

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

VANC

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

Thursday, July 13, 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

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L.A. CITY PLANNING HOUSING ELEMENT REZONING PROGRAM How will it effect city services and what can we do?

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 – Sandra Robles (Sandra.robles@lacity.org)
- 3.** Guest Speakers from Sherman Oaks NC (SONC) – Jeff Kalban, PLUM Chair & Jeffrey Hartsough, Board Member – Discussing Housing Element Rezoning from NC point of view (see page 4 for details)
- 4. DONE:** Interim General Manager Vanessa Serrano
 - NEA Reorganization
 - Digital Communication Policy
 - Low Candidate Participation
- 5.** UPDATE SB411 – Provided by Glenn Bailey
- 6.** FUNDING needed for CONGRESS of Neighborhoods – Please help fund the Congress by voting funds for this event. It will be in person at City Hall on Saturday September23, 2023 - SAVE THE DATE

7. CF 23-1200-S130 – Appointment of **Jamie York** to the **City Ethics Commission** for the term ending 30JUN2028 – Hooray for Jaime and Hooray for us!
8. **BONC Commissioners** - Jennifer Valdivia, **North Valley** - Len Shaffer, **South Valley**
9. HOLD THE DATE: **MONDAY 630pm July31, 2023 NC Election feedback**
VIA ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98759241651>
Write down NOW what was great, what was not so great, what was terrible and send to NCElectionUpdate@gmail.com
Please include your NC and specific information, not just it was bad.
10. **Items from the floor:**
 - **Covid memorial** LA Department of Cultural Affairs website regarding COVID-19 MEMORIAL NCHOURDHURY@SEECHANGEINSTITUTE.COM
11. **THANK YOU** for all you do for your communities, the city of Los Angeles and I appreciate your participation in VANC!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
VANC VIRTUAL Meeting Thursday August 10, 2023
Guest speaker Mayor Karen Bass

*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 Did you miss BUDGET DAY?
watch the recording at: [Budget Day 2023 - Zoom](#) (press control and left click)

NC Anniversaries:

21 Years Van Nuys NC
20 Years Porter Ranch NC
20 Years Winnetka NC

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HOT TOPICS For July 13, 2023

The **Regional Housing Needs Assessment** (RHNA) is a process mandated by California state law that requires that cities and unincorporated areas of counties to plan for new housing to accommodate projected growth. RHNA operates on an eight-year cycle.

1. WHAT IS 2021-2029 Housing Element?

- Identifies the City's housing conditions and needs, establishes goals, objectives, and policies to guide future housing decisions, and provides an array of programs to meet Citywide Housing Priorities, including: addressing the housing shortage, advancing racial equity and access to opportunity, preventing displacement and promoting sustainability and resilience. California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) informed the City of Los Angeles that its 2021-2029 Housing Element was in full compliance with State law.
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2. The five goals that will guide the 2021-2029 Housing Elements are as follows:

- Goal 1 – A City where housing production results in an ample supply of housing to create more equitable and affordable options that meet existing and projected needs.
- Goal 2 - A City that preserves and enhances the quality of housing and provides greater housing stability for households of all income levels.
- Goal 3 – A city in which housing creates healthy, livable, sustainable, and resilient communities that improve the lives of all Angelenos.
- Goal 4 - A City that fosters racially and socially inclusive neighborhoods and corrects the harms of historic racial, ethnic, and social discrimination of the past and present.
- Goal 5 – A City that is committed to preventing and ending homelessness.

Please see the next page for a thoughtful explanation of the issues and what action NCs could take.

Thank you Jeffrey Hartsough Sherman Oaks NC

**LA City Housing Element –
An opportunity for NCs to collaborate,
to speak for their communities,
and to help maintain vibrant livable neighborhoods.**

NCs often focus on immediate and short-term issues facing their communities. The Housing Element is something different – it will have a dramatic and forever lasting impact on our communities and Los Angeles. What will Los Angeles be like in the distant future? The Housing Element will define that future.

The Department of City Planning (DCP) is working on the LA City Housing Element and the rezoning of Los Angeles. NCs need to understand how the Housing Element and the impact of recent CA State laws will impact their single-family, multi-family, retail, and commercial areas. The proposed zoning, as is, could have long-term negative impacts on the quality of life of residents.

The opportunity to have input into the draft ordinance that is to be released late this fall is NOW. It is important and should be a focus of **NCs to let their Council Member know** how they would like their communities to grow and develop. **NCs should collaborate with other NCs within their shared Council Member's district to make sure their voices are heard.**

Here are a few points to consider:

- The Department of City Planning (DCP) will be proposing the rezoning of single-family and multi-family neighborhoods by the Fall of this year.
- The rezoning will allow 4-5 story apartments in single-family neighborhoods and could eliminate some of the affordable existing multi-family housing.
- The State RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Assessment) target for the period 2021-2029 mandates that LA must zone for 486,379 housing units. Current zoning provides for 230,964 housing units. Rezoning must allow for an additional 255,000 housing units by 2029. The current Housing Element has provided for rezoning for 1,400,000 housing units – over 5 times the needed number.
- Rather than upzoning primarily residential parcels, the City can meet the necessary incremental RHNA housing unit target by focusing on development along major corridors. Such a focus would maintain single-family and multi-family residential neighborhoods while developing necessary housing along transportation corridors.
- **Once parcels are “upzoned” they cannot be “downzoned” in the future.**
- Other items that should be considered as part of the rezoning in the Housing Element are access to transportation, walkability, open spaces and parks, parking, and economic development and growth.

Again, as individuals or a single neighborhood council our Council Members can question the support of the community on this issue. The focus should not be on rezoning single-family and multi-family neighborhoods. We need to work together and let our Council Members know that we are in favor of thoughtful intelligent growth along corridors and other currently available spaces.

If interested in pursuing this, email Jeffrey Hartsough at [**jeffrey.hartsough.sonc@gmail.com**](mailto:jeffrey.hartsough.sonc@gmail.com)

