

# Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

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VANC

34 San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Councils

Established March 03, 2003 by Jill Banks Barad-Hopkins

**Thursday, October 8, 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](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](http://www.VANC34.org)

LADWP presentation  
Current LA100 PLAN & how it complies with  
City Council's Directives  
Former Councilmember **Dennis Zine** regarding  
Community Borough System

**We are powerful together**

## 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."***

- Welcome and Introductions:** **Thank you Cindy Cleghorn** for hosting last month!  
Linda Gravani, chair [VANC34.chair@gmail.com](mailto:VANC34.chair@gmail.com)

2. **Qualified Candidates** – 2 minutes to tell us about yourself, your website, and what your plans are if elected. NO Q&A.
3. **Guest Speakers – Sandra Robles, & Deborah Hong LADWP, Communications and Community Affairs**
4. **Guest Speaker Dennis Zine, Former City Councilmember, discussion regarding CF26-1382 to reactivate CF02-1011 to establish a Community Borough System.**
5. **DONE/ - GM Carmen Chang**  
2027 election poll worker volunteers are needed  
Next month presentation on Emergency Prep by John Darnell
6. **BONC Commissioners**

**2026 JOY P. ATKINSON Neighborhood Council Excellence Award –  
CONGRATULATIONS to PACOIMA !!!!!**

**South Valley – Len Shaffer, [commissionerlenshaffer@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

7. **VANC Valley Summit.** Our founder Jill Banks-Barad-Hopkins, held an Anniversary mixer celebration in March every year. Anyone interested in planning this event with us?  
**Tentative Date March 9, 2028.**

8. **2026 Congress of Neighborhoods would like your opinion –  
Workshop Survey**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvNuSj\\_O1ZO5aiWWWeGYMBYXav-TFDGbL9TU\\_EhHMINDpGEQ/viewform?mc\\_cid=5a2302dc8c&mc\\_eid=53e249c89f](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvNuSj_O1ZO5aiWWWeGYMBYXav-TFDGbL9TU_EhHMINDpGEQ/viewform?mc_cid=5a2302dc8c&mc_eid=53e249c89f)

**Congress Survey**

[https://us.list-manage.com/62X7mKQR\\_N1?e=53e249c89f&c2id=1f1a70086efa2a5e01cd76287afadea1](https://us.list-manage.com/62X7mKQR_N1?e=53e249c89f&c2id=1f1a70086efa2a5e01cd76287afadea1)

9. **Mandatory Funding Training extended – NEW Deadline Oct 15, 2026**

10. **LA28 events in the Sepulveda Basin**

- BMX Racing                      BMX Freestyle
- Skateboarding – park      Skateboarding – street
- 3x3 Basketball                Modern Pentathlon

**Keep informed – attend the monthly zoom 10am-11am PT 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month  
please register for the link**

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019faf45030b705e81369e5e88fb0b55>

11. Budget Advocates – update: [www.budgetadvocates.org](http://www.budgetadvocates.org)



Please take the survey <https://forms.gle/wbsSJFJDAdQ9cTcM6>

**12. Items from the floor:**

1. Northridge South – **New Housing Laws 7pm-9pm Oct 19, 2026 @ Northridge Middle School Auditorium 17960 Chase St. Northridge** – Guests **CA State Senator** Henry Stern, **CA State Assemblywoman** Pilar Schiavo, **LA City Councilmember** John Lee, Dr. Piedad Sanchez, Principal Northridge Middle School, SLO Sandra Zamora. EVERYONE WELCOME.
2. Apologize – 4OCT event didn't happen due to locations not available
3. **If you missed it, you can listen to the Alzheimer's presentation – link will be in chat**

**13. October NC Anniversaries: CONGRATULATIONS!**

|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>24 Years -</b> | <b>Encino NC</b>          |
|                   | <b>Reseda NC</b>          |
|                   | <b>Arleta NC</b>          |
|                   | <b>Studio City NC</b>     |
|                   | <b>Sherman Oaks NC</b>    |
| <b>22 Years -</b> | <b>Northridge West NC</b> |

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**VANC VIRTUAL Meeting**  
**Thursday November 12, 2026**

**Important meetings**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month**

**LA28** <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019f5de79abb76bc91ee630bd117adc4>

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month**

**\*LADWP MOU 8:30-10A (1<sup>ST</sup> Saturday of the month), details at:**  
<https://www.ladwpnews.com/dwp-nc-mou-and-advocacy-committee-meetings/>

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month**

**PlanCheck zoom 10AM details [www.plancheckncla.com](http://www.plancheckncla.com)**  
***Educate yourself on City Planning and Land Use issues***