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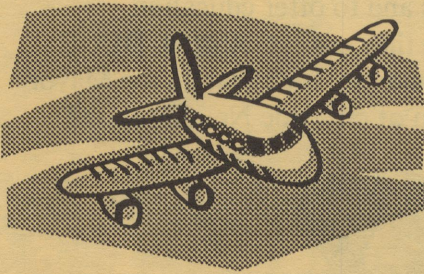
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## Burbank Airport Expansion Update



An initiative signed by about 7,500 Burbank voters that would have placed a ballot measure before the voters to authorize a terminal expansion project limited to 200,000 sq. ft. was recently rejected by the Burbank City Council on a technicality.

Instead, the Council promised to place on the ballot any future terminal expansion project agreed upon between the City and the Airport Authority. Presumably, it would be based on the City's current proposal of 365,000 sq. ft. and 14 gates with expansion dependent upon approval of a curfew and growth controls.

Burbank activists are anxiously awaiting the latest reincarnation of a terminal expansion project. They will continue to press forward for a terminal project no greater than 200,000 sq. ft. until sought after growth controls are achieved, and the results of the controls are evaluated.

More voters signed to support the 200,000 sq. ft. terminal plan than voted in the last Burbank election. The Burbank community uproar over the way the Council rejected the voter initiative, and a recent rebuff from the FAA on their terminal plan has set the Burbank City Council scrambling for a terminal plan that's more "marketable" to the Burbank community. Some time ago Burbank submitted their so-called "Framework Agreement," the 14 gate, 365,000 sq. ft. terminal proposal, to the FAA for evaluation, including a permanent ban on jet departures to the east. The City is fearful that reopening the east runway to jet takeoffs will subject a wider area of Burbank to jet noise. Glendale is concerned that easterly takeoffs will reopen flight patterns over Glendale.

The FAA requires that any airport growth controls must be justified through a formal study process that was legislated by Congress in 1990. However, no airport use restrictions have ever been approved at major airports as a result of the process.

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## Billboard Business

The Vista Metropolitan Company has removed seven small billboards, which they own, from the Chandler Boulevard median where it intersects with Laurel Canyon and with Whitsett Avenue. The removal of these billboards is a belated success resulting from the negotiations the Valley Village Homeowners Association entered into with three billboard companies two years ago.

Nine larger billboards remain in the median. The Association was not able to implement agreements with Eller Media and Outdoor Systems. They had agreed to remove nine billboards from the median in exchange for enlarging two of their billboards in the southern part of Valley Village. However, nearby residents opposed the enlargement required in the agreement, and Councilman Mike Feuer withdrew his support of zone variance needed for the deal to be implemented. With relocation blocked, the VVHA made a second attempt at repealing the compensation requirements for billboard removal in the State code.

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## Airport

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There is some good news: the FAA said it would not support closing the east runway to future jet takeoffs. That's really got Burbank and Glendale residents concerned about future jet noise. So, after 22 years of airport controversy, are we any closer to major airport expansion? No. The people of Burbank are now tuned into the controversy, and finally understand the potential impact and consequences of creating a mini LAX in Burbank. They are now our allies and supporters of a restricted growth airport.

We are urging Councilman Joel Wachs to continue his leadership role in opposing the proposed expansion, and to make sure the City of Los Angeles gets involved now, in the new discussions and decision making about the size of terminal expansion. We have suggested he push the 200,000 sq. ft. terminal concept, with a curfew and caps on growth, similar to the proposal supported by 7,500 Burbank voters.

Next issue, we'll be talking about, and examining the continuing slanted coverage of the airport issue by the Los Angeles Times.

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## Neighborhood Empowerment

### Get Involved

On June 8, 1999, Los Angeles voters made their voice heard. They overwhelmingly approved a new Los Angeles City Charter, the first in 70 years. At the heart of the charter is a groundbreaking and promising plan to create a citywide system of independent Neighborhood Councils. By empowering the people of Los Angeles, Neighborhood Councils have the potential to affect citywide decision-making in unprecedented ways and improve the quality of life. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) has been formed to create these councils and to offer education, training and support to Councils once they are established. DONE has until December 2000 to develop and present a plan to the Mayor and City Council that creates a system of citywide Neighborhood Councils.



