

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

VANC

34 San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Councils
Established March 03, 2003 by Jill Banks Barad-Hopkins

Thursday, MAY 11, 2023 6:30-9:30p.m.

Via zoom: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98759241651>

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

**Deputy Mayor of Infrastructure Randall Winston &
Environmental Supervisor Christine Batikian**

Reminder: VANC meetings are to discuss various topics so that you can educate your NC for further discussion/vote

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
2. Guest Speaker – **Randall Winston** (510- 520-1212 Randall.Winston@lacity.org)
- 3. BUDGET:** Update CF23-0600 NC's 2023-24 budget is **\$32,000 plus \$10,000** rollover approved
- 4. FUNDING-** NEEDED FOR Congress of Neighborhoods **23SEP2023** in person at City Hall.
- 5. NC Admin package NOW AVAILABLE** from City Clerk
- 6. Guest Speaker – Christine.Batikian@lacity.org**, Environmental Supervisor LA Sanitation & Environment 213-469-8499 Discussing Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) <https://plasticsceqala.eventbrite.com/>
- 7. UPDATE:** SB411 California Senate bill SB411, which would allow Neighborhood Councils to choose to hold their meetings virtually or in person
- 8. New process for LAUSD FACILITIES** is now back online <https://btb.lausd.net>
for LA City insurance go to https://cao.lacity.org/risk/GeneralProof_of_Insurance-City_of_LA.pdf

9. **DONE:** Update

10. **Election Update:** So far 18 Valley NCs boards are UNcontested

11. **BONC Commissioners** - Jennifer Valdivia, **North Valley** - Len Shaffer, **South Valley** New Commissioner has been identified (**Randell Erving**) by Mayor Bass waiting for LA City Council's vote – See **CF 23-1200 S100**

Not all BONC Commissioners are as dedicated as Len Shaffer. Discussion

12. **Mayor Bass** attended **LANCC's** meeting 6MAY2023 – **Did you miss it?**

Go to www.LANCC.org Click on Meetings...Click on 6May2023

13. **LANCC's Bill of Rights** Forward your thoughts to: lanccWG4CC@gmail.com
(see Hot Topic #1)

14. **Items from the floor:**

15. **THANK YOU** for all you do for your communities and the city of Los Angeles - and I appreciate your participation in VANC!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
VANC VIRTUAL Meeting Thursday June 8, 2023

*PlanCheck 10AM 2nd Saturday of the month, details www.plancheckncla.com
Educate yourself on City Planning and Land Use issues.

*LADWP MOU 1ST Saturday of the month, details at:
<https://www.ladwpnews.com/dwp-nc-mou-and-advocacy-committee-meetings/>

Budget Advocates - www.budgetadvocates.org --
Virtual BUDGET DAY 17JUN2023

NC Anniversaries –
CONGRATULATIONS TO:

May 4 – Northridge South 13 years
May 6 – Sylmar 20 years
May 7 – Sun Valley Area 21 years
May 27 – Sunland-Tujunga 21 years

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HOT TOPICS For MAY 11, 2023

Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)

Has been compiling ideas for a Neighborhood Council Bill of Rights and is asking for YOUR input.

Neighborhood Council Bill Of Rights

The Working Group for Constructive Change, a committee for **LANCC**, is soliciting input to create a Bill of Rights addressing the concerns of all Neighborhood Councils, their board members and stakeholders. Attached are some ideas people have submitted so far but we want to ensure that everyone feels included and that means you need to speak up - what you like and don't like, what you feel are the most important issues, and help us make this a Bill of Rights, not just for some but for everyone.

The Working Group is waiting to hear from you at lanccWG4CC@gmail.com

Proposed items to go into a Neighborhood Council Bill of Rights

- There shall be No imposed bylaws and the city shall rescind previously imposed bylaws at the request of any neighborhood council regarding its own bylaws.
- Neighborhood councils shall have a role in the choice of BONC appointees by one of the following: appointment subject to ratification by majority of nc's in the region or nc's have veto power over an appointee, or requirement for 60% nc approval
- The right to freedom of speech exists in neighborhood council deliberations and participation.
- Neighborhood councils have the right to petition and communicate with all levels of government.
- Neighborhood councils shall have the right to limit stakeholder status to the minimum described in the Charter and shall not be forced to include other categories of stakeholder.
- Neighborhood councils are government bodies and hold equal status with other such bodies.
- Neighborhood councils shall in the aggregate hold veto power over BONC decisions, by majority vote of those voting, out of a quorum of at least 10 neighborhood councils, each neighborhood council holding one vote to be cast by majority vote of its governing board.
- The office of the City Attorney shall take care not to represent one part of city government against any neighborhood council or against neighborhood councils in general, as the neighborhood councils are an equal branch of city government as defined by the Charter. It shall be a conflict of interest for the City Attorney to represent any branch of government against the neighborhood councils without providing for an equal level of representation for neighborhood councils.
- The city recognizes that neighborhood council participants are not employees of the city simply due to their neighborhood council status, and the city has no right of ownership, control, or the equivalent over the persons, thoughts, or time of neighborhood council participants.
- Neighborhood councils recognize state law calling for ethics training each two years and accept a minimal amount of additional training not to exceed 30 minutes every two years on the subjects already defined by city rules; Other than these training requirements which already exist, the city and its agencies and departments shall have no right to impose training of any kind or duration on neighborhood council participants; training may be offered to individuals or boards on a voluntary basis.

- Neighborhood councils shall collectively have the right to consult with the city government and the mayor over the choice of appointees to the position of General Manager of DONE and over the choice of appointees to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, and shall have the right to call for the removal of the General Manager and of BONC commissioners.
- There shall be a strong presumption that any neighborhood council board member who has been elected by the voters of his/her district holds the board seat lawfully and rightfully by decision of those voters. Removal of a board member by anybody other than the governing board of that member's district shall only be carried out on the basis of extreme circumstances which shall include violence, threats against a board member or a member of the public, or conviction of a crime which affects the neighborhood council or the neighborhood council system as a whole. This shall not be construed to limit bylaws rules which remove a board member due to a certain number of consecutive absences or due to a certain number of absences over the course of a year. Bylaws rules regarding "censure and removal" shall not be enforced unless the neighborhood council itself has intentionally included those rules in its own bylaws; the imposition of these bylaws on neighborhood councils which do not intentionally include them shall not be enforceable.
- No training, work requirement, or attendance at any function, governmentally related or not, shall be required of any neighborhood council participant. Neighborhood council individuals or, if they so choose, their bargaining units, shall have the right to negotiate payments or salaries for such work or attendance, should the city government be willing.
- The city government shall enter in good faith into negotiations to develop and accept a Memorandum of Understanding between the neighborhood councils and city government, and the MOU shall include this Neighborhood Council Bill of Rights.