

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

VANC

34 San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Councils

Established March 03, 2003 by Jill Banks Barad-Hopkins

Thursday, November 13, 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

The downsides of ARTIFICIAL TURF and Scott Munson – LADWP RATES on the riSE

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: Terry Saucier regarding Natural Grass vs Artificial Turf CF24-0602

Synthetic Grass / Artificial Turf / Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) / Forever Chemicals / Health and Environmental Risks / Drought-Friendly Landscaping

[Artificial Turf Fact Sheet -SCSATTF rev. 2025 04-03 \(2\).pdf](#)

Next Rec & Park Commission meeting **20NOV2025 9am** at the Balboa Sports Complex at 17015 Burbank Blvd, Encino

4. BANC 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

5. DONE/ GM Chang - Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

a) 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**

b) Virtual Sessions for **Civic Leadership/Department Sessions**

➤ How to Run a meeting Parliamentary Procedure with Robert's Rules/How to write an agenda, etiquette/communication and creating Healthy Board Dynamics

➤ **Charter reform informational session 20NOV2025 6p-7p** with commission's outreach firm (City Fabrik)

c) **Bylaws updates deadline 1APR2026**

6. 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*”.**

7. Guest Speaker Scott Munson regarding the INCREASING rates for LADWP

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

9. Items from the floor:

1. Aliso Canyon Disaster celebrates 10 year anniversary zoom update 18 NOV 2025 6PM
<https://ucla.zoom.us/meeting/register/QnQbpenpSUIId--aocX-uEA#/registration>

10. Anniversaries: CONGRATULATIONS!

11. **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 December 11, 2025

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