



# General Council Meeting Agenda

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council (March General Council Meeting)

March 14th, 2018 (Wednesday 7:00pm - 8:30pm)

6262 Van Nuys Blvd, Council Chambers -- Van Nuys, CA 91401

Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center

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 VNNC, Council Ambassador Appointments
4. Secretary's Report -- Jeanette Hopp (Approval of February Minutes)
5. Treasurer's Report -- Veronica Marin and/or Second Signatory -- Approve Treasurer's Report (Approval of February's Monthly Expenditure Report (MER))

6. Committee Chairperson's Reports, Budget Advocate's Report, Elected Officials' Reports, Election Chair's Report, City Attorney's Report, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Report, Comments & Further Discussions

a. The Los Angeles City Attorney's Office to examine a boardmember in regards a purported bullying incident. Boardmembers and the public are invited to participate, and the interrogation is open to the public.

b. Discussion and update from Cristina Coria, from Los Angeles City Councilwoman Nury Martinez's Office on the store front leasing of Braude Mall.

7. Consent Calendar (Items that are eligible for the consent calendar are those that have been passed through two committees and have been thoroughly vetted. To expedite meetings and reserve time for matters that need to be discussed, many local agencies have a section on their agendas labeled as the "consent calendar." Items on the consent calendar are generally non-controversial items that do not require much, if any, discussion. The consent calendar allows decision-makers to group such items together under one heading and decide them at one time. Local agencies typically have a procedure for removing an item from the consent calendar for separate discussion. This enables the item to be considered and voted upon separately if discussion is needed or if a decision-maker needs to not vote on that item because of a disqualifying conflict of interest.)

a, Approval of Public Storage Redevelopment 15350 W. Oxnard, Van Nuys ZA 2017-4087. Demolition of 51,220 on a two-story mini warehouse constructed in 1977, 92,328 SF structure built in 2003 will remain, two new

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3 story mini warehouses will be constructed, totaling 223,104 SF for total project size 315, 432 SF. Project to include 81 parking spaces.

b. Approval of Starbucks at 7040 N. Sepulveda. ZA 2017-4879, Conditional Use Permit for a 2,200 Sf restaurant with drive thru services and outdoor seating with operations from 4:00-12:00AM. Starbucks will re-use existing monument sign and pylon sign along Sepulveda.

c. Approval of California West Coast Paint & Body Shop, 5060 Venice Blvd. Los Angeles, Ca. 90019, Kar Machine Inc. for the development of 6853-6859 Hazeltine into 18 small lot subdivision homes.

d. Quirino de la Cuesta voluntarily assisting PLUM Committee in the capacity of an observer to post approved renderings, narrative description of projects, applicant timelines on the VNNC website. Mr. de la Cuesta attending and supports assisting PLUM Committee with all web related issues. The PLUM Committee has elected Penny Meyer to the role of Co-Chair and thanks her for unflinching support of the PLUM Committee and numerous projects that will benefit VNY for years to come.

e. The VNNC to consider Council File #17-0447, also known as the 2500 feet Public Health and Safety Buffer motion. The CIS shall support the creation of a 2500 feet health and safety buffer from active oil wells. The letter would be submitted in the City File 17-0447. (Land Use Codes / Oil and Gas Development / Impact on Resident Health and Safety / Code Change Proposals) The VNNC to discuss and debate and file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in regards to CF#17-0447.

f. The VNNC to support the Center for Assault Treatment Services on Oxnard. This organization is dedicated to help victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. CATS to request \$2,500 and Council sponsorship.”

g. Family Fun Day- The VNNC to partner with the Office of Los Angeles City Councilman Paul Krekorian in support of this event. There will be two events, one at Hazeltine Elementary School and one event at Van Nuys Elementary School. This is a fun day for the whole family while the kids are out of school. A day for the family to connect with each other and form strong family bonds on the with eachother and the local community. NTE \$2500

g1. HAZELTINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EVENT NTE \$2500. Family Fun Day- The VNNC to partner with the Office of Los Angeles City Councilman Paul Krekorian in support of this event. There will be two events, one at Hazeltine Elementary School and one event at Van Nuys Elementary School. This is a fun day for the whole family while the kids are out of school. A day for the family to connect with each other and form strong family bonds on the with eachother and the local community. NTE \$2500

g2. VAN NUYS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EVENT NTE \$2500. Family Fun Day- The VNNC to partner with the Office of Los Angeles City Councilman Paul Krekorian in support of this event. There will be two events, one at Hazeltine Elementary School and one event at Van Nuys Elementary School. This is a fun day for the whole family while the kids are out of school. A day for the family to connect with each other and form strong family bonds on the with eachother and the local community. NTE \$2500

h. Acting Classes. This is to help kids come out of their shells and feel comfortable speaking out and standing up to bullies. Classes will also help create self esteem and leadership skills. Also, to help our youth enjoy and feel comfortable speaking in front of others. NTE \$1900

