

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

VANC

34 San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Councils
Established March 03, 2003 by Jill Banks Barad-Hopkins

Thursday, February 13, 2025 6:30-9:00p.m.

Via zoom: Join Zoom Meeting

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

Phone access 888 475 4499

[Recording of this meeting can be found at www.VANC34.ORG](http://www.VANC34.ORG)

Note: VANC is an independent Alliance and is not required to follow the Brown Act. We are able to prevent individuals from participating in VANC meetings if they are disruptive, or sufficiently unrelated to VANC business.

Note: To be added to the email list, send your information to www.VANC34.org

Steven Sann & Coby King, Sepulveda Transit Corridor And Scott Munson - LA's water supply

Reminder: VANC meetings are to discuss various topics so that you can educate your NC for further discussion and possible action.

Reminder: VANC agenda is posted at www.VANC34.ORG
Zoom attendees, please identify your NC along with your first name

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions:** Linda Gravani, chair
 - VANC34.chair@gmail.com
- Guest Speakers** – Steven Sann, & Colby King **STC4ALLCoalition** working Group
Mr. Sann is a member of Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)
Discussion and possible action to support STC mission to include a UCLA stop with direct connection to **METRO's D Line** (purple)
 - See HOT TOPICS on page 3 additional info and proposed motion**
- Scott Munson – How the water system works -**
 - See HOT TOPICS on pages 5-6-7**
- DONE – Gibson Nyambura – Director Innovation**
 - Election updates**

- “NC RESOURCES BUTTON”
- IN CASE YOU MISSED IT, Election folder

5. Election Round Table for outreach ideas

6. Rec and Park Needs Assessment

- See Hot Topics on page 4

7. HOMEWORK for NCs

- NC Action Items – Greg Nelson= Report card for your CM

8. Per LA TIMES, “City Council President Marqueece Harris-Dawson decided to return to the pre-pandemic structure *in an effort to shorten meeting times.*”

In person or written comments ONLY **Can no long call-in**

- See Hot Topics for Sherman Oaks response (CF25-0000-S1 and S2) page 8

9. BONC Commissioners

South Valley – Len Shaffer, commissionerlenshaffer@gmail.com

Canoga Park, Encino, Greater Toluca Lake, Greater Valley Glen, Lake Balboa, NoHo, North Hollywood North East, North Hollywood West, Reseda, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Tarzana, Valley Village, Van Nuys, West Hills, Winnetka, Woodland Hills-Warner Center

North Valley - Keren Waters, keren.waters@lacity.org

Arleta, Chatsworth, Foothill Trails District, Granada Hills North, Granada Hills South, Mission Hills, North Hills East, North Hills West, Northridge East, Northridge South, Northridge West, Pacoima, Panorama City, Porter Ranch, Sun Valley Area, Sunland-Tujunga, Sylmar

10. Budget Advocates – update: www.budgetadvocates.org

11. Items from the floor:

- **Kathy Schreiner – Van Nuys NC**

20FEB2025 7-9PM Temple Beth Hillel – Becoming Heroes in a Time of Chaos”

[Becoming Heroes in a Time of Chaos](#)

12. NC Anniversaries: CONGRATULATIONS!

22 years North Hills West

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

VANC VIRTUAL Meeting [Thursday March 13, 2025](#)

*PlanCheck 10AM 2nd Saturday of the month, details www.plancheckncla.com

Educate yourself on City Planning and Land Use issues

*LADWP MOU 1ST Saturday of the month, details at:

<https://www.ladwpnews.com/dwp-nc-mou-and-advocacy-committee-meetings/>

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HOT TOPICS

1. What is the STC4ALL Coalition?

a broad coalition of organizations working to ensure an accessible and equitable Sepulveda Transit Corridor (STC). Our members include: Educational entities | Neighborhood groups | Environmental groups Justice advocacy groups | Community groups | Business groups

The following Valley Neighborhood Councils support the Coalition:

Lake Balboa NC,
North Hills East NC,
Pacoima NC
Studio City NC
Winnetka NC

STC4ALL advocates that the Sepulveda Transit Corridor must include the following:

A station on UCLA's campus

A direct connection to the Metro D Line (Purple) at Westwood Village.

