



# Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

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General Board Meeting Agenda  
June 13, 2018  
7:00PM – 9:00PM

Marvin Braude Constituent Center  
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1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America and Roll Call
2. Officer’s Report
  - A. President’s Report- Update of website and communications.
  - B. Vice President’s Report
  - C. Secretary’s Report May minutes
  - D. Treasurer’s Report MERS
3. Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies
4. Committee Reports
  - A. Executive
  - B. Budget and Finance
  - C. Outreach
  - D. Planning Land Use Management
  - E. Public Health and Safety
  - F. Government Relations and Bylaws
  - G. Parks and Recreation
  - H. Special Committee of Policy and Education
5. Consent Calendar
  - A. Discussion and possible action to appoint Marlin Medrano as third alternate signer.
  - B. Discussion and possible actions to approve Ad HOC Committee for Emergency Preparedness Summit.
  - C. Discussion and possible action to appoint Glenn Epstein to the at-large vacant seat.
  - D. The VNNC to discuss the details of the pride festival with possible sponsorship. The VNNC to host a booth at the fair with Councilmembers attending throughout the day staffing the booth. The VNNC to continue supporting all people in the community. Mark your calendars it's time for the 4th Annual Valley Pride event. We will once again be hosting Valley Pride at the Van Nuys Civic Center. Join us as we celebrate

and highlight family love and acceptance of our LGBTQIA+ community. We will have food and entertainment, but more importantly we will be bringing resources to help support the LGBTQIA+ community and their loved ones. I truly hope that you will join us for this wonderful event as we make the San Fernando Valley a place of true acceptance, love and pride. #valleypride #LGBTpride #family #chosenfamily

- E. The VNNC to take an official position on council file # 18-0420. The VNNC to seek funding from City Hall to create the Marilyn Monroe Business Improvement District. The BID to run along Van Nuys Blvd., and to create a better business culture. The BID to help local businesses prepare for the light rail coming into the SF Valley. The Marilyn Monroe BID to correlate with the Marilyn Monroe Post Office to highlight the history of the community. As the City's Business Improvement District (BID) program continues to evolve, there is a need to update the implementing legislation to sustain and enhance the program. Currently, funds in the BID Trust Fund are allowed to be used exclusively for assessments and for BID formation activities. While funds have been traditionally used for personnel support for the program (Schedule 29 of the City's Budget), auditing of BIDs, systems development of BID related tracking activities, travel to BID conferences and other activities that directly support the development and contract compliance of the BID programs, are not permitted uses of these funds. In order to continue to use the funds in the BID Trust Fund for BID enhancement activities such as, but not limited to, personnel support, systems upgrades, outreach, training and best practices implementation, an ordinance change is required in order to meet the needs of this program. I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request that the City Attorney work with the City Clerk to draft and present to the Council, no later than June 1, 2018, an ordinance amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code Division 5, Chapter 91, Section 5.490 to expand the purpose of the "Business Improvement District Trust Fund" to allow for funds to be used for personnel support of the BID program, auditing of BIDs, and other activities that directly support the BID program. I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be granted authorization to make any technical amendments needed to effectuate the intent of this motion. **Letter of support language:** Dear Congressman Tony Cardenas, On behalf of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council, and as the Council President & Honorary Mayor of Van Nuys, it is my privilege to write in support of your legislation to name the U.S. Post Office at 6531 Van Nuys Boulevard after Marilyn Monroe. Having the "Marilyn Monroe Post Office" named for the late actress and entertainment icon, a former Van Nuys resident and alumnus of Van Nuys High School, would give a great asset to our community. Marilyn Monroe's connection to Van Nuys is significant. She lived in the community with her aunt in the 1940s, during which time she attended Van Nuys High School. Monroe later said this was the happiest time in her life. Given that her childhood was famously turbulent, the fact that Monroe found such stability and happiness in Van Nuys should be promoted as a source of pride for the community, and especially for current and former students of Van Nuys High School. Naming the local post office after such an icon will not only honor the life of this internationally beloved former community member, it will also bring awareness to the rich Hollywood history of Van Nuys. Since the inception of this idea in 2012, the proposal to name the Post Office for Marilyn Monroe has been roundly well received by local government officials, business owners and residents alike. It has the full support of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council as well as numerous elected officials. Members of the public attending a Van Nuys Neighborhood Council meeting at which the idea was discussed seemed to be mostly in favor of the proposal. The Los Angeles Daily News, The Huffington Post and other publications have covered the proposed naming. According to the Congressional Research Service, Federal rules say post offices can only be named for an individual who has been dead for at least 10 years, except for deceased presidents and postmasters general. Monroe died in 1962, so this rule will not impede the naming. Thank you for your consideration to this matter. I look forward to helping pass this legislation