i. Honor Your Teacher- Saying and Giving thanks to teachers for their hard work. The VNNC to honor teachers, saying and giving thanks for their hard work. The VNNC to select 19 teachers from our district and award them with a celebratory lunch. The VNNC to honor the teachers with an honorarium. NTE \$2000

j. CPR Class- Hands on basic training in CPR. CPR class- Assemblymember Nazarian’s office would like to partner with the VNNC to provide free CPR classes to the Van Nuys community. The funds will be used to pay for CPR training and snacks for the class. Although the event is open to the public, we will ask all interested participants to RSVP with our office in order to ensure the number of participants doesn’t exceed the number of students the Red Cross can teach in one sitting. We will send emails and do outreach only to the Van Nuys community to ensure that your neighborhood council receives recognition for the partnership. The VNNC is more than welcome to table at this event. NTE \$500

k. Homeless Connect Day. Homeless Connect Day- Assemblymember Nazarian’s office would like to partner with the VNNC to host a Homeless Connect Day in the Van Nuys area. The purpose of this event is to link people experiencing homelessness with long term services and linkages to housing providers in order to obtain



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permanent housing. Our office is requesting the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council to assist with providing breakfast and lunch to the providers and participants. We anticipate about 200 individuals. The VNNC is more than welcome to table at this event. This crisis cannot be solved overnight but this event is representative of elected offices and community leaders working together to assist those in need. NTE \$2500

l. 2nd Annual Community Yard Sale- This is a lot of fun for our stakeholders to come together at this event. This shall be a great community event for us to get to know our neighbors. Last year the event had over two hundred attendees of all ages. VNNC is only supplying the food, games and balloons. NTE \$1000

m. First Annual Mother's Day Luncheon NTE \$1500

n. Spring Egg Hunt NTE \$300

o. The Mid-Valley Community Police Council to request the VNNC use a Neighborhood Purpose Grant to purchase warm up suits for the Van Area 2018. "Baker To Vegas Running Team." The warm up suits will have the VNNC Council patch & logo on the right sleeves. NTE \$2500

### 8. New Business

a. The VNNC to establish the "Official Motto" of Van Nuys. The motto to be used as a means in which to create a branding and identity of Van Nuys. The motto of Van Nuys to officially be "Health Is Wealth." This motto to be used in accordance with sponsoring special events and getting the people of Van Nuys healthier.

b. Venessa with Precision Concrete Cutting will present the concept of creating a sidewalk repair program for the entire neighborhood, where residents and business owners work together to complete the repairs. They have worked with other communities and the results have went well. They have been helping communities and cities repair & develop safe and ADA compliant sidewalk plans for over a decade. Venessa will have 10 minutes to discuss how we can assist the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council have safer sidewalks in the community.

c. The VNNC to feature Nathan Wolfstein in it's ongoing "Distinguished Speaker Series." The Gentleman will address the Council for 10 minutes, with a question and answer session to follow up the speech. The VNNC will also take 5 minutes to brain storm with the Gentleman and come up with four new ways to collaborate with his organization in 2018.

d. The VNNC to discuss and debate the following Council File from the Los Angeles City Council. The VNNC to take an official formal position on the following Council File. The VNNC to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on this Council File. ACTION ITEM. Council File 13-0192, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the formulation of a multiple-provider carshare fixed-space and point-to-point carshare permit program. Passed 13 to 0 at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

e. The VNNC to discuss and debate the following Council File from the Los Angeles City Council. The VNNC to take an official formal position on the following Council File. The VNNC to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on this Council File. ACTION ITEM. Council File 16-1178, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to the Los Angeles Regional Initiative for Social Enterprise (LA:RISE) Expansion Pilot Program combining rapid re-housing and transitional social enterprise jobs for homeless individuals in the San Fernando Valley and South Los Angeles Regions. Passed 13 to 0 at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

f. The VNNC to discuss and debate the following Council File from the Los Angeles City Council. The VNNC to take an official formal position on the following Council File. The VNNC to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on this Council File. ACTION ITEM. Council File 16-1178-S1, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to authorizing the Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) to access \$1,000,000 of earmarked Unappropriated Balance (UB) funds from the 2017-18 Adopted Budget for implementation of the Los Angeles Regional Initiative for Social Enterprise (LA:RISE) 3.0 Program. Passed 12 to 0 at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

g. The VNNC to discuss and debate the following Council File from the Los Angeles City Council. The VNNC to take an official formal position on the following Council File. The VNNC to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on this Council File. ACTION ITEM. Council File 18-0087, BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to determining the extent of errors in the calculation and allocation of sales tax throughout the City of Los Angeles, and options for remedies. Passed 12 to 0 at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

h. The VNNC to discuss and debate the following Council File from the Los Angeles City Council.



