

# 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, May 14, 2026 6:30-9:00p.m.**

**Via zoom: Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98759241651>

[Phone access 888 475 4499](tel:8884754499)

[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)

## Streetlight Maintenance Assessment

### Proposition 218 BALLOTS

**City Must Receive Ballots by June 2, 2026 \* not postmarked**

**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](http://www.VANC34.ORG)

Zoom attendees, please identify your NC along with your first name

## MEETING 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.***

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*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](mailto:VANC34.chair@gmail.com)
2. Certified Candidates – 2 minutes (**No Q&A**)
3. Guest Speaker **Jessica Oleta from Bureau of Street Services and Jay Palmer Public Safety Chair of Sylmar NC regarding prop 218**

<https://www.citywatchla.com/voices/32641-la-keeps-tripping-over-the-same-stone-leading-to-a-burdensome-prop-218> CF26-0331 City Ordinance 188892

#### 4. **DONE/ Carmen Chang** Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

- NC Funding at \$25,000
- NC Funding Rollover
- NC Elections - inPerson and byMail [Hybrid]
- City contribution for NC Budget Advocates & NC Congress?
- DONE Staff and Department Funding
- DONE ADA compliance follow-up

#### 5. **Current Budget Discussions, current status, such as**

- Animal Shelters budget – Jeff Mausner

<https://www.citywatchla.com/animal-watch/32684-tarzana-neighborhood-council-to-city-halt-stop-starving-las-animal-services-budget>

Suggested CIS: [https://cityclerk.lacity.org/online/docs/2026/26-0600\\_cis\\_05-04-2026.pdf](https://cityclerk.lacity.org/online/docs/2026/26-0600_cis_05-04-2026.pdf)  
<https://www.tarzananc.org/assets/documents/1/committee69fa10821e93d.pdf>

- Update from NCBA presentation at City Budget & Finance Committee

<https://www.budgetadvocates.org/white-papers>

City Council public hearing is May 20

6. Charter Reform - <https://reformlacharter.lacity.gov/>
7. VANC / Neighborhood Council Support for Comprehensive Infrastructure Valley Study relative to implementation of SB79, AB130, SB131 and related Density-Streamlining Mandates [Keren Waters/Eva Amar/Sunland-Tujunga NC]
8. **BONC Commissioners: South Valley** –

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**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

## 9. FUNDING DEADLINES:

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

10. Budget Advocates – update: [Budget day is 27JUN2026 at City Hall](http://www.budgetadvocates.org)  
[www.budgetadvocates.org](http://www.budgetadvocates.org)

11. Items from the floor:

## 12. Anniversaries: CONGRATULATIONS!

23 Years	April 29 for Chatsworth NC
24 Years	Sun Valley Area
23 Years	Sylmar, Sunland-Tujunga
16 Years	Northridge South

13. **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**  
**NEXT VANC VIRTUAL Meeting Thursday June 11, 2026**

### Important meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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**

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

City Council comes to Van Nuys City Hall – IN PERSON

## HOT TOPICS

### Proposition 218

Be on the lookout for this ballot – **DEADLINE must be received by city clerk** (at their office) on or before **June 2, 2026**

**DEADLINE** – June 2, 2026 **AT City Clerk's office** (Not mailed by 2JUN)

Property owners only get to vote – **City MUST get approval**

Questions: [BSL-assessment@lacity.org](mailto:BSL-assessment@lacity.org)

#### Public Hearing

200 N. Spring St, 3rd Floor, Room 350, Los Angeles, CA 90012

May 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

#### City Council Hearing

200 N. Spring St, 3rd Floor, Room 340, Los Angeles, CA 90012

June 2, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

BSL Proposed Assessment Rate lookup for 2026-2027

<https://www.civicmic.com/la-bsl-calculator-plugin/>

**Prop 218 City Watch LA Article by Nick Patsaouras**

<https://www.citywatchla.com/voices/32641-la-keeps-tripping-over-the-same-stone-leading-to-a-burdensome-prop-218>

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