

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

VANC

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

Thursday, December 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

Matthew Mitnick, LAHSA - Homeless Count

SB707 - Ralph M Brown Act - changes

LADWP - Motion

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 Speakers: **Matthew Mitnick, LAHSA, Government Affairs & Community Relations** regarding the homeless count

4. **DONE/ GM Chang** - Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

- Governor Newsom signed SB707 – **Modernization of Ralph M Brown Act**
NCAD & DONE will provide NC guidance to the new law
 - Remote participation, teleconferencing flexibility
 - Remote attendance
 - Transparency & outreach
 - **Heath Kline** discussion and comments regarding SB707
- **DONE Budget \$900,000 with \$500,000 for elections outreach**
 - Thank you to Budget Advocates for the opportunity for EmpowerLA to present its departmental budget last week
- **Bylaws updates deadline 1APR2026**
- Communications and etiquette virtual training (January TBD)
- Department will share its first impact report this month, highlighting our support for NCs' great work

5. **BONC Commissioners**

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

6. **Scott Munson** motion regarding the **INCREASING rates for LADWP**

- <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox?projector=1>

7. **UPDATE: Election Workgroup**

8. **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*”.**
- **August Steurer’s submission to the Charter Commission** for your pursual
 - <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/WhctKLbvMPRsSbJbpkKJqhXLnDMbWGzRNpBgmlvKgDfMhPHJWXKIZZHLkDDQbpPwtcnLgXb>

9. Budget Advocates – update: www.budgetadvocates.org

10. Items from the floor:

11. Anniversaries: CONGRATULATIONS!

- To All Board Members for another fabulous year !
- **Garry Fordyce, North Hills West NC, 2025 SFV Veteran of the year**, honored by Assemblymember Pilar Shiavo (AD40)
- **Marty Paterson, Canoga Park NC, 2025 Community Leader of the year**, honored by Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel (AD46)

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
VANC VIRTUAL Meeting Thursday January 9, 2026

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