Coalition website: www.stc4all.org/

Coalition YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EnGtDQ_y4Qg

How your NC can join the Coalition: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQJcMXb3K-8>

For your convenience, template letters to METRO

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/WhctKLbNHVjdPVjzJmfDhfSHMzQkbWbdszwXmxdgnHJrvXtzbzHfLtJXcNpkpbgxvvSbSLI?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>

PROPOSED MOTION:

- I move that VANC join the [Sepulveda Transit Corridor for All \(STC4All\) Coalition](#) and support the Sepulveda Transit Corridor project which includes a direct, on-campus station at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and a seamless connection to the Metro Purple/D Line Westwood Village station."

2. 2025 Rec and Park Needs Assessment – Engagement (no mention of Neighborhood Councils) ---- **Let's insert ourselves.**

What are your R&P issues – Forward to the commission

R&P Commission: As the head of the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department), the Board adopts the annual Department budget, creates necessary staffing positions authorizes the Department to carry out the powers and duties imposed by the City Charter including, but not limited to, control of all money in the Recreation and Parks Fund, control and management of all recreation and park sites, establishment of policies, execution of contracts and agreements, acquisition of real property for recreational purposes, lease of facilities spaces under public park grounds under the Board's control.

FULL COST RECOVERY PROGRAM- Implemented in 2010 due to budget deficit = 40% of R&P Charter allocated budget is kicked back to the city.

Remedy – City Council can pass an ordinance to phase out the "full cost recovery" program.
LA WATCHDOG Jack Humphreville Dec 13, 2022

Congressman Brad Sherman (30th District) "funded" **Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000)** to R&P for the Sepulveda Basin's Community Room and Ranger Station, Grant executed 19OCT2023 ----**PROBLEM: R&P has to reimburse the funds to HUD.**

[Congressman Sherman & Mayor Garcetti Announce \\$3 Million in Funding for the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area | Congressman Brad Sherman](#)

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"As with most capital or program grants, these grants do not provide upfront funding prior to the completion of projects or provision of services, as they are awarded on a reimbursement basis, requiring partial or full completion of capital improvements or provision of services to be completed prior to receiving any cash from the funding agency."

Los Angeles City Charter Department of Recreation and Parks

Sec. 593. Financial Support.

(a) For the financial support of the Department of Recreation and Parks, there shall be appropriated an annual sum of not less than 0.0325% of assessed value of all property as assessed for City taxes.

