

# Immigration Summit Agenda (VNNC)

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

October 29th, 2014 (Wednesday 6:30 - 9:30pm)

6262 Van Nuys Blvd. (Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center)

Van Nuys, CA 91401 -- Council Chambers



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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 (President) of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
4. Public Comment (On matters within the VNNC Board's Jurisdiction.) \*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)
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. Speech and Presentation from Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian. Adrin Nazarian is a product of the San Fernando Valley. Adrin served as Chief Of Staff to Councilmember Paul Krekorian, who represents the communities of Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Valley Village, North Hollywood and Valley Glen, before being elected to the State Assembly. Previously, Adrin had served as Chief Of Staff to then-Assistant Majority Leader Paul Krekorian in the California State legislature, representing the communities of North Hollywood, Van Nuys, Valley Glen and Toluca Lake among others, since 2006. (30 minutes)
  - b. Speech and Presentation from Congressman Tony Cardenas' Chief Of Staff Sam Jammal. Congressman Tony Cardenas has been a leading advocate of Immigration reform in the US House of Representatives. Mr. Jammal is the Congressman's top aide, and will be flying in from Washington, D.C. to discuss and brief the attendees of the summit on the latest happenings on Immigration legislation in Congress. (30 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@vnncc.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 Amber Meshack, Neighborhood Council Advocate at (213) 978-1551.

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c. Speech and Presentation from Reshma Shamasunder, Executive Director of the California Immigrant Policy Center. (1137 Wilshire Blvd -- Los Angeles, CA 90017 -- Office: (213) 250-0880 ext. 110 www.caimmigrant.org) The California Immigrant Policy Center is a non-partisan, non-profit statewide organization founded in 1996. The Policy Center seeks to inform public debate and policy decisions on issues affecting the state's immigrants and their families in order to improve the quality of life for all Californians. (15 minutes)

d. Speech and Presentation from Judith Wood. Mrs. Wood represents immigrants from all over the world. She also represents people seeking asylum in the United States due to persecution in their home country. Mrs. Wood also specializes in other types of immigration cases. (15 minutes)

e. Speech and Presentation from Ingrid McCall, Interim Executive Director at Community Lawyers, Inc. Community Lawyers, Inc. provides low and moderate-income people access to affordable legal services and develops innovative opportunities for attorneys and law students in underserved communities. (15 minutes)

f. Speech and Presentation by Meghan Tumilty, Executive Director & Attorney at Law -- Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles -- Interfaith Refugee & Immigration Service (IRIS) -- Chair, Refugee Forum of LA County. Interfaith Refugee and Immigration Services (IRIS) serves an extensive client base through programs founded with sponsorship from the Diocese. Noting that Latinos are the majority population group in the city of Los Angeles, the Diocese continues as a leader in Spanish-language outreach through the Program Group on Hispanic Ministries and some 30 local congregations. (15 minutes)

g. Speech and Presentation by Ivy Dulay Dauilo, Community Educator, Campaign for Social Justice. The TEAM and CHANGES program at Campaign for Social Justice provide language advocacy and assistance to customers who have been overcharged or misled by their utility company. The Campaign for Social Justice provides one-on-one assistance, bill overview, consulting and retrieve money or credit for any unfair charges. All services are free for anyone living in California and funded by the California Public Utilities Commission. Presentation Description: Protecting consumers from Third Party billing and also the Do Not Call registry. How to avoid being charged and receiving unwanted calls from telemarketers. (15 minutes)

h. Speech and Presentation by Pastor Fernando Chacon. Mr. Chacon is El Salvadorian American and his wife is Mexican American. Pastor Chacon is fluent in both the Spanish and English languages. It is important to the Pastor that the church is involved in the Community and in the City of Van Nuys events. The congregation desires for the all city departments to know that the church doors are open to the city and available to participate at community events and where there may be a need for prayer at various events. (15 minutes)

i. Speech and Presentation by the San Fernando Valley Dream Team (SFVDT) -- Community Organization Founded in 2009, DREAM Team Los Angeles (DTLA) aims to create a safe space in which undocumented immigrants from the community and allies empower themselves through activism and life stories. Through these shared experiences, individuals develop as efficient advocates for their own rights and those of the larger immigrant community. DTLA is a grass roots organization that welcomes anyone who is interested in being part of the work, both in L.A. and nationally; we do as part of the immigrants rights movement. (15 minutes)

j. Speech and Presentation by Sonia Aguilar CADIF. Mrs. Aguilar will be discussing immigration issues and how they effect the San Fernando Valley. Mrs. Aguilar will also touch upon the immigrant community, and how to get them more involved in the democratic process. (15 minutes)

k. Speech and Presentation by Alicia Moguel, the Director of Adult Services for the Los Angeles Public Library, will be giving a speech and presenting at the Immigration Summit. Mrs. Moguel will speak about the library's Citizenship Initiative and other services for new Americans. (15 minutes)

10. Announcements

11. 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.

MARIA SKELTON, 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.

QUIRINO DE LA CUESTA & JERRY MARTIN, CO-CHAIRS -- 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.

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

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