



Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

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Special General Board Meeting Agenda

August 15, 2018
7:00PM – 9:00PM

NOTE LOCATION

California State Building Auditorium
6150 Van Nuys Blvd.
Van Nuys, CA 91401

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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
 - B. Vice President’s Report
 - C. Secretary’s Report Discussion and possible action of May, June, and July 2018 General Board Meeting minutes.
 - D. Treasurer’s Report MERS- Discussion and possible action to approve the MERS for the VNNC March- July 2018.
3. Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies (two minute per office due to agenda.)
4. Consent Calendar
 - A. Discussion and possible action to actively support the Van Nuys Arts Festival at the end of September. The VNNC to partner with Nury Martinez and CD6 staff to execute a well-planned event. The VNNC to participate in art contest with the winner being selected to work with a famous artist to do a mural near Van Nuys City Hall.
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action: The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council (VNNC) to submit a letter of support to Paul Koretz Right to Counsel Program CF# CF 18-0610. The VNNC recognizes the rising numbers of renters faced with eviction. The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council supports the Tenants Right to Counsel Program proposed by Councilmember Paul Koretz. A Community Impact Statement in support to be approved by the general board.

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TENANTS RIGHT TO COUNSEL PROGRAM / COUNCIL FILE 18-0610

The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council supports the Tenants Right to Counsel Program proposed by Councilmember Paul Koretz, and seconded by Council President Herb Wesson.

With the 2018 Los Angeles Homeless Count showing nearly 10,000 people experiencing homelessness for the first time, it can be reasonably concluded that the combined impacts of evictions and rental housing unaffordability are contributing substantially to the homelessness crisis in Los Angeles. Many of those receiving eviction notices were among the approximately 30,000 L.A. renters who received Unlawful Detainers (final evictions notices) in 2017.

Many tenants who have been served an eviction notice to terminate tenancy have limited access to legal representation. This program serves to provide apartment renters faced with eviction or landlord harassment with legal assistance they might not otherwise be able to obtain. The proposal calls for City staff to develop recommendations on developing the Tenants Right to Counsel program including prospective costs and funding sources and report back to the City Council within 120 days.

A Right to Counsel Law was approved by voters in San Francisco in June 2018, and New York City adopted such a law in 2017. The City of Los Angeles should act to provide the right to counsel as soon as possible for the 60% plus of its residents who are renters.

- C. Discussion and possible action to support Housing and Homelessness Town hall taking place in Van Nuys on September 9th. We support a community discussion event to hear about groups and activists working locally to implement tangible solutions to address homelessness while also lobbying for increased local, state, and federal support for these services.
- D. Discussion and possible motion to include in the Standing Rules: "All Directors shall regularly attend their assigned committee meetings and all Special Meetings and General Board Meetings. Any Director who misses three (3) unexcused, consecutive meetings in any six (6) month period will be considered to have tendered their resignation and the Secretary will give notice that the position is vacant and the By-laws Section 6: Vacancies will be followed. All committees, standing and ad hoc shall take meeting minutes of their committee meetings and will include roll call. All meeting minutes shall be posted one week after the Brown Act scheduled meeting. After two times of the Chair not posting their committee's meeting minutes with roll call included, the Executive Board will convene an inquiry as to why the minutes had not been posted and confer with the City Attorney as to possible actions up to and including replacement of the Chair.
- E. Discussion and possible action to officially plan to partner and collaborate with all levels of government at least once but hopefully four times in FY 18-19. Partnerships shall be counted as continued sponsorship of events, co-sponsoring events, or community clean ups. VNNC to set the bar exceedingly high and create goal of 30 community partnerships this government year.
- F. Discussion and possible action to amend the standing rules to schedule Councilmembers to set up and breakdown the VNNC equipment and meeting room before and after each meeting.
- G. Discussion and possible action to confirm Jeanette Hopp and Glen Epstein as the two VNNC Budget Representatives for the FY 2018-2019.
- H. Discussion and possible action to have the PLUM committee create an overall principles guideline that incorporate the goals, strategies, action steps, and their detailed tasks for

planning that can be used by the VNNC.

- I. Discussion and possible action to reimburse George Christopher Thomas \$150.00 for personally funding the "Taste of Van Nuys" for the month of July. As is prescient, the Executive Committee shall decide on the restaurant being featured the week before the general meeting. NTE \$150.00
 - J. Discussion and possible action to approve the NPG request for the Emergency Preparedness Fair sent by Southern California Preparedness Foundation up to \$250 on September 29, 2018.
5. Presentation: Enrique Velasquez in the "Distinguished Speaker Series" Mr. Velasquez in the Field Coordinator for the EveryoneinLA Campaign serving the San Fernando Valley. The campaign serves to focus on ending homelessness across Los Angeles County by providing critical services to those who need it the most and helping transition people experiencing long-term homelessness with short term and permanent housing solutions.
 6. Presentation by Councilmember Hendry on what a "poet laureate" is and the requirements to have a person fill the role. Discussion and possible action to create a motion based on the presentation by Councilmember Hendry.
 7. Presentation by Councilmember Glenn Epstein on the reimaged river to connect and serve the diverse communities of Los Angeles County and the Update on the Orange Line Transit Neighborhood Plan.
 8. Discussion and possible action to appoint one person to attend in collaboration with Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office, EmpowerLA will host Civic U: Resilient Los Angeles on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm, at Ronald F. Deaton Auditorium, located at 100 W 1st St, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Los Angeles is part of 100 Resilient Cities, <https://www.100resilientcities.org>, a worldwide effort pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation (100RC) that is dedicated to helping cities around the world become more resilient to the physical, social, and economic challenges that are a growing part of the 21st century.
 9. Discussion and possible action to officially set time, date, and location of Bi-Annual Retreat to come up with new and different ways to engage the community. The VNNC to set aside a few hours for training of Committee Chairs in agenda formation and posting requirements. The VNNC to create a master document checklist for ALL Committee Chairs to better facilitate functions.
 10. Discussion and possible action to amend the standing rules and officially create four additional standing committees. The VNNC to make permanent the Special Committee on Policy & Education (SCOPE) as an official standing committee. The VNNC to make permanent the Legislative Information Committee (LIC) as an official standing committee. The VNNC to additionally create a permanent Transportation Committee as well as a permanent Beautification Committee.
 11. Discussion and possible action to officially appoint ONE Chairperson for the current standing committees. The VNNC to discuss and debate any contested election for Chair of any of the committees. The VNNC to hold next leadership and Committee Chair elections in July 2019, as per the By-laws.
 - A. Executive-President per By-laws
 - B. Budget and Finance- Treasurer per By-laws
 - C. Outreach- candidate Maria Skelton
 - D. Planning Land Use Management- candidates: Steve Friedmann and Richard Hopp

- E. Public Health and Safety-
- F. Government Relations and By-laws- candidate Richard Hopp
- G. Parks and Recreation- candidate Mike Brown
- H. Education-
- I. Special Committee of Policy and Education–

If the following committees are created by the Board in Item 9:

- J. Transportation Committee- candidate Jason Ackerman
- K. Beautification- candidate Veronica Marin

12. Celebration of the City of Los Angeles' 237th Birthday which is September 4. Mr. Hendry to recite a poem for the occasion in honor of the City of Angels.
13. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within the Board's Jurisdiction
14. Board Member Comment on Non-Agenda Items
15. Adjournment

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