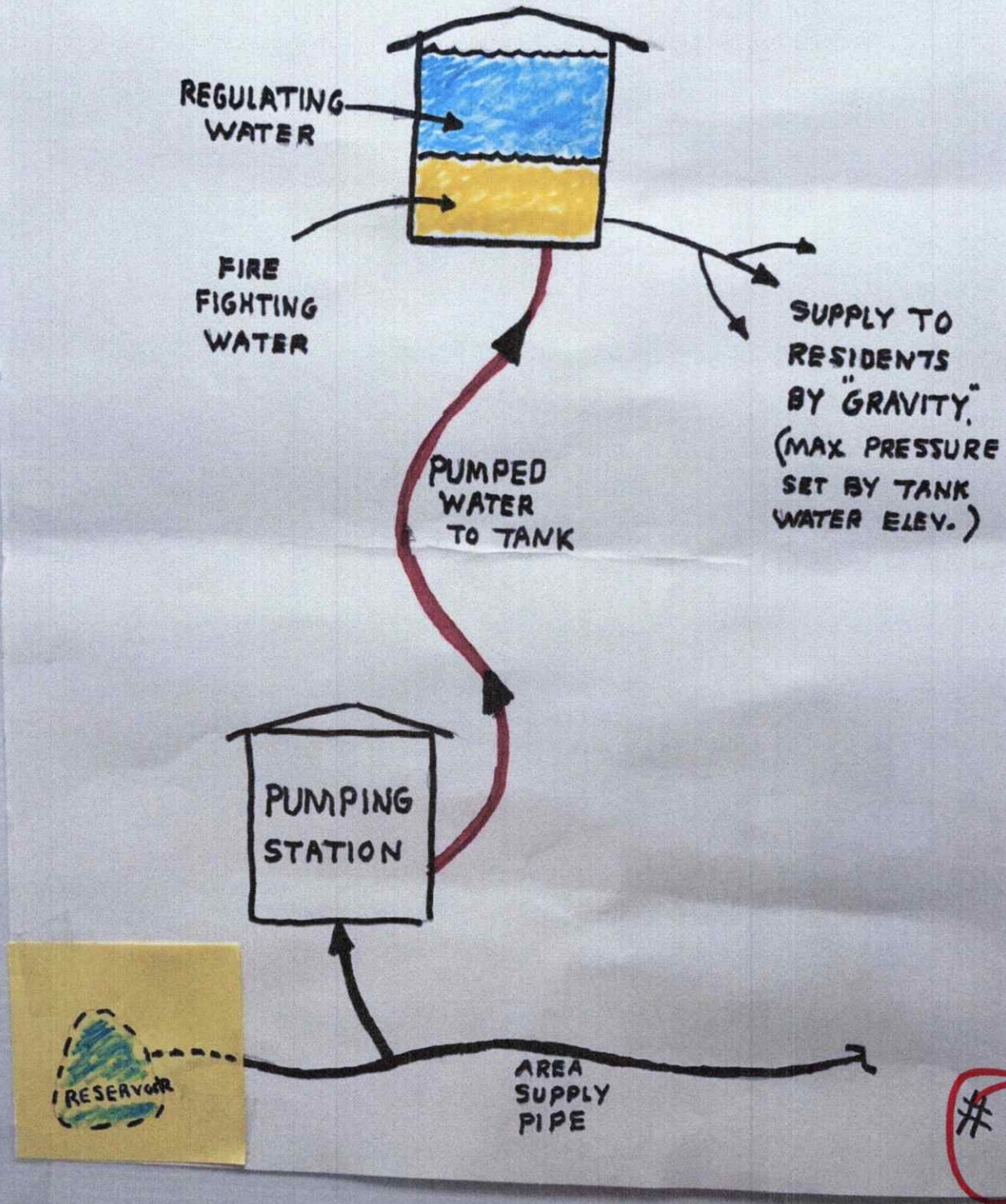
(b) Additional appropriations may be made from the General Fund.

(c) All money derived from (a) or (b), plus all other sums received by the department shall be placed to the credit of the Recreation and Parks Fund.

