

# Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

VANC

34 San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Councils

Established March 03, 2003 by Jill Banks Barad-Hopkins

**Thursday, July 9, 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](http://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](http://www.VANC34.org)

**Michael Lektorich, L.A. City Clerk, Senior Election Administrator**

**Matthew Mitnick, Community Relations Coordinator - LAHSA**

**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](http://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."***

- Welcome and Introductions:** VANC founder **Jill Banks Barad-Hopkins** celebrated her birthday on June 25, we dedicate this meeting to her and appreciate all the work it took to get VANC organized.

Thank you **Corinne Ho** for hosting last month's meeting.

- Linda Gravani, chair [VANC34.chair@gmail.com](mailto:VANC34.chair@gmail.com)

2. Guest Speaker **Michael Lektorich, Senior Election Administrator** – City Clerk’s office  
[Michael.lektorich@lacity.org](mailto:Michael.lektorich@lacity.org) 213-978-0444
  - "Hybrid Election Model (In-Person and Vote-By-Mail Voting), 2027 Election Timeline, Candidate Filing, Stakeholder Voting Process and other updates"
  - **NC 2027 Election Information Sessions will be held:** 18July 10a-12n Van Nuys Branch Library 6250 Sylmar Ave AND 29July 6p-8p Virtual Meeting
  - **To sign-up for Neighborhood Council Election Information Session Contact 213-978-9444 or clerk.electionsnc@lacity.org**
  
3. Guest Speaker: **Matthew Mitnick – LAHSA Community Relations Coordinator**  
[matthewm@lahsa.org](mailto:matthewm@lahsa.org) 805-791-6684
  - LAHSA UPDATE
  - HUD Freeze
  - Future Homeless Services
  
4. **DONE/ Carmen is on vacation – Representing DONE tonight is : Gibson Nyambura**
  - **PROBLEM: Canva Licenses** – NC responses – your last payment failed
  - **PROBLEM: Zoom Licenses** – Lack of Coordination - DONE advised \$255 - City Clerk rejected BAC due to correct amount is \$255.and change....found out DONE authorized \$255 but city clerk unaware
  - **PROBLEM: Lack of Coordination** – 1 JUN, last day to write a check, DONE forwards **invoices 29MAY** undue stress on NCs and specifically the treasurer
  
5. VANC will be partnering with **Alzheimer’s Association Community Forum - "Impact of Alzheimer's and Dementia in the Community"** & possibly the Dept of Aging- **SAVE THE DATE 29SEP2026 7pm virtual meeting** – your stakeholders are invited.....,more details to follow
  
6. **SB707** took effect 7/1/2026 (**CF25-1358**) to “increase public participation and expand remote access to public meetings”.
  - The new law mandates several key actions, including, **but not limited to**
    - The City **must offer remote participation** in meetings via a two-way telephonic service or a two-way audiovisual platform
    - Responsible for public outreach, requiring reasonable efforts to **encourage residents** that do not traditionally participate in public meetings to attend
  - City Hall Council Chamber – **needs zoom license**
  - City Hall 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Committee Room – **needs zoom license**
  - Van Nuys Council Chambers – needs major infrastructure changes with extensive equipment and labor efforts, will take several months, **analyze and report back**

**7. AB1821 – PROPOSED changes to California Public Records Act (Pacheco)- passed in Assembly now in CA Senate.**

Purpose, align deadlines with business operations, reduce administrative burdens, manage workload

“This act balances the right of the public to access public records in a timely manner while **providing public agencies proper compensation** and protection from convoluted requests”.

**Exempt**-journalists, newspapers educational or noncommercial scientific institutions...

**You will be charged** an administration fee - **amount determined by the agency** as reasonable to compensate the agency for the administrative time. (\$22.00/hour) and perhaps an additional professional fee (\$66.00/hour)

**8. BONC Commissioners Deadline for Joy P. Atkinson NC Excellence Awards Nominations Extended through 31JUL2026**

- **VANC Executive team is recommending Tarzana for their ANIMAL advocacy.**

**South Valley – Len Shaffer, [commissionerlenshaffer@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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. Budget Advocates – update: [www.budgetadvocates.org](http://www.budgetadvocates.org)**

**10. Items from the floor:**

**11. NC Anniversaries: CONGRATULATIONS!**

**24 Years Greater Valley Glen**

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**VANC VIRTUAL Meeting Thursday August 13, 2026**

**Important meetings**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday** of the month

\*LADWP MOU **8:30-10A** (1<sup>ST</sup> Saturday of the month), details at:  
<https://www.ladwpnews.com/dwp-nc-mou-and-advocacy-committee-meetings/>

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.plancheckncla.com)  
*Educate yourself on City Planning and Land Use issues*