

Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

VANC

34 San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Councils

Established March 03, 2003 by Jill Banks Barad-Hopkins

Thursday, June 11, 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

Council Member John Lee - CD 12

Committees:

Government Operations - Vice Chair

Planning & Land Use Management

Public Safety - Chair

Rules, Elections, & Intergovernmental Relations

Unarmed Crisis Prevention, Intervention, Intervention & Community Services

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: Hosted tonight by Corrine Ho Canoga Park NC**
 - Linda Gravani, chair VANC34.chair@gmail.com

2. Guest Speaker **Council Member John Lee updates Charter Reform**

The Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations (REIR) met in May on Charter reform. Many NC recommendations may NOT be added to November ballot. CM Raman noted they should be taken up as ordinances. **(City Council Vote 9JUN)**

3. Cost of **special events skyrocketing prices** ex: Parades DOT \$25,000

Some Council Members assisting, others not

4. **Neighborhood Council ELECTION Information sessions**

Overview of the 2027 Neighborhood Council Election season

 - Hybrid election model
 - Election Schedule & Timeline
 - Candidate Filing Process
 - Voting Procedures

18 July 10a-12n Van Nuys Branch Library 6250 Sylmar Ave
29 July 6p-8p Virtual Meeting (no specific details at this time)

To sign-up [Neighborhood Council Election Information Session](#)
Contact: 213-978-0444 clerk.electionsnc@lacity.org

5. VANC will be partnering with **Alzheimer’s Association Community Forum** in the fall via zoom. If your NC is interested in promoting to your NC-- contact Gravani VANC34chair@gmail.com. All you will need to do is outreach to your stakeholders. A minimum of 30 attendee RSVPs are required to actually conduct the session.

6. **DONE/ Gibson Nyambura --Mayor signed FY26-27 budget APPROVED**
 - NC annual budget \$25,000
 - **UNLIMITED** rollover funds FY26-27
 - \$60,000 translation funds available – **first come, first served**
 - \$128,000 NC election outreach – EmpowerLA
 - \$20,000 Cornerstone License

REQUESTED – NOT APPROVED

 - \$10,000 EACH for Budget Day and Congress of Neighborhoods
 - Two DONE staff positions as resolution authorities
 - \$150,000 ADA web compliance

7. **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

8. FUNDING DEADLINES:

1. ~~May 20, 2026~~—Final date to submit an **Event Approval Request**
2. ~~June 1, 2026~~—Final date to submit a **check payment** request (including NPGs)
3. **June 20, 2026** – Final date to use **NC bank card**

9. Budget Advocates – update: www.budgetadvocates.org Budget day is **27JUN2026 at City Hall** **RSVP BY 24 June for parking access.**

10. Items from the floor:

11. NC Anniversaries: **CONGRATULATIONS!**

24 Years Canoga Park

12. **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 July 9, 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**