



# Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 11-21-2024 **Time:** 3:00 PM

**Meeting Called to Order By:** Van Roberts

**Location:** Wayside Center @ 44219 10<sup>th</sup> St W, Lancaster, CA 93534

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## Organizations in Attendance

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Voices of Our Youth, Parents Anonymous, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Tarzana Treatment Centers, A New Vision For You

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## Minutes

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Minutes were posted to the VOYCC webpage on the Voices of Our Youth website.

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## Reports

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There are no reports at this time.

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## Old Business

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There was no old business at this time.

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## New Business

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Van greeted all participants warmly as everyone gathered for today's small group meeting. Introductions were made as we kicked off the session.

During the introduction, Parents Anonymous mentioned that they will be conducting workshops and asked for suggestions on topics that the community would find beneficial. They are open to exploring ideas that we would like to see included in their workshop offerings.

Van stated that the purpose of the meeting was to provide resources to law enforcement and various community entities. The objective was to unite and collaborate on resources, ultimately opening doors for cooperation. Van

emphasized that law enforcement serves as our security, and the solution lies within us coming together.

Sergeant Chapman from the Sheriff's Department was invited to talk about their upcoming community events. It was mentioned that on Friday, November 22, 2024, they will be hosting a recruitment event at the Lancaster Station from 5-7 PM. Interested individuals can come and speak with deputies, custody assistants, dispatchers, and other professional staff to learn about joining the Sheriff's Department. The event will feature personnel from various bureaus including homicide, operation safe streets, special victims, special enforcement, narcotics, K-9, and more.

On Monday, November 25, 2024, there will be a turkey giveaway event at Boeing Plaza, located across from Lancaster Station, from 4-6pm. Additionally, on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, deputies will be delivering complete Thanksgiving meals to 12 selected families from the school districts, courtesy of Costco.

They will soon be launching some toy collections. Once the dates and locations are finalized, this information will be shared on social media platforms.

In February, the LASD is gearing up to commemorate Black History Month and is actively looking for partners to participate in the celebration. Collaborative talks have been initiated with the NAACP to potentially join forces for this significant community event.

Voices of Our Youth engages in daily food giveaways to support the community but struggles to fully meet the needs. The organization's focus for Christmas is on giving back to their own community. Additionally, they have received a donation of 90,000 pieces (equivalent to 84 pallets) of children's clothing, which will be shared with council and community partners to distribute to their clients.

Van also mentioned that there will be a coat giveaway for Veterans and their families at the Bin Store on Valley Central Way from 11am-3pm on Saturday, December 7, 2024.

Terrie Shanks from A New Vision for You discussed the array of services her organization provides during her presentation to the committee.

The meeting was ended ahead of schedule due to the small group size. We shifted the focus to the Holiday Whobilation event since those present were participating in it. The meeting evolved into a planning session for the event.

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### **Other Information**

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None to report at this time.

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### **Committee Reports**

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No reports at this time.

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### **Announcements**

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No announcements at this time.

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### **Adjournment**

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The meeting was adjourned around 5:00 pm.

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### **Next Meeting**

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Thursday, January 16, 2025, @ Wayside Center @ 44219 10<sup>th</sup> St W, Lancaster, CA 93534, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.