

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

VANC

34 San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Councils

Established March 03, 2003 by Jill Banks Barad-Hopkins

Thursday, September 10, 2026 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

Van Nuys Airport

Iflyvny.com

The Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) concerns itself with all aspects of general aviation operations, facilities development and land utilization at and around the airport.

CAC meets 1st Tuesday of the month 7PM location varies

CD2-Nazarian Tony Braswell, Waltona Marion

CD3-Blumenfield Leonel Fuentes, Leo Guard

CD4-Raman Thomas Materna, Wayne Williams

CD5-Yaroslavsky Robert Mann, vacant

CD6-Padilla Alicia Avery, Steven Brackett

CD7-Rodriguez Heren Molina, Araz Parseghian

CD12-Lee Jim Henson, Phyllis Winger

The Mayor and the Board of Airport Commissioners appoint 3 each =20 reps

Matthew Mitnick, LAHSA Community Relations Coordinator

Homeless Count

Homeless County Advisory Board

We are powerful together

AGENDA

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.”

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Linda Gravani, chair VANC34.chair@gmail.com

2. Qualified Candidates – 2 minutes to tell us about yourself, your website, and what your plans are if elected. NO Q&A

3. What’s happening at Van Nuys Airport

FAA – Definition of a General Aviation Airport

These are the smaller airfields scattered across the country that serve private pilots, flight schools, corporate jets, air ambulances, and agricultural aircraft rather than commercial airline passengers.

Guest Speaker from CAC, Wayne Williams, CD4

4. Matthew Mitnick – Homeless Count UPDATE

HOMELESS COUNT BY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

- Go to LAHSA.ORG
- Click on DATA TAB BANNER
- Find HOMELESS COUNT LOCAL,
- Click on VIEW DASHBOARD
- Move down FIND Within City of LA, By Neighborhood Council
- Click here FOR DASHBOARD
- On the right side...select Neighborhood Council Name and year
- The information on the left side is for your NC area

5. LA28 events in the Sepulveda Basin

- BMX Racing BMX Freestyle
- Skateboarding – park Skateboarding – street
- 3x3 Basketball Modern Pentathlon

Keep informed – attend the monthly zoom 10am-11am PT 1st Friday of each month

Except Sept 11, 2026 due to Labor Day holiday please register for the link <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019faf45030b705e81369e5e88fb0b55>

6. Have you signed-up for the Congress of Neighborhoods? Sept 26, 2026 8a-5p

- **REGISTER HERE** <https://www.neighborhoodcongress.la/>

7. **DONE/ -Gibson for GM Carmen Chang**

1. NCs need help, why is **CAO's office requiring NCs to obtain insurance** for our outreach events?
 - a. An NC, city entity, event on RaP land, why is additional insurance necessary
 - b. Once again, the city is making things so difficult to do outreach
2. https://cityclerk.lacity.org/online/docs/2026/26-0906-S4_misc_7-1-26.pdf
 - a. Required CERT training for most of NC board –

CERT MOTION HAS CHANGED TO: increase accessibility for Neighborhood Council board members to obtain and maintain certification with LAFD's CERT Program

3. How to use Bus Shelters for outreach

8. **PLEASE SIGN UP – AND/OR notify your stakeholders** – you never know who may need this information.
VANC will be partnering with **Alzheimer's Association Community Forum** & possibly the Dept of Aging-
SAVE THE DATE 29SEP2026 7pm virtual meeting –
• to register 800-272-3900

9. **BONC Commissioners**

JOY ATKINSON AWARD – CONGRATULATIONS !!!!!

**South Valley – North Hollywood North East
North Valley – Pacoima**

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
• Please take the survey <https://forms.gle/wbsSJFJDAdQ9cTcM6>

11. Items from the floor:

1. LAUSD, if you see something odd at your local school, contact school police 213-6256631

12. September NC Anniversaries: **CONGRATULATIONS!**

- 26 Years – North Hills East
- 24 Years -Granada Hills North Greater Toluca Lake
Valley Village
North Hollywood Northeast NOHO
- 22 Years - Lake Balboa

13. **THANK YOU Valley Leaders** for ALL you do for your communities, the city of Los Angeles, and I appreciate your participation at VANC.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

VANC VIRTUAL Meeting

Thursday October 8, 2026 LADWP PRESENTATION

Important meetings

1st Friday of the month (Sep will be 2nd Fri due to Labor Day)

LA28 <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019f5de79abb76bc91ee630bd117adc4>

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