

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

VANC

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

Thursday, March 9, 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](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

**Meet L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn
and VANC founder Jill Banks Barad-Hopkins**

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



Happy 20th Anniversary VANC

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions:** Linda Gravani, chair VANC34.chair@gmail.com
- Supervisor Janice Hahn, The vision for Neighborhood Councils**
- The first Valley Neighborhood Council was **West Hills January 2, 2002**
- Jill Banks Barad-Hopkins, The difficulties starting VANC**
Check out www.vanc34.org under events to see photo gallery
- Today's Challenges:**
 - # It's not fun any more
 - Us (NCS) against DONE ("empowerment" department)

- c) NEAs **soliciting support** for specific council file(s) aka **lobbying**
- d) No one should have authority to remove elected board members.
- e) NCs do not work for DONE/City Clerk
- f) Need a "petty cash" fund for last minute needs (spontaneous outreach- coffee)
- g) Need minimum 90 days notice for council files to allow NC discussion/vote
- h) ALL NC comments should stay with the council file so chair/council/commission can understand the whole picture
- i) Exhaustive Efforts, what is/is not "allowed"
- j) Specific fund accounts to which NCs can contribute (Budget Advocates/Alliances)

6. In **DONE**'s role to improve government's responsiveness to local concerns,
 - a. We are requesting DONE to provide a **"ready to purchase shopping list"** which would be city services vetted by the city clerk's funding dept and provide all necessary paperwork. Items such as:
 - Pothole repair
 - Creation/Installation of Neighborhood Watch Signs
 - Tree purchase
 - Restricted parking
 - Speed bumps
 - b) Requesting a **direct phone list/email** list for LA City department heads and chiefs of staff for elected officials
 - c) Requesting a message that NCs email/phone calls **have been received**
 - d) Return to \$50,000 **budget, increased** to \$81,000 for inflation
 - a) **After 20 years**, we're still trying to educate our communities on who/what Neighborhood Councils are, why?
 - b) **How has DONE empowered NCs?**
2. **Mayor Bass has a Boards & Commissions Application** if you are interested in serving <https://jobs.lamayor.org/apply/boards-commissions>
3. **BONC Commissioners** - Jennifer Valdivia, **North Valley** - Len Shaffer, **South Valley**
CF23-1200-S6 Josh Nadel withdrew appointment -
NCs should have input on the appointment of who represents us.
4. **UPDATE:** CF22-0560 – Municipal Lobbying Ordinance
5. **UPDATE:** CD6 Candidate Forum 18Feb2023
6. **Items from the floor:**
7. **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, April 13, 2023
LA City Attorney Hydee Feldstein Soto and
President of Ethics Commission Jeffrey Daar

*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 -- BUDGET DAY 27JUN2023

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A Model of Regional Governance

The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) was founded by Jill Banks Barad-Hopkins in March 2003. It is an independent organization open to participation by all elected Neighborhood Council Board members and committee chairs.

MISSION:

To identify problems and help develop solutions to issues of concern to Neighborhood Councils in the Valley and throughout the City,

- To promote Neighborhood Council informed participation in the political process regarding local, regional and City issues,
- To advocate before City Council, Council Committees, DONE, and BONC as **one** voice on issues that affect the City and Neighborhood Councils.

GOALS

- To make Neighborhood Councils more effective at each level of organization,
- To act as a clearinghouse and resource center on Neighborhood Council and City of Los Angeles issues,
- To offer a forum for dialogue with elected officials and department heads,
- To encourage involvement of stakeholders in the neighborhood council process through effective outreach,
- To conduct ongoing research, discussion, and education.

NCs Celebrating anniversaries this month

3/06/2002 Woodland Hills-Warner Center

3/07/2002 Pacoima

3/25/2003 Foothill Trails District

3/15/2007 Panorama City

HOT TOPICS For March 9, 2023

1. **CF20-0990** – Under the guise of LA Civil Rights, a vote **for** this council file gives DONE GM authority to remove elected board members and determine what mandatory training DONE requires and allows GM to change NC Bylaws. A vote **against, implies** NC is against **LA Civil Rights. If your NC voted before 28Feb2023, you need to vote AGAIN.**
2. Do you want to help at our **valley elections**? How to become a **poll worker** 213-978-0444
https://clkrep.lacity.org/election/2023_NC_Community_Poll_worker_flyer.pdf

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment:

3. Project Coordinator – aka **NEA Job Description** It's good to know what the NEAs duties are.
https://per.lacity.org/jobs/openings/index.cfm?job_id=5750
4. Los Angeles City Charter Article IX **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment**
https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/los_angeles/latest/laac/0_0_0_372
5. Los Angeles Administrative Code Chapter 28 –
The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment,
https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/los_angeles/latest/laac/0-0-0-53812#JD_D22c28