

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

VANC

34 San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Councils

Established March 03, 2003 by Jill Banks Barad-Hopkins

Thursday, April 9, 2026 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

Mayor Karen Bass

We are powerful together

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

From the Ralph M. Brown Act, 1953

"The people of this State do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them.

The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know.

The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created."

1. Welcome and Introductions: Linda Gravani, chair
VANC34.chair@gmail.com

2. Guest Speaker: Mayor Karen Bass

Topics

- A. High housing Density in high fire zone
- B. Street Vendors – Nuisance
- C. City Clerk postponed NC elections

- D. MyLA311 not improved
- E. R&P Tiny homes – Emergency over
- F. Animal Shelters budget
- G. CF25-0193 Dog/Cat meat
- H. LAHSA FUNDS
- I. Senior Services
- J. Traffic Study denied
- K. No responses to NCs
- L. Charter Commission – Increase City Council
- M. LA100/SB100
- N. Van Nuys airport continues temporary flight path
- O. Budget Advocates

3. The Charter Reform Commission CF26-0489 referred to Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee on Apr 2, 2026

https://cityclerk.lacity.org/online/docs/2026/26-0489_misc_CRC_4-2-26.pdf

- A. NCs CIS shall be in a **separate queue** from public comment
- B. NCs **may deliver to any governmental agency a statement** past in a Brown Act public meeting at which there is a quorum. The City shall create/require language to indicate the NC is speaking for itself and not the City
- C. NCs may **include consent calendars** on their agendas.
- D. When selecting a new DONE GM, provide NCs the opportunity to **submit questions to ask GM candidates** during the employment interview
- E. **Increase the number of BONC commissioners** from seven to nine with the two additional being **at-large and appointed by NCs**
- F. **NCs shall submit their budget request at the same time as departments.** BONC president shall be a single point-of-contact and shall organize the requests into a single request for Mayor's consideration
- G. **Require** City Council, City Council committees, and city commissioners make **provision for NCs to comment via telephone or telephonic conferencing at all meetings** of these bodies
- H. Capitalize **Neighborhood Councils** throughout the Charter

4. DONE/ Carmen Chang Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
Bylaws update
Risk Management- facilities private/public

5. BONC Commissioners

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

6. Budget Advocates –update: www.budgetadvocates.org Budget day is **27JUN2026 at City Hall**

7. Items from the floor:

- **Mayoral Candidate Forum planned for 3MAY2026 330pm** Sally Field Performing Arts building at Birmingham Community Charter High School, **THE VALLEY IS INVITED**.....Please outreach to your stakeholders. This is an important election.

8. Anniversaries: CONGRATULATIONS!

24 Years	Sun Valley Area - Support CF26-0263-honoring Michael L. O’Gara
23 Years	Sylmar
	Sunland-Tujunga
16 Years	Northridge South

THANK YOU Valley Leaders for **ALL you do** for your communities, the city of Los Angeles, and I appreciate your VANC participation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
VANC VIRTUAL Meeting Thursday May 14, 2026

Important meetings

1st Saturday of the month

*LADWP MOU 8:30-10A (1ST Saturday of the month), details at:

<https://www.ladwpnews.com/dwp-nc-mou-and-advocacy-committee-meetings/>

2nd Friday of the month

Dept of Public Works comes to Van Nuys City Hall- in person

2nd Saturday of the month

PlanCheck zoom 10AM details www.plancheckncla.com

Educate yourself on City Planning and Land Use issues

Last Friday of the month IF **-voted on by City Council-**

City Council comes to Van Nuys City Hall – IN PERSON