DONE is conducting 16 public workshops across the city to provide a forum for your ideas and your questions to help create the shape of Neighborhood Councils in the City of Los Angeles. Join us and discuss:

- What should be the criteria for recognizing a Neighborhood Council?
- How should communities determine their boundaries?
- What are your expectations from the City to ensure that your Neighborhood Council is successful?

After these meetings your input will be used to shape the Neighborhood Council Plan that will be submitted to the Mayor and the Los Angeles City Council for their approval.

The DONE meeting and workshop in our area will be Wednesday, June 28, 2000 from 6:30 to 8:30pm at CBS Studios, 4024 Radford Ave., Studio City (parking entrance off Colfax Avenue). Refreshments will be served.

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FYI: We often get calls from folks who believe the zip code published with our address is incorrect. However, since our return address is a post office box the zip code 91617 is the proper one.



## Enhancement, Not This Year

### *Chandler Boulevard*

Last year the City of Los Angeles was awarded a \$77,000 Federal Transportation Grant to landscape the edges of the Chandler Boulevard median. When combined with local matching funds, the total amount available for the project, \$96,250, will only be enough to landscape the very western portion of the median west of Coldwater Canyon in Sherman Oaks. The landscaping of the median in Valley Village will have to be funded by future grant awards or by the MTA.



## It All Happens At City Hall

### *A Motion by L.A. City Councilman Joel Wachs*

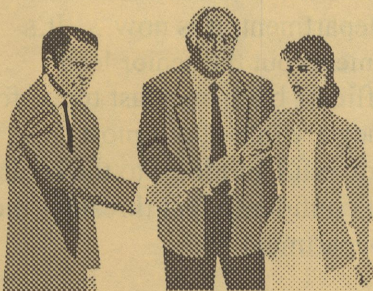
*The Valley Village Specific Plan was adopted by the City Council in 1993 in order to curtail adverse impacts created by commercial and multiple residential uses in a traditionally single family zoned neighborhood. Such impacts have been excessive traffic, crowded parking on adjoining residential streets, inappropriate and undesirable commercial uses that are incompatible with the surrounding area, and commercial and residential developments built to a scale that are incompatible with the adjoining residential neighborhoods.*

*To curtail such negative impacts, the plan prohibits certain commercial uses, restricts the height of any building near single family zoned neighborhoods, restricts the use of balconies and rooftop recreations areas, prohibits any new off-site or roof top signs, provides landscape standards for new development, and guarantees street improvements for any new project to be at standards as set up in the municipal code.*

*Members of the Valley Village community have indicated that further protections are necessary, including: language to provide more parking for multiple family and commercial projects, further restrictions on signage, building design standards, utility under grounding, prohibitions of certain commercial users, additional provisions for landscape improvements, and restrictions on the location and camouflaging of satellite dishes and cellular telecommunications facilities in Valley Village.*

*I therefore move, that the Planning Department consult with representatives of the Valley Village community, and the Council Offices representing Valley Village, to address the above mentioned concerns, and, with the assistance of the City Attorney, amend the Valley Village Specific Plan accordingly.*

Presented by Joel Wachs, Councilman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District



## Valley Leaders Meet

City Attorney James Hahn invited community leaders to discuss the concerns of residents. Lori Dinkin and Breice Reiner represented Valley Village Homeowners. The agenda included a wide variety of subjects, including airport noise, the water reclamation project and the Senior Lead Officer program.



## Join The Parade July 4th

Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with your friends and neighbors in Valley Village. This year the Fourth will be on Tuesday. Make it another triumphant parade throughout our community. We will start at 10:00am at the Addison Street parking lot of Colfax Elementary School and culminate at the Valley Village Park on Westpark Drive. We will have a fife and drum trio to lead us. The North Hollywood division of LAPD will provide an escort, sirens and all. There will be refreshments at the park. Decorate your bike, trike, wagon, stroller, your dog and yourself. If you are not going to be in the parade, come out and cheer on the marchers.



Annual Parade in Valley Village

## Parade Planners Needed

Volunteer now to help make the Independence Day Parade a memorable event. Check the following list and call 818-506-5158 to leave your name, phone number and your choice of an activity. The more people who respond, the lighter the assignment.