through Congress, and getting it over to the White House for the President's signature.

- F. The Van Nuys Council to take an official position on Council File # 18-0002-s28 [View files here](#). The VNNC to help the public begin to understand that just like physical illness, a mental illness is a medical condition. And in recognition of mental illness being something similar to physical illness, there should be no stigma associated in getting medical help for people suffering from this condition. Moreover, altercations and so called criminal activity that takes place during a mental episode (5150) while under psychiatric care should be referred to a special mental court, and not a criminal court. Additionally, a conservator should be appointed to deal with any pending court cases, as to not disturb a sick individual during an ongoing recuperation and the mental healing process.
- G. The VNNC to take an official position on Council File # 15-0002-s178. [View file here](#). The VNNC to support state and federal legislation stating that community college and acquiring an Associate of Arts (AA) degree should be free to all Americans. Moreover, the VNNC to support free trade schools for all those willing to be trained for a trade job. Additionally, the VNNC to look into and support making college and paying for it a complete tax write off.
- H. The VNNC to take an official position on Council File # 18-0467. [View file here](#). The VNNC to support the language in the motion, as well as proposing several reforms of our own. The VNNC to suggest all funding and bylaw amendments be considered on a quarterly basis. The VNNC to include additional changes to the policy and implementation of policy at DONE.
- I. The VNNC to take an official position on Council File # 17-0726. [View file here](#). The VNNC to support ALL programs that help the youth of our community stay on the right track. The VNNC to continue to help at risk youth stay out of gangs and the lure of criminal activity. The VNNC to support funding for after school programs, including chess, golf and music.
- J. The VNNC to take an official position on council file # 13-0011-s39. [View file here](#). The VNNC to work with Nury Martinez and CD6 staff to create the "Natalie Wood Government Center Garden." The VNNC to beautify the entire Government Center. Each VNNC member to pick one type of tree and one type of flowering bush to plant at the Government Center. The VNNC to seek such partnerships with CD6 on a regular basis.
- K. The VNNC to take an official position on council file # 10-0993. [View file here](#). The VNNC to request the entire Government Center be declared a "Historical District." The VNNC is proud to have a City Hall built by the WPA and FDR before WW II. The VNNC to seek to highlight the history of Van Nuys, and improve government functions at the Government Center.
- L. Approval of: Support Letter for Conditional Use Permit for an existing 2,826 s/f restaurant (Chipotle Mexican Grill) with 52 interior seats and a 350 s/f covered patio with 20 additional seats located at 5600 Van Nuys Blvd. (ZA-2018-2062-CUB). Requesting the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption with proposed hours of 9:00 am – 11:00 pm daily in the C2-1VL zone. Applicant: Valerie Sacks of Liquorlicense.com. Planning Dept: TBD. Letter of support language: Re: Case Number ZA-2018-2062-CUB Dear City Planner, In

recognition of the efforts and request by Chipotle Mexican Grill and reflecting the action taken by the Neighborhood Council on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 where Council support (*vote count*) was provided for the renewal of the Conditional Use Permit for the existing restaurant located at 5600 Van Nuys Blvd, Van Nuys, resulting in dispensing of beer and margaritas for on-site consumption with expanded hours of 9:00 am – 11:00 pm daily, we respectfully offer this letter of support. Chipotle Mexican Grill restaurant is a quality neighborhood stakeholder offering convenient, fine Mexican food and beverages for Van Nuys residents and neighboring communities. We sincerely believe Chipotle Mexican Grill will continue to be a beneficial partner in the Van Nuys community.

