

**Valley Alliance of
Neighborhood Councils**
VANC

34 San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Councils

Established March 03, 2003 by Jill Banks Barad-Hopkins

Thursday, February 12, 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

Sonya Kay Blake, President & CEO

The Valley Economic Alliance

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

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. Remembering Joy Atkinson, who passed away 10JAN2026.

3. Certified Candidates 2 minutes

4. Guest Speaker: **Sonya Kay Blake, The Valley Economic Alliance (VEA)**

5. **The Charter Reform Council File is ORDINANCE NO. 188303**

Update by **Jamie York and Rob Quan**

THANK YOU to LANCC for your well thought out recommendations

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

6. City Clerk’s suggestion to **postpone NC elections** until 2029 - **UPDATE: Election Workgroup**

7. **DONE/ Gibson** Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

- **Brown Act updates/posting schedules**
- **SB707**
- **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. Discussion and possible action regarding a **Special VANC meeting regarding the status of the Valley** in reference to the rest of the city – **Ken Ross**

10. **Scott Munson – update regarding LADWP rate payer meeting**

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

12. www.laanimalservices.com has 33 pages of dogs that need to be fostered or adopted FEB spay and neuter month

13. Items from the floor:

1. Fraudulent emails (**FROM planning.lacity.org@usa.com**) seeming to come from City Planning Using email accounts ending in @usa.com.....report to planning.helpdesk@lacity.org.. City planning does not send invoices or request payments ---**DO NOT OPEN**
2. Due electric vehicles and the decline in funds obtained by the gas tax **CA AB-1421** is to research into a mileage-based fee system as an alternative to the gas tax.

14. Anniversaries: CONGRATULATIONS!

23 Years North Hills West

15. 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 March 12, 2026 with Mayor Bass

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