

# Child & Sex Trafficking Summit (VNNC)

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council -- Special Council Meeting

July 30th, 2014 (Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm)

6262 Van Nuys Blvd -- Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Chambers

@ Marvin Braude Constituent Services Building -- Van Nuys, CA 91401



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1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America
2. Roll Call (Quorum Call)
3. Comments from the Chair -- \*Speaker Cards: 2 minutes, 1 Public Comment Time. (This includes speaker cards on any and all agenda items -- a limit of 10 minutes for the entire meeting per Stakeholders and Councilmembers alike)

4. Public Comment (On matters within the VNNC Board's Jurisdiction.)
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's Report -- Jeanette Hopp and/or Howard Benjamin (Second Signatory) -- Approve Treasurer's Report

7. Committee Chairperson's Reports, Budget Advocate's Report, Elected Officials' Reports & Election Chair's Report

8. New Business
  - a. Presentation by Executive Director Kim Roth & Outreach Engagement Officer Ann Conkle of Strength United (A CSUN Community Agency). Strength United is dedicated to ending abuse, empowering families and developing leaders. (20 minutes)
  - b. Presentation by Christine Cesa, Survivor of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking. Ms. Cesa will discuss bringing awareness, prevention & advocacy to exploited women in Southern California and throughout the USA. (20 minutes)
  - c. Presentation by Deborah Quigley of Airline Ambassadors International. AAI is an organization of airline employees who use their travel benefits to hand deliver aid to underserved communities, respond to disasters, and escort sick children to the USA for surgeries not available in their home country. Ms. Quigley will discuss how traffickers use the public transportation industry, and what the airlines are doing about it. She will also touch upon the use of comic books being used as "micro-information" to raise awareness in remote villager populations such as those in Nepal. (20 minutes)
  - d. Presentation by FBI Special Agent Ronald Schloegel. Mr. Schloegel will be addressing specific items including statistics, how the FBI investigates, how the community can be proactive, warning signs, and new crime fighting techniques being used to address this issue. (20 minutes)
  - e. Presentation by LAPD Sergeant Ron Fisher of the Van Nuys Vice Unit. Sgt. Fisher will discuss the crimes being committed in Van Nuys and the San Fernando Valley as a whole. Sgt. Fisher will discuss crime trends, and how we can address this issue locally, statewide, nationally and throughout the world. (20 minutes)
  - f. Presentation by Dr. Stephany Powell of the Mary Magdalene Project. (MMP fights for the freedom and survival of women and girls in Los Angeles whose lives have been destroyed by commercial sexual exploitation. Small but fearless, MMP provides a multi-faceted support system for those who make the difficult journey out of an existence of abuse and violence.) (20 minutes)

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting, may be requested by emailing [info@vnn.org](mailto:info@vnn.org). Members of the public are invited to address the council on any items on the agenda prior to any action by the Council on that specific item. Member of the public may also address the board on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. The council will entertain such comments during the public comment period(s). Public comment will be limited to 10 minutes with 2 minutes per individual for each item addressed. The aforementioned limitation may be waived by the chairperson of the meeting. (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3(b)) Members of the public who wish to address the council are urged to complete a speaker card and submit it to the President or Secretary prior to commencement of an agenda item. Cards are available at the back of the room. However, should a member of the public feel the need to address a matter while discussion of the item is in progress, a card may be presented to the President or Secretary prior to final consideration of the matter. In the interest of time, All Board & Public Comments will be limited to no more than 2-minutes unless otherwise adjusted at the discretion of the President. It is requested that individuals who require the services of a translator contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment 24 hours prior to the meeting. Whenever possible, a translator will be provided. SI REQUIERE SERVICOS DE TRADUCCION, FAVOR DE NOTIFICAR LA OFICINA CON 24 HORAS POR ANTICIPADO. As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listen device, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make you request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting Thomas Soong, Neighborhood Council Advocate at (866) LA HELPS.

