

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

VANC

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

Thursday, March 13, 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

Grayce Liu, Interim Manager LA Personnel

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
- 2. Guest Speaker** – Grayce Liu, Interim Manager LA Personnel –
 - CF24-0275
https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2024/24-0275_rpt_cao_03-06-25.pdf
 - Length of hiring process
 - Positions at Emergency Management Department not being filled due to budget likewise the CERT program
 - How can we help?
- 3. DONE – Carmen Chang**
 - Election update
 - Zoom renewal
 1. Board Action to renew \$200 per zoom account for 1Apr2025-31MAR2026
 2. Notify your NEA of board action
 - NC Survey

- State bills
 - AB467 Extends NC teleconferencing until January 1, 2031
 - SB707 Include state mandated two-way telephonic or two-way audiovisual platform option by city council or a county board of supervisors
- **SLAANC asking for assistance** with Council Files regarding . Got Questions - reach out to Kathy Guyton, (Empowerment Congress West) ECWA's secretary (Kguyton@ecwandc.org) **See hot topic #2**
 - **CF 21-1087** - Illegal Cannabis Grow Houses/Service Calls/Enforcement Practices/Valuation and Revenue Loss/Nuisance Abatement Procedures
 - **CF 22-0579** - Unlicensed Cannabis Businesses/Enforcement Actions/Cease and Desist Letters/Arrest Demographics
 - **CF 14-0366-S33** - Unlicensed Commercial Cannabis Business Activity/Padlock Enforcement/Cease and Desist

4. **BONC Commissioners** -

- **CF24-0867** – NC Board - Youth Seats & Term Limits

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

5. **Rec and Park Needs Assessment**

- Your stakeholders need to know about and complete the survey and attend the meetings at <https://needs.parks.lacity.gov>

6. **UCLA Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study** – Brian Allen Granada Hills North

7. **Budget Advocates** – update: www.budgetadvocates.org

- Keep Budget Advocates in mind for funding as the end of the fiscal year is near.
- City Administrative Officer Matt Szabo warned of a potential \$400 million shortfall in fiscal year 2025-26 as a result of lower tax revenue, overspending in liability payouts and costs related to the fire emergencies.

8. **Items from the floor:**

- Court Ordered Audit City's homelessness programs see **hot topics #1**
- SB79 & SB677 – undoing Housing Element protections **hot topics #3**

9. NC Anniversaries: **CONGRATULATIONS!**

23 years	Woodland Hills-Warner Center Pacoima
22 years	Foothill Trails District
18 years	Panorama City

10. 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 10, 2025

*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

1. **Homeless – Audit – Court-ordered** assessment of \$2.3 billion spent on LA's homeless discovered no one was verifying if the services were provided-

[Much-Anticipated Audit of LAHSA Released, Finds Billions in Spending Unaccounted For | News | westsidecurrent.com](#)

<https://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/25553772/draft-audit-report-on-la-city-homelessness-spending-released-by-judge-carter-on-march-6-2025.pdf>

2. South Los Angeles has become a hotspot for illegal cannabis activity while our legal, social equity businesses face an existential crisis. This is not just an economic issue; it is a matter of public safety and community well-being. Without immediate enforcement and policy intervention, the very businesses the City set out to empower will disappear. **See sample template**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vIFM01XTcF3x95pD-BG0cl3Wd5pbxOvz/edit>

3. **SB79 & SB677** – it will increase residential density in areas ¼ mile and ½ mile from transit stops which will undo protections that were achieved through the Housing Element for single-family neighborhoods & will basically take the power away from the Planning Department to function for the good of LA Residents. **The fight continues.**