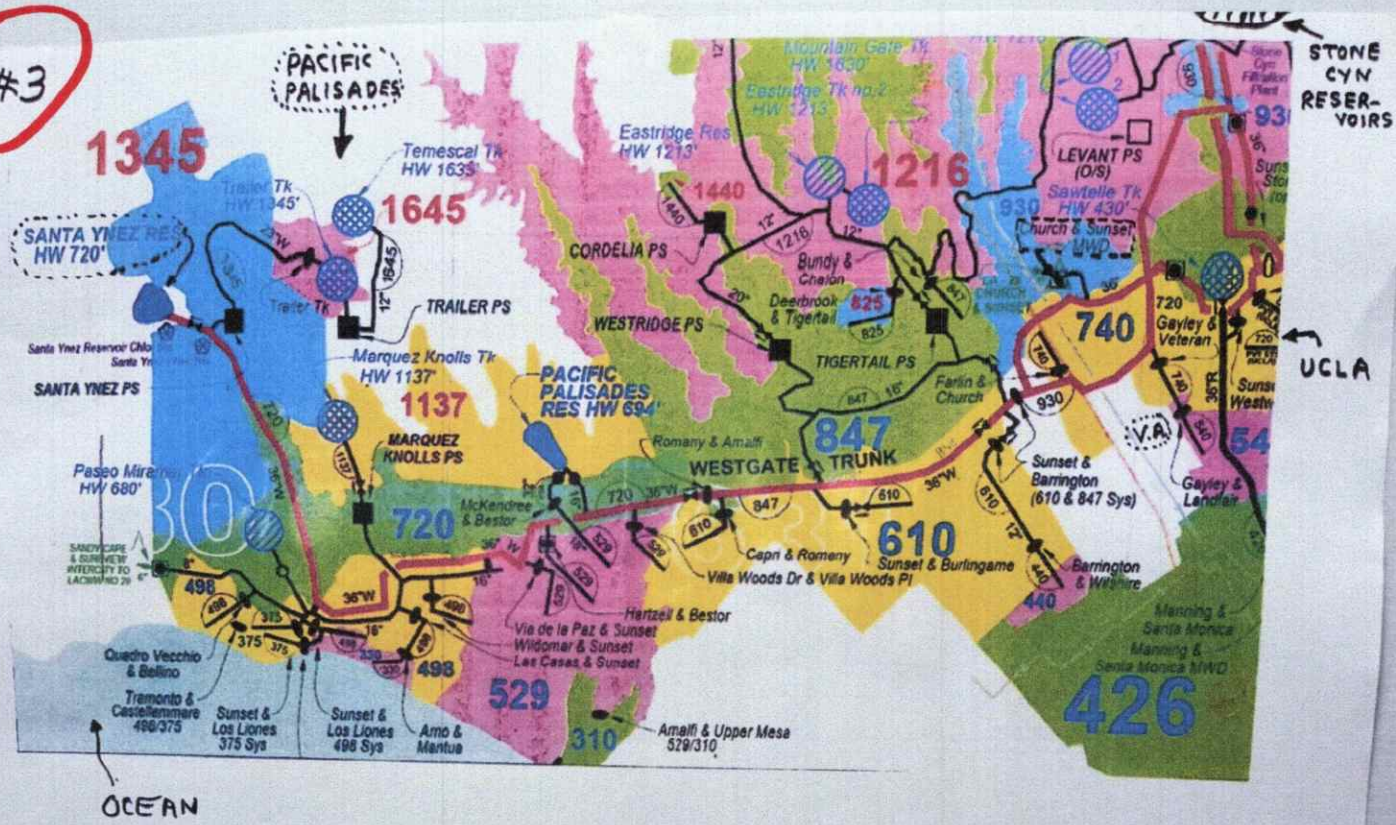
Except as provided in Section 342 with regard to funds appropriated from the General Fund to the Recreation and Parks Fund, money in the Recreation and Parks Fund shall be used only for the financial support of the Department of Recreation and Parks.



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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (shermanoaksnc.org)

February 12, 2025

Nithya Raman, Councilmember 4th District
Los Angeles City Council and its Committees
Linda Gravani, Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC)

Neutral — [CF 25-0000-S2](#). **February 2025 Council Sessions / Public Comment / Communications(s) from Public.** // // // [CF 25-0000-S1](#). **January 2025 Council Sessions / Public Comment / Communications(s) from Public.**

To Councilmember Nithya Raman, All City Councilmembers, and President Linda Gravani,

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) in a 14-0 vote at its February 10, 2025 meeting adopted a position to call upon our Councilmember Raman and the other Councilmembers to **restore telephone public comment at City Council sessions**. SONC also requests VANC President Gravani share this motion at an upcoming Alliance meeting to secure support from other Neighborhood Councils to restore this public comment offering at City Hall.

Adopted motion:

Whereas the Los Angeles City Council meets during regular business hours when stakeholders tend to be at work or in school; and

Whereas regular meetings are held at City Hall, located at 200 N. Spring Street, which is a considerable commute for the vast majority of Los Angeles residents; and

Whereas many stakeholders have disabilities that limit their mobility; and

Whereas infrastructure and standard operating procedure for telephonic public comment has been well established and implemented in recent years until January 2025;

Therefore the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) respectfully requests that Councilmember Nithya Raman of District 4 take immediate action to reinstate the option for members of the public to comment remotely via telephone during regular City Council Meetings.

We also request that a District 4 representative report back to SONC on the status of this proposal at the next regularly scheduled board meeting, or within 30 days.

Thank you for your attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

With Pride and Determination—

Lindsay Imber

President

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

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