruelty, neglect, and abuse.

To a life of comfort, free of fear and anxiety.

To daily mental stimulation and appropriate exercise.

To nutritious food, sanitary water, and shelter in an appropriate and safe environment.

To preventive and therapeutic health care.

To be properly identified through tags, microchips, or other humane means.

To be spayed and neutered to prevent unwanted litters.