The VNNC to take an official formal position on the following Council File. The VNNC to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on this Council File. ACTION ITEM. Council File 18-0044, HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the use of Parking Lot 5, at the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument (El Pueblo), for temporary use as emergency shelter for those experiencing homelessness. Passed 12 to 0 at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

i. The VNNC to discuss and debate the following Council File from the Los Angeles City Council. The VNNC to take an official formal position on the following Council File. The VNNC to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on this Council File. ACTION ITEM. Council File 09-0969, CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF EXEMPTION, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending Sections 19.00 through 19.10 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to update fees for applications and appeals for planning approvals. Passed 12 to 0 at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

j. The VNNC to discuss and debate the following Council File from the Los Angeles City Council. The VNNC to take an official formal position on the following Council File. The VNNC to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on this Council File. ACTION ITEM. Council File 17-1438, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant. Passed 12 to 0 at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

k. The VNNC to discuss and debate the following Council File from the Los Angeles City Council. The VNNC to take an official formal position on the following Council File. The VNNC to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on this Council File. ACTION ITEM. Council File 18-0002-S8, RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position regarding the Department of Justice's (DOJ) proposal to include a citizenship question on the 2020 Census questionnaire. Passed 12 to 0 at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

l. The VNNC to discuss and debate the following Council File from the Los Angeles City Council. The VNNC to take an official formal position on the following Council File. The VNNC to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on this Council File. ACTION ITEM. Council File 17-1105-S1, MOTION (ENGLANDER - BUSCAINO) relative to approval of funding instructions to facilitate the purchase of maritime response equipment to be used by first responders in the event of a terrorist incident. Passed 12 to 0 at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

m. The VNNC to discuss and debate the following Council File from the Los Angeles City Council. The VNNC to take an official formal position on the following Council File. The VNNC to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on this Council File. ACTION ITEM. Council File 18-0128, Focus Towards Developing Successful Local Business Practices and Opportunities/Local Business Preference Program/Business Inclusion Program: Introduced on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, and referred to the Ad Hoc on Comprehensive Job Creation Plan Committee.

n. The VNNC to discuss and debate the following Council File from the Los Angeles City Council. The VNNC to take an official formal position on the following Council File. The VNNC to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on this Council File. ACTION ITEM. Council File 18-0127, Task Force on 21st Century Policing/Guiding Principles on Use of Force/Obama Administration Introduced on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, and referred to the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform.

o. The VNNC to discuss and debate the following Council File from the Los Angeles City Council. The VNNC to take an official formal position on the following Council File. The VNNC to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) on this Council File. ACTION ITEM. Council File 17-0878-S4, RecycLA Program/Exit Exclusive Waste Franchise/NonFunctioning Program Introduced on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, and referred to the Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee.

p. The VNNC to officially declare and vote on the membership of the standing committees. The VNNC to formally decide the responsibilities of the committees, and the normal meeting times of our committees. The VNNC to turn over to City Hall and DONE the membership list of the committees. The VNNC to adhere to all requirements from City Hall in regards to the need for committee information and membership requirements. The VNNC to also brief Committee Chairpersons on what to do and when, and how in regards to the Ralph M. Brown Act. ACTION ITEM.

q. The VNNC to fill the vacant council seat left by Marcela Rodriguez moving to the United Arab Emirates. The VNNC to continue to have 21 councilmembers and have a full serving board. The VNNC to represent the community in every way shape and form by having all 21 councilmembers be actively involved in the neighborhood happenings.

r. The VNNC to take a moment of silence to reflect on it's greatness. The VNNC to discuss and debate on how difficult it was to become #1 in the City of Los Angeles, and how coming together as a people and a community has benefited the local area. The VNNC to set the NEW STANDARD of greatness in the City of Los Angeles. The VNNC to behold it's own greatness, if just for a moment, then get back to work representing the people. The VNNC to make sure and ensure that "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from this Earth." ACTION ITEM.

9. 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)

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10. Announcements

11. Adjournment

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

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

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VERONICA MARIN, TREASURER

JOSEF LAZAVORITZ, PARLIAMENTARIAN

Location: 6240 Sylmar Street, 2nd floor Community Room

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

△ 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)

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

△ 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) JOSEF LAZAROVITZ

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)

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

VERONICA MARIN, CHAIRWOMAN

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (CANDIDO MAREZ, HERBERT THOMPSON, MARIA SKELTON, JENNIFER HUGHES (STAKEHOLDER)) JOSEF LAZAROVITZ

Location: TBD

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

△ 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 ) JOSEF LAZAROVITZ

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

△ 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

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

MARIA SKELTON, CHAIRWOMAN, 818-385-5665

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE -- (CANDIDO MAREZ, HOWARD BENJAMIN, RICHARD HOPP, JOSEF LAZAROVITZ)



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