

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

VANC

34 San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Councils

Established March 03, 2003 by Jill Banks Barad-Hopkins

Thursday, September 11, 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

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

California Roulette by Christopher LeGras
Let's look at Dangerous & Irresponsible Legislation
HFDSZ, CEQA, TRAILERS, OH MY
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

Zoom attendees, please identify your NC along with your first name

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Linda Gravani, chair
VANC34.chair@gmail.com

From the Ralph M. Brown Act, 1953

"The people of this State do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them.

The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know.

The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created."

2. Certified Candidates 2 minutes

3. Guest Speaker, **Christopher LeGras**,

- <https://allaspectreport.com/2025/08/29/california-roulette/>
- <https://allaspectreport.com/2025/09/06/oh-good-another-california-homelessness-task-force-thatll-do-the-trick/>
 - Land Use is BIG business
 - Homeless is BIG business

4. Discussion: Can NCs be **restricted from advocating** on behalf of their stakeholder regarding State/County issues? What about SB79, CEQA, etc?

- Opinions do not necessarily represent the City of Los Angeles,
- Greater Toluca Lake Resolution – Tess Taylor

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

- Update on DONE's presentation to Charter Reform
- What is DONE's procedure for new rules/regulations at DONE
- What can new board members vote on prior to completing all required training
- City Council – Agenda should have NC Comments regardless if comments given at committee meetings
- Entity Recognitions should be AFTER City Business

6. **BONC Commissioners**

- **BONC's ad hoc charter reform meeting 8/25/2025**
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aGnE97eI4osYVmbDeiUdH188Khtd1K2g/view>
- **Abstention** in voting is the act of choosing not to cast a vote for or against a motion, according to legalclarity.org

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

7. **REMINDER: 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”.**
- <https://reformlacher.lacity.gov/>
 - Sign-up for updates <https://reformlacher.lacity.gov/get-updates>
 - Calendar of meetings
 - Recommend reading the last charter up

8. VANC's motion regarding the disappearance of **Homeless funds, the 5.8 million** for defense to NOT identify where the funds went, I would like to suggest that the **HOMELESS EMERGENCY DECLARATION (CF23-0652)** be sunset and not renewed until the funds are found, and what about the refusal of help, can the homeless just live in the park forever? Where is that emergency legislation?
9. Sign-up for **CONGRESS OF NEIGHBORHOODS 27SEP2025** <https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/register>
10. "Aging Liaisons" registration .. click here <https://lacity.quickbase.com/nav/app/bkwgw9rxh/table/bkwgw9r68/action/nwr>
11. Budget Advocates – update: www.budgetadvocates.org
12. **Items from the floor:**
- (1) 18SEP2025 330P-6P **LAUSD Scott Schmerelson BD3** Open House 6621 Balboa Blvd
 - (2) 18SEP2025 630p **Wildfire Prevention Town Hall**, St. Euphrasia School 11766 Shoshone Ave Granada Hills
 - (3) 4OCT2025 10a-3p **Housing Opportunity Fair – HomExpo** Sponsored by Southland Regional Association of Realtors, INC. 7232 Balboa Blvd, Lake Balboa, CA 91406
13. Anniversaries: **CONGRATULATIONS!**
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| 23 years | Granada Hills North
Greater Toluca Lake
Valley Village
North Hollywood Northeast
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| 21 Years | Lake Balboa |
| 15 Years | North Hills East |
14. **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 October 9, 2025

Other important meetings

1st Saturday of the month

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

2nd Friday of the month

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

2nd Saturday of the month

PlanCheck **zoom** 10AM details www.plancheckncla.com

Educate yourself on City Planning and Land Use issues

Last Friday of the month IF **-voted on by City Council-**

City Council comes to Van Nuys City Hall – IN PERSON