1. Set up tables and decorations at the Park. Help serve refreshments.
2. Provide some garage or patio space to store provisions for a couple of days. Anyone with an extra refrigerator would be helpful.
3. A couple of people with vehicles to transport food and gear to the Park.
4. Helpers at the school on the 4<sup>th</sup> to distribute parade paraphernalia and assist those who need help to decorate.

### Billboards

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In response to our requests, Senator Alarcon introduced S.B. 1912 to repeal the compensation requirements.

Lori Dinkin and Marc Woerschling met with representatives of the billboard companies and the Metropolitan Transit Authority at Senator Alarcon's office to explore alternative sites for billboard relocation in or adjacent to Valley Village. It was agreed that the billboard companies would look into this. A second meeting with the billboard companies and the MTA is scheduled in the near future.

### Laurel Canyon Plaza

The shopping area at the corner of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Riverside Drive is now fully rented. Most of the shops are appropriate to our neighborhood and have not created any kind of disturbance for residents. An attractive sign has been added, listing the shops. The management company has requested a one hour extension in the hours of operation. In view of the improved conditions in the center, the Association feels it is acceptable to allow stores and restaurants to stay open until 10:00pm.

### Quotes from Joel Wachs

From May 21<sup>st</sup> LA Times  
*LAPD Should Bring Back Popular Senior Lead Officer Program:* "If ever there were a time when the Los Angeles Police Department needed to rebuild police-community relationships, it is now. If ever there were a time when the city needed to rebuild public confidence in our Police Department, it is now.... It's time to put the senior lead officers back on a fast track, for they are one of our most powerful antidotes to the crisis of confidence that threatens the Department."



## A Special Message about your Membership

As an active member of the Valley Village Homeowners Association, you know what time of year it is ... it's membership renewal time (the beginning of our fiscal year is July 1, 2000). We, the volunteers of the Association, would like to thank you for paying your dues last June. Your support has been vital to our success.

Many of the improvements in this community are directly related to the unceasing efforts of your homeowner's association. Name recognition for the community, graffiti control and area beautification, zoning compliance, safety, a positive relationship with the Police Department and the attention to our needs by our political representatives are all issues Valley Village Homeowners Association has successfully tackled.

As you pay your dues this year please ask a friend or neighbor in Valley Village to join the Association, too. The larger our membership, the greater our influence on government agencies and businesses who make decisions that affect our community.

If you need membership information to give to others, call the Association (818-506-5158) or include a request in your renewal envelope.

Remember, when you support your Valley Village Homeowners Association, you support your community!

Cut out and return with your check made payable to Valley Village Homeowners Association

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Valley Village Homeowners Association urges you to continue your support. We have had notable success, and if we are going to be influential in important issues, it is essential that we present a united, active and determined membership. In today's Villager there is a return envelope; use it to send in your dues now.

Annual dues per household: Basic Dues **\$18.00** Donor Dues: **\$25.00** Patron Dues: **\$50.00**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Association welcomes any comments, questions, suggestions or offers to volunteer, just include them in the same envelope.

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## Homeowners Association Meeting

*Wednesday, June 14, 2000 7:30pm*  
*Colfax Elementary School, 11724 Addison Street*  
*Valley Village, CA 91607*

### Guest Speakers:

**Carprice Young**, Board of Education Member, will speak about the difficulty in finding appropriate sites for much needed new senior high schools. She will also discuss general education needs in our community.

**Jack S. Weiss**, an Assistant US Attorney who is a candidate for Councilman Mike Feuer's City Council seat.

Tolucan columnist and Burbank resident, **Stan Hyman** will speak about airport expansion.

**Police Officers from North Hollywood Division** of LAPD will be introduced and will be available to answer your questions about local concerns.

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Join the 7th Annual Valley Village

## Fourth of July Parade

Decorate your bike, trike, wagon,  
stroller, or skates.

Put on your  
Red, White, & Blue.

Meet at 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, July 4th,  
Addison Street  
parking lot  
Colfax Avenue  
Elementary School.

We will march to nearby  
Valley Village Park  
for refreshments and fun.

Bring a picnic lunch and stay in  
the park if you like.

All ages are welcome.

Sponsored by the  
Valley Village  
Homeowners  
Association.

Questions? 818/506-5158

Can't join the parade? Cheer on your neighbors as they pass by. The parade will travel west on Addison to Radford, north to Otsego, across Colfax to Irvine, south on Irvine to Hesby, then east on Hesby to the park.