

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

VANC

34 San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Councils

Established March 03, 2003 by Jill Banks Barad-Hopkins

Thursday, August 13, 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

FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES (FHSZ)

Definition:

High flame lengths/heavy ember production, fast fire behavior, high risk of rapid spread



Woodland Hills Country Club 398 units
Granada Hills 98 units assisted living-memory care facility
Sunland-Tujunga McGroarty Environmental Review Coalition (MERC)
Chatsworth Deer Lake Ranch 314 homes

Developers, Builders, Contractors, Business Organizations, lobbyists have a louder voice than Neighborhood Councils/Stakeholders

So what are we going to do about it

We are powerful together

SAVE the DATE OCTOBER 4, 2026 2P-5P Let's unite the valley

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

3. Providence Community Health – Griselda.Galicinao@Providenc.org 818-847-3908

Your NC can host a free-8 hour training course on

HOW TO HELP SOMEONE EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISES

4. The Problems:

- Where is the City Planner who Plans the City?
- Where are the evacuation routes for these new projects as required by AB747?
- Who is checking to determine if emergency vehicles can maneuver the roads?
- Who is checking if the roads can accommodate additional traffic?
- MYSAFE:LA discusses mitigation of potential wildfires, but says nothing about density issues
- Who cares besides the people who live here?
- What if anything does affordable housing have to do with the safety of those already there
- **2025 Budget Advocates White Paper** on Fire Department

“Los Angeles Fire Department has the same number of stations that existed 30 years ago, while the population and the number of structures has grown immensely. The city has not kept up with the public safety needs of the stakeholders”

Guest Speakers Community Advocates – **THEIR PROBLEM**

- Eva Amar
- Karen Chacon protectsunland.com
- Heath Kline
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Invited to determine **if they are aware of THE PROBLEMS**

Deputy Mayor Safety – Sue Stengel

City Planning – Kevin Keller

Public Safety Battalion Chief Brian Petty

GM Emergency Management Carol Parks

5. Save the date October 4, 2026 2p-5p Organize the Valley – need many more voices...

6. City Watch has so many great articles about our city, check it out, and do a thumbs-up <https://www.citywatchla.com/>

7. City Clerk/Patrice Lattimore

- Public/Private partnership = **Los Angeles Parks Foundation** has identified itself as the fundraising partner for the Dept of Recreation and Parks (RaP) – They have sent letters to the Rec Centers advising how to apply for NPGs. **THEY** will make the requests and forward funds to the Rec Center. (unverified that they take 12% off the top for their staff) **Thanks to LANCC**
- Update requested regarding **rollover funds**
- **FUNDING training** - City Clerk funding training.....print a copy of the top portion of your quiz to show #correct 27/30 in case you need documentation.
- **Election Worksheet due 31AUG2026**
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebVSh2dBqqzMrPHaaVw_G97JKBekRMukAi8cZimQPjsZKo-w/viewform

8. DONE/ 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/onlinedocs/2026/26-0906-S4_misc_7-1-26.pdf
 - a. Required CERT training for most of NC board
3. **August 31, 2026 6p-8p Homelessness Liaisons Meeting** via ZOOM <https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/CwHxC7Y2QoOa4fERd0o8MA#/registration>

9. CF26-0582-Dept of Animal Services (DAS) City Shelter – Transition to contractors

- <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=26-0582>

10. Scott Munson LADWP BILLS.....wow

11. 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 or use QR code on attached flyer

12. **BONC** Commissioners

South Valley – Len Shaffer, commissionerlenshafter@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

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

14.Items from the floor:

- Elise Ruden, NC Attorney - Retired

- Sept 19, 2026 9am "Keep LA Beautiful 8th Annual Beautification Conference 2026 Friendship Auditorium 3201 Riverside Dr contact ana.huizar@lacity.org 30 Exhibitors open from 11:45-2p
- LA28 First Friday Webinar Series 10a-11a

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

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15. NC Anniversaries: **CONGRATULATIONS!**

24 Years Greater Valley Glen

16. **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 September 10, 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

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PlanCheck **zoom 10AM** details www.plancheckncla.com
Educate yourself on City Planning and Land Use issues

