

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

VANC

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

Thursday, January 8, 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

Raymond Meza, Charter Reform Commission, President

Mark Seigel - Benefits of Ham Radios

LADWP - Discussion continues

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: President of LA Charter Reform Commission, Mr. Raymond Meza

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://reformlacharter.lacity.gov/resources-materials/meeting-minutes?utm_source=copilot.com

4. Continuation of the LADWP fee and outreach saga – Sandra Robles/LADWP

5. Guest Speaker Mark Seigel regarding the benefits of ham radios and how to get a license

6. Discussion regarding Woodland Hills Country Club Proposal- 398 homes withOUT the community’s ability to evaluate wildfire evacuation, emergency-response capacity, roadway access, undermining public safety.

- 30 min youtube video on Pacific Palisades fire
- [The Palisades Fire: They Gave Up](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oz7K08F9Y08) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oz7K08F9Y08>

7. DONE/ GM Chang - Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

- **Bylaws updates deadline 1APR2026**

8. 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

9. UPDATE: Election Workgroup

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

11. **Kudos to Jamie York, Daniel Guss's article of Dec 19, 2025** stated "why do you suppose that LA CITY COUNCIL did not want York on the Ethics Commission? Because she knows the rules, filings and players (and how they correlate) better than most." **Congratulations Jamie**

Fyi: on the city charter survey (**due 31JAN2026**) is this question.....

"should LA strengthen independent oversight groups (such as the Ethics Commission or Inspector General) to investigate misconduct by government officials?"

<https://cityfabrick.us6.list->

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12. Items from the floor:

13. Anniversaries: CONGRATULATIONS!

24 Years	West Hills
23 Years	Tarzana
20 Years	Granada Hills South
15 Years	North Hollywood West

14. **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 February 12, 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