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g. Presentation by Former President of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Don Schultz. Former President Schultz currently volunteers for the LAPD Van Nuys Division, and is involved with a group established to fight prostitution in the San Fernando Valley. Former President Schultz will discuss the issue, as well as suggest future legislation to address child sex trafficking. (Including tougher penalties for the johns, and ways to embarrass and scare straight the men who seek out underage prostitutes.) (20 minutes)

h. Presentation by LA City Councilman Paul Krekorian. Councilman Krekorian will discuss this important issue, and what can be done on a city level to address child & sex trafficking. (10 minutes)

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment

# COMMITTEES

**Executive:** 1st Monday of every month (or 9 days prior to the meeting at 6:30 P.M.)

Δ Sets the agenda for board meetings, receives requests, and assigns tasks.

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER THOMAS, CHAIRMAN

HOWARD BENJAMIN, VICE PRESIDENT

JOHN HENDRY, SECRETARY

JEANETTE HOPP, TREASURER

JOSEF LAZAVORITZ, PARLIAMENTARIAN

Location: 6240 Sylmar Street, 2nd floor Community Room

**Safety:** 2nd Wednesday of every month prior to VNNC general board meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Δ Deals with community safety issues within the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council area.

JOSEF LAZAROVITZ, CHAIRMAN -- ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (MARILYN HAVARD, PENELOPE MEYER,

JOHN HENDRY, DONALD & PRUDENCE SCHULTZ) -- MARIA SCHERZER

Location: Braude Center, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd, Room 1-A

**Parks & Recreation:** 2nd Wednesday of every month prior to VNNC general board meeting at 6:00 P.M. or TBA

Δ Deals with issues concerning children and youth, park programs, facilities and playgrounds in the VNNC area.

CANDIDO MAREZ, CHAIRMAN -- ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (JOHN CAMERA, ROLAND GUEVERA, MIRIAM

FOGLER (STAKEHOLDER), MR. JAMES PIEPER)

Location: Delano Recreation Center, 14100 Erwin Street, Van Nuys, CA.

**Budget & Finance:** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm (Right before the VNNC General Meeting)

Δ Deals with Van Nuys Neighborhood Council (VNNC) budgetary issues.

JEANETTE HOPP, CHAIRWOMAN

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (CANDIDO MAREZ, HERBERT THOMPSON, MARIA SKELTON, JENNIFER

HUGHES (STAKEHOLDER))

Location: TBD

**Planning & Land Use:** 2nd Wednesday of every month prior to VNNC general board meeting at 6:00 P.M. or TBA

Δ Deals with planning, zoning and land use issues that affect the VNNC community, including proposals for new projects, zoning changes and variances, proposals for tenant improvement (T.I.) construction, building improvements and special uses, development, development of new business e.t.c.

JERRY MARTIN, CO-CHAIR -- ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (JOHN HENDRY, HOWARD BENJAMIN, PENNY MEYER, PAUL ANAND, MARIA SCHERZER )

Location: Braude Center, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd, Room 2B, Van Nuys, CA.

**Government Relations/Rules & Bylaws:** Meetings held 2nd Wednesday of every month or TBA

Δ Deals with citywide issues, council files, actions of city officials and departments, bylaws, rules and regulations, policies and procedures.

CHAIRMAN PAUL ANAND -- ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (JEANETTE HOPP, JOHN HENDRY, JENNIFER

HUGHES (STAKEHOLDER), JOSEF LAZAROVITZ, PENNY MEYER, DEREK WALEKO)

**Outreach:** Meetings held last Thursday of every month. (Or possibly the 2nd Tuesday of the month) or TBA

Δ Deals with outreach to inform the VNNC community about board meetings, elections, committee meetings, projects and special events, e.t.c.

MARIA SKELTON, CHAIRWOMAN, HERBERTTHOMPSON69@YAHOO.COM, 818-385-5665

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (HERBERT THOMPSON, CANDIDO MAREZ, HOWARD BENJAMIN, RICHARD

HOPP)



**All calls should be after 8:30 A.M. or before 8:00 P.M.  
Monday through Saturday.**

***For Non-Emergency City Issues Dial ~ 3 1 1***

