

# Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

**VANC**

34 San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Councils

Established March 03, 2003 by Jill Banks Barad-Hopkins

**Thursday, August 14, 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)

## Council Files

Guest speaker **Patrice Lattimore**, Division Mgr Council & Public Services  
of City Clerk on Council Files  
**AND Raymond Meza**, Chair of Charter Reform Commission

**We are powerful together**

**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

### **The City Clerk's Council & Public Services Division**

prepares legally required publication notices, including ordinances, documents, and indexes, and **maintains all council files.**

The Calendar section schedules & **prepares the council agenda and processes all council committee agendas**, attend all committee meetings and prepare the final committee reports for full council consideration

3. Guest Speaker, **Patrice Lattimore**, Division Manager at City Clerk's office 213-978-1050  
Los Angeles City Charter Reform Commission

The Charter Reform **Council File is 23-1027-S2 ORDINANCE NO. 188303**

Sec. 8.333. Commission Administration, Personnel, and Outreach.

- **Section “(g) *The Commission’s Outreach and Engagement Plan also shall include a dedicated engagement process for the participation of the City’s Neighborhood Councils, with the goal of soliciting and receiving Community Impact Statements from at least 60% of Neighborhood Councils*”.**
- Dennis Zine, newly appointed to Charter Reform Commission, Previous City Council Member for 12 years and a member of LAPD for 33 years
- <https://reformlacher.lacity.gov/>
  - Sign-up for updates
  - Calendar of meetings
  - Recommend reading the last charter up

4. Guest Speaker **Raymond Meza**, Chair of Charter Reform Commission

1. NCs given time at both committees and full council meetings
2. BONC – selected by NC vs Mayor
3. GM – input from NCs vs Mayor selection
4. Inter government relations, NCs should be able to voice community opinions
5. Document why CM voted the way they did for transparency

5. Where did the money go to help shelter, feed, provide services to the homeless? Do we need/want a **forensic review by the city Controller**? Scott Munson

6. **Sign-up for CONGRESS OF NEIGHBORHOODS 27SEP2025** <https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/register>

7. **DONE/ GM Chang - Department update**

1. Request help with LAUSD Facilities

8. **BONC Commissioners** wondering where the funds for cash, per Mayor Bass/Garcetti is coming from, when **BONC meetings cannot be provided with security at city hall.**

**South Valley – Len Shaffer, [commissionerlenshaffer@gmail.com](mailto: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](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. **NC Funding Group update**

10. LAFD CERT Classes IN THE VALLEY starting in September [www.cert-la.com](http://www.cert-la.com)

1. Woodland Hills

2. Sherman Oaks
3. North Hollywood

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11. See hot topics #1 for SB79 updates YOUR voices are needed
12. Budget Advocates – update: [www.budgetadvocates.org](http://www.budgetadvocates.org)
13. Items from the floor:
  1. **Has anyone had any success with myLA311?**
  2. 28SEP2024 LAUSD Board District 3 open house 330p-6pm 6621 Balboa Blvd
  3. **Protest LASAN increase** <https://sanitation.lacity.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/document/y250/mta2/~edisp/cnt106548.pdf>
  - 4.
14. Anniversaries: **CONGRATULATIONS!**  
Greater Valley Glen - 23 YEARS
15. **THANK YOU Valley Leaders** for ALL you do for your communities, the city of Los Angeles, and your VANC participation.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**VANC VIRTUAL Meeting Thursday September 11, 2025**

**Other important meetings**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday** of the month

\*LADWP MOU 8:30-10A 6SEP2025 (1<sup>ST</sup> Saturday of the month), details at:  
<https://www.ladwpnews.com/dwp-nc-mou-and-advocacy-committee-meetings/>

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday** of the month

Dept of Public Works comes to Van Nuys City Hall- in person

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday** of the month

\*PlanCheck zoom 10AM 9AUG2025 (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**

**Last Friday** of the month

City Council comes to Van Nuys City Hall – IN PERSON



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## HOT TOPICS

#1 OPPOSITION TO SB79 – Vote will be towards the end of this month

Action Plan -

<https://youtu.be/M2iKYZzRCUY?si=Xi5wwxzqQuzjWzvc>

The above link will explain how to post your comments to the legislative portal

The link to the portal

<https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/>

today.....

1. Post a letter to the legislative portal to the ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
2. Write, call, meet with your State Assemblymember while they are in our district
3. Write a letter to Mayor Bass to speak up opposing SB79

Next Week

4. Write to House Speaker Robert Rivas, and copy in your Assemblymember
5. Write a letter to State Senators, in case this bill passes the Assembly and goes back to the Senate

Week of 18AUG

6. Write to the Governor

Sample Letter opposing SB79 send to

Karen.bass@lacity.org, cc jenny.delwood@lacity.org, marissa.bowman@lacity.org

Dear Mayor Bass,

Will you stand up for LA and oppose SB 79 loud and clear?

With a full on assault of our neighborhoods by real estate investors who want to deregulate our zoning so they can financially benefit by building apartments in our neighborhoods, we need you to voice concern. This bill rezones neighborhoods randomly and can generate enormous unneeded housing capacity from any qualifying bus stop. As much as 42,000

apartment units will be permitted per every qualifying bus or transit stop. How is this even reasonable? Many of our small communities will be wiped out.

Will you speak up and support us?

Sincerely,

(be sure to sign your name)