- M. Approval of: Support Letter for proposed merger of two lots and re-subdivision into one lot located at 15400 and 15350 Sherman Way. (CPC-2018-1470-ZC). Requesting zone change from (Q) P-1VL, (Q) C2-1VL and C2-1VL to (Q) C2-1VL. Applicant: Jerome Julian of Julian-Julian Associates. Zoning Dept: Lucy Martinez. Letter of support language: Re: Case Number CPC-2018-1470-ZC Dear Ms. Martinez, In recognition of the efforts and request by Julian-Julian Associates and reflecting the action taken by the Neighborhood Council on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 where Council support (*vote count*) was provided for the merger of two lots into one lot located at 15400 and 15350 Sherman Way., Van Nuys, we respectfully offer this letter of support. The Julian-Julian Associates project reflects our commitment to sensible economic growth within the community. We believe the Julian-Julian Associates merger and zone change will encourage future development at the site.
- N. Approval of: Support Letter for proposed demolition of the existing El Cortez Motel located at 5746 Sepulveda Blvd (CPC-2013-3554-ZC-HD-ZV-CU-ZAA-PA1) and the development of a new 74 Unit Hotel. Applicant: Heather Waldstein of Rosenheim & Associates, Inc. Planning Dept: Lillian Rubio. Letter of support language: Re: Case Number CPC-2013-3554-ZC-HD-ZV-CU-ZAA-PA1 Dear Ms. Rubio, In recognition of the efforts and request by The El Cortez Hotel (represented by Heather Waldstein of Rosenheim & Associates, Inc.) and reflecting the action taken by the Neighborhood Council on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 where Council support (*vote count*) was provided for the demolition of the existing hotel located at 5746 Sepulveda Blvd, Van Nuys, and the development of a new hotel with 74 rooms, we respectfully offer this letter of support. The El Cortez Hotel has been a long-term neighborhood stakeholder of Van Nuys. We believe the new El Cortez Hotel represents a substantial improvement to the Van Nuys community.
- O. Discussion and possible action to adopt the Rules of the Los Angeles City Council as best practices. [View file here.](#)

#### New Business

- A. The VNNC to pay for the professional services of facilitator, Terrence Gomes of Bridgegap. The VNNC to consider retaining the services of Mr. Gomes for future projects and items that come up in the future. The VNNC to thank Mr. Gomes for his dedication to the community and Van Nuys. (NTE \$2500)
- B. To Review and approve All Right Storage Rent Increase of \$180.00 beginning on June 15 2018.
- C. Presentation by Laila Aleqresh, Executive Advisor, Office of CAO to share how the City manages

its infrastructure programs (streets/mobility/cleanliness, etc.) to identify areas for improvement, increase service delivery and enhance customer service for our constituents. As part of this research, I conducted an Alliance tour last year to gather direct constituent feedback on current service delivery and promised to share the results with NCs.20 minutes with 10 minutes with Q&A

- D. Discussion and possible action on CF 17-1311 to create a CIS based on the results of the, "State of Street Related Infrastructure Programs in Los Angeles." The report details recommendations to improve Los Angeles' street-related infrastructure and associated programs. Link to full report: [View file here.](#)
  - E. Review and Discuss Problem logging in to the Neighborhood Council System Dashboard. Issues i.e. Producing Future MER's and uploading BOC's
  - F. The VNNC to take an official position on Council File # 17-0078. [View file here.](#) The VNNC to create a "Citizens on Patrol" sub-section of the LAPD. The VNNC to work concurrently with Councilwoman Nury Martinez, and the program she helped create in the West SFV. The VNNC to work with the LAPD to reduce crime and end gangs in Van Nuys.
- 6. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within the Board's Jurisdiction (up to two minutes per speaker)
  - 7. Board Member Comment on Non-Agenda Items
  - 8. Adjournment

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