

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

VANC

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



21st ANNIVERSARY of VANC

Thursday, March 14, 2024 6:30-9:00p.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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Note: To be added to the email list, send your information to www.VANC34.org

Congratulations CouncilMember John Lee

Yusef Robb Sepulveda Transit Corridor Partners

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

- Welcome and Introductions:** Linda Gravani, chair VANC34.chair@gmail.com
- Guest Speaker – **Council Member John Lee**, representing CD 12 since 2019 (Chatsworth, Granada Hills, North Hills, Northridge, Porter Ranch, Sherwood Forest, and West Hills).
- Council File 23-1027** – Changes to Mayor Bass' Executive Directive #1 Ordinance
(See Hot Topics # 1)
- Council File: 15-0389-S2** *Community Councils – Same Privileges as Neighborhood Councils*
(See Hot Topics #2)
- Council File 23-1422** LAPD AIR SUPPORT DIVISION - Helicopter and budget cutbacks
(See hot topics # 3)

6. **Council File 23-0623** – Charter Reform – Is there enough time to review these changes if they are to be on the 2024 ballot? (See Hot Topics # 4)
7. Guest Speaker **SepulvedaTransit.com** / <https://www.metro.net/projects/sepulvedacorridor/>
8. Qualified Candidates: 2 minutes no discussion
9. **BONC Commissioners** – **Keren Waters**, North Valley keren.waters@lacity.org
Len Shaffer, South Valley commissionerlenshaffer@gmail.com
9. **DONE:** Interim General Manager Vanessa Serrano or designee -
 - **CF23-0133-S1** Non-event Street Banner Program 2024-25
10. Budget Advocates – Update www.budgetadvocates.org Cha
SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 15JUN2024 8am IN PERSON at City Hall
11. **Items from the floor:**
 - **2024 Power Women, Power Tools** –
 - a) **Habitat for Humanity – June 14-16 2024** – Ginny Hatfield, Valley Village
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12. NC Anniversaries: **CONGRATULATIONS!**
 - 22 Years **Woodland Hills-Warner Center**
 - 22 Years **Pacoima**
 - 21 Years **Foothill Trails District**
 - 17 Years **Panorama City**
13. **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 April 11, 2024
LASkyRailExpress.com presentation for the Sepulveda Pass

*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/>

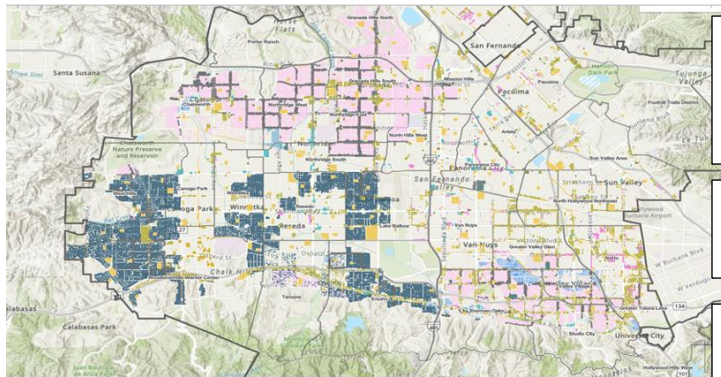
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HOT TOPICS For March 14, 2024

KNOWLEDGE IS CRITICAL – INFORM YOUR NC



The blue and pink areas of the valley is LA City Planning's plan to increase housing in Single Family Neighborhoods

The Mayor's Executive Directive #1 has too many "loopholes" Amendments are needed

Your NC (and you) should take action to amend CF23-0623

1.

Following for your convenience is a sample letter (or use your and your NCs preferred wording) Please forward your and your community statements **ASAP** and send to your Council Member, Inform any HOAs in your area

The _____ Neighborhood Council supports the ED1 Ordinance (**CF23-0623**) **IF AMENDED** to include the guidelines sent by United Neighbors of the PLUM committee, with a particular focus on the importance of the following amendments:

1. Limit the number of waivers and off menu incentives to a total of 6
2. Require rear 15' setback to allow for trees to grown and storm water to be captured
3. Prevent post-development conversion of nonresidential spaces to market rate units
4. Protect R1, HPOZs and Historic Districts in their entirety
5. Ensure that substandard streets/high-fire zones do not qualify for ED1 fast track approval
6. Require ED1 projects meet minimum Tier 2 TOC qualifications

Projects that don't meet these requirements under ED1 would need to go through discretionary approval

Watch your community plans.....

2. **CF 15-0389-S2 Community Councils** (Brentwood Community Council & Pacific Palisades Community Council) granting community councils the same privileges as those afforded to neighborhood councils under Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.819.

The VANC Executive team is opposed to this council file:

- They resemble lobbying groups vs Neighborhood Councils
- Pacific Palisades includes ONLY residents

- Brentwood charges yearly dues and are removed if delinquent
- Opens the door for HOAs to be included
- If they want the same privileges as NCs become an NC
 - ✓ Be required to take NC required training such as:
 - Anti-Bias Training
 - Gender Expression and Gender Identity Training
 - Ethics Training
 - Brown Act
 - Code of Conduct
 - If they receive city funds, Funding Training
 - ✓ Have their Bylaws approved by BONC with mandatory inclusions
- Unintended consequence - NCs may wish to change status to Community Councils since their rules are less rigid

3. **LAPD Air Support CF23-1422** City Controller Kenneth Mejia released an audit of LAPD's Air Support Division "to determine whether the current size of the LAPD's helicopter program and its scope of operations are justified

Police Chief Moore stated *"that the Air Support Division's activities play a critical role in our public safety mission here in Los Angeles, and especially now due to a reduced LAPD force, and considering the size of the 260 square mile San Fernando Valley. Their flights frequently result in their arrival at calls for service ahead of our patrols aiding responding officers with critical information and situational awareness. Air support also provides added patrols to detect and prevent crimes including residential burglaries while also responding to officers' assistance calls involving violent and highly dangerous situations."*

4. **Charter Reform CF23-1027** - The following city departments/boards/commissions have forwarded their requested changes to the City Charter

- Department of Water and Power
- Board of Public Works
- Chief Legislative Analyst
- Department of Recreation and Parks
- Department of the City Attorney
- Department of LA World Airports (LAWA)
- Personnel Department
- Port of Los Angeles
- Ethics Commission
- Department of City Planning
- Department of Neighborhood Councils - Previously 1.5 years spent discussing with NCs before recommendations were made and voted on