

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

VANC

34 San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Councils

Established March 03, 2003 by Jill Banks Barad-Hopkins

Thursday, October 9, 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

Dennis Zine

City Council 2001-2013 District 3

LAPD Sargent 1968-2001- Retired

LA CITY Reform Commission VP 1997-2000

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. **Congratulations to Patrice Lattimore** our new City Clerk

➤ Election Work Group,

1. Apply by Oct 15, 2025 1159pm
2. Minimum 16 years of age or older
3. Participated in 2025 NC Elections
4. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIgrxHXbQCuUs26NVVgOLFwEdZWxttrWdkBJmuMEm5v4Aqw/viewform>
5. Questions? Contact 213-978-0444 or Election Administrator lane.basulto@lacity.org

4. LAUSD – Steven Zipperman retired Captain from LAPD on temporary assignment LAUSD School Police steven.zipperman@laschoolpolice.gov

5. Guest Speaker: **Dennis Zine** – dedicated public servant with 33 years of experience in law enforcement and 12 years as a LA City Councilmember, Vice President of the LA City Charter Reform Commission, and a native Angeleno. Let's give a warm valley welcome to Dennis Zine.

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*”.**
- <https://reformlacher.lacity.gov/>
 - Sign-up for updates <https://reformlacher.lacity.gov/get-updates>
 - Calendar of meetings
 - Recommend reading the last charter up

7. What are **YOUR Charter Reform recommendations/wishes?**

8. **Discussion Continues on: Can NCs be restricted from advocating on behalf of their stakeholders**

9. **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

10. DONE/ Gibson - Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Past Events/Updates

1. Shoutout to the Congress planning committee for a wonderful Congress of Neighborhoods event last month!
2. Congratulations to the EmpowerLA awards winners. BONC received over 60+ nominations. To all 99 NCs, thank you for your service. Shoutout to North Hollywood Northeast NC and Sylmar NC in the Valley.
3. EmpowerLA recently hosted two sessions for NCs. Recordings and slides will be shared:
4. 1) Planning an event with City Clerk. Reminder the following deadlines to submit the Clerk's office:
 - All NC events: May 20, 2026
 - Submitting check payment requests: June 1, 2026
 - Processing credit card transactions: June 20, 2026
5. 2) By-law amendments (with insights from Tony Wilkinson and Glenn Bailey). Reminder that bylaw amendments are due April 1, 2026 and the form is [here](#).

➤ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aGnE97eI4osYVmbDeiUdH188Khtd1K2g/view>

Abstention in voting is the act of choosing not to cast a vote for or against a motion, according to legalclarity.org

Upcoming Events (invites to come, please reach out to department staff if you haven't received them)

6. Civic U, October 11 (hold for 8am-4pm; time may change):
7. Will be on Zoom and will send updates soon
8. Please appoint 2 members to attend, including a 3rd as an alternate. RSVP here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScevdofY60LbSHpYQE1fl9ZgmK116D8O4JJhPBMZexWCmbCpg/viewform>
9. Brown Bag: How to Write Agenda Motions, 10/22 at noon, Zoom
10. Brown Bag: Parliamentary Procedure (Robert's Rules Made Simple) - How to Run a Meeting, 10/29 at noon, Zoom
11. Etiquette/Communication and Creating Healthy Board Dynamics, 10/30 at 6pm, Zoom
12. [City Clerk NC Funding Program Training Dates on Zoom](#)
 - 1) Contracts and leases 10/9 (2pm) and 10/23 (6pm)
 - 2) NC funding program & system portal training 10/14 (2pm), 10/28 (6pm)
13. Save the Date: 2028 Olympics & Paralympics Briefing for NCs with Paul Krekorian, 10/29, 6pm, Zoom
11. **UPDATE on VANC's letter regarding:** "Los Angeles Homelessness Progress and Concerns" to Mayor Bass with cc to the 15 City Council members, Controller Mejia, Ethic Commissioner, Deputy Mayor. Did not receive any response.
12. Budget Advocates – update: www.budgetadvocates.org

13. Council Files

- a. **CF25-1152** – NC Applicants / Registered Sex Offender Status / Disclosure Requirement / Registry Exclusion 25-1152 (CFMS)
- b. **CF23-0491 Community School Parks / Los Angeles Unified School District / Master Joint Use Agreement / Proposition K / LA Green New Deal** 63 Page Document from RAP on an “update regarding the Joint Powers Agreement Between RAP and LAUSD in the Community School Parks Program
- c. [LA Park Needs Assessment – Department of Recreation and Parks](#)

14. Items from the floor:

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15. Anniversaries: **CONGRATULATIONS!**

23 years Encino
Reseda
Arleta
Studio City
Sherman Oaks

16. **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 November 13, 2025

Other 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