

# Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

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## VANC

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

**Thursday, July 10, 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](http://www.VANC34.org)

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTIONS  
WHAT WENT RIGHT, WHAT WENT WRONG?  
What are your ideas for future elections?**

**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](http://www.VANC34.ORG)  
Zoom attendees, please identify your NC along with your first name

## **AGENDA**

**1) Welcome and Introductions:** Linda Gravani, chair  
[VANC34.chair@gmail.com](mailto:VANC34.chair@gmail.com)

**2) Certified Candidates 2 minutes**

**3) NC Elections – how did it go?**

**a) DONE – Marilu Guevara**

- Outreach for Candidates
- Outreach for Voters
- Training for New Board Members
- DONE stats / reports
- Future recommendations
- Update on “Welcome to new Board Members”

**b) City Clerk – Sofia Anguiano & Michael Lektorich**

- Candidate processing
- Voting processing
- City Clerk stats: new sign ups, all sign ups, ballots mailed, ballots counted, results
- Future recommendations

**c) 2025-2026 NC Budget packet, old/new procedures if any**

**d) Discussion regarding:**

**Reference Materials**

- Regional Election Schedule
- Election Timeline
- Documentation Guide
- Election Handbook
- Election Administrators
- Election Challenge Process

**Election Resources**

- Application and Ballot Box Locations
- NC Voter Guide
- Candidate and Voter Guide
- NC Information Guide
- NC Election FAQs
- Find your NC

**4) NC purpose**

- City Services
- Community involvement
  - outreach success

**5) VANC Welcome Letter to new Board Members (pages 4 & 5)**

**6) To find where and when city council committees meet**

<https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/clk/CommitteeAssignments.pdf>

**7) The function of each city council committee can be found here A description of the functions of each city council committee [https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-2000\\_misc\\_12-13-24.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-2000_misc_12-13-24.pdf)**

**8) **BONC** Commissioners – their election feedback**

**South Valley – Len Shaffer, [commissionerlenshafter@gmail.com](mailto:commissionerlenshafter@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](mailto: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

9) Budget Advocates – update: [www.budgetadvocates.org](http://www.budgetadvocates.org) - it's a new Fiscal year. Changes, goals and more.

10) Items from the floor:

- **Kathy Schreiner – Board of Public works now meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at Van Nuys City Hall 10am. Next meeting tomorrow 11JUL2025**
- **Reminder –**
  - ✓ **City Council meets at Van Nuys City Hall LAST Friday of each month, unless on break**
- **Mark your calendars –**
  - ✓ **Congress of Neighborhoods Saturday September 27, 2025**

11) NC Anniversaries: **CONGRATULATIONS to:**

Van Nuys	23 years
Porter Ranch	22years
Winnetka	22 years

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**VANC VIRTUAL Meeting Thursday August 14, 2025**

\*PlanCheck 10AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, details [www.plancheckncla.com](http://www.plancheckncla.com)  
*Educate yourself on City Planning and Land Use issues*

\*LADWP MOU 1<sup>ST</sup> Saturday of the month, details at:  
<https://www.ladwpnews.com/dwp-nc-mou-and-advocacy-committee-meetings/>