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NOTICE AND AGENDA

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting

February 25, 2019 (Monday)

6:00pm-7:30pm

Van Nuys Police Station Community Room
6240 Sylmar Ave Van Nuys, 91401



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ON ALL ITEMS POSTED ON THIS AGENDA.

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1. Call To Order & Determination of Quorum. (2 Minutes)

Members: Marlin Medrano (Co-Chair), Josef Lazarovitz (Co-Chair), Jason Ackerman, Kathy Schreiner

2. Comments from the Committee Chairs and Discussion of Committee Member Rolls(3 Minutes)

2.1. Designation of Committee Secretary

2.2. Designation of Time Keeper

3. New Business: (33 Minutes)

3.1. LAPD Introduction (10 minutes)

The Committee to welcome Officer Michael Perez who will give an overview of how we can work together and provide a community report.

3.2. Rail Safety in Van Nuys (10 Minutes)

The Committee to welcome Tracy Berge (or another representative) from Metrolink to speak about local awareness, concerns, and discuss Rail Safety in Van Nuys.

3.3. Community Townhall (10 Minutes)

The Committee to host a community event and decide on necessary details below. The purpose will be to raise awareness of how to maximize the Neighborhood Council, provide information of local programs and services, and request community feedback and engagement. Location: Marvin Braude Constituent Center - 6262 Van Nuys Blvd. Van Nuys, CA 91401

Proposed Date: *To be determined during discussion and confirm availability of location*

Proposed Budget: *To be determined during discussion and submitted to Budget and Finance Committee*

Action Item: *Point Person?*

3.4. CIS on Climate Emergency (10 minutes)

The Committee recognizes the serious dangers of climate change and to discuss the support of File No. 18-0054(<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=18-0054>). The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council urges the City of Los Angeles to declare a Climate Emergency which would call to accelerate its carbon-free goal from 2050 to 2025 as set out in the Climate Emergency Mobilization Department council file. (Please find the CIS attached)

Action Item: *Point Person?*

3.5. Call for the District Attorney's Office to Clear/Reschedule Records of Cannabis Charges (10 minutes)

The VNNC to File an (RFA) Request for Action calling on District Attorney Jackie Lacey to follow the lead of the District Attorneys of San Francisco and San Diego and have the DA's Office expunge all prior low-level marijuana-based offenses going back no less than 40 years and to review all other marijuana-related felonies to determine if they should be retroactively reduced to misdemeanors

(<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/31/us/california-marijuana-san-francisco.html>). The War on Drugs has disproportionately negatively impacted low income and/or communities of color like Van Nuys, and the VNNC finds the current expungement petition process to be woefully under-publicized and far too costly in terms of time and/or money in its current form and so, fails to meet the restorative justice aims of the law.

The VNNC further requests a report back from the DA's Office no less than ninety (90) days from receipt of the approved version of this motion, on what steps are being taken by the DA's Office to comply with this request and what additional steps an/ or resources would be required to achieve this goal.

Action Item: Jason Ackerman

3.6. Van Nuys Blvd Rail Project(s) Improvements (10 minutes)

The VNNC supports Sepulveda Pass Option HRT-1 and demands that the East Valley Rapid Transit Corridor be built with grade-separated 6-car platforms or be turned back into a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) with dedicated bus lanes and protected bike lanes to create a complete street along Van Nuys Blvd from Ventura Blvd to San Fernando Road. The newly proposed Extension of the Sepulveda Pass Corridor up to the Van Nuys Metrolink Station would give Van Nuys the subway connection to the Westside, eventually LAX, and potentially up to San Fernando, as well as virtually all the neighborhoods up and down Van Nuys Blvd, the subway they want, without having to repeat the failure of speed and safety inherent to at-grade Light-Rail-Transit (LRT) like the Metro Blue Line. If the funds cannot be found to grade-separate the East-Valley Rapid Transit Corridor, the VNNC calls on the Offices of State Senators Hertzberg and Stern, as well as Assembly Members Nazarian, Gabriel, Rivas, and C. Smith to pull all SB-1 funds from the East Valley Rapid Transit Corridor and redirect said funds to the Sepulveda Pass Project.

Action Item: Jason Ackerman

4. Public Comment (on matters within the VNNC Board's Jurisdiction NOT but Not on this Agenda) (up to 10 minutes)

Speaker Cards: 2 minutes per speaker

5. Committee Member Comments For items Not on The Agenda

6. Adjournment (7:30pm)

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Proposed CIS on File No. 18-0054

Whereas the UN's IPCC Report, which aggregated more than 8,000 climate studies, gives the world one year to reach a peak in carbon emissions, and twelve years to halve them,

Whereas the IPCC states that consequences of failure are apocalyptic: tens of millions of displaced people, widespread crop failures, and economic chaos,

Whereas even the IPCC's "best case scenario", an increase of 1.5 degrees Celsius, is disastrous,

Whereas the IPCC report is actually too optimistic, failing to take into account certain feedback loops,

Whereas the fires that destroyed hundreds of homes and killed dozens of people this year in California are previews of what the next decade will look like,

And whereas Los Angeles's current commitment is 100% carbon-free energy by 2050, by which time the crisis will be irreversible,

The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council urges Los Angeles to recognize that we are out of time. Climate Change is here.

The VNNC calls upon the City of Los Angeles to declare a Climate Emergency, as London, Berkeley, Richmond, and Oakland have done.

In support of the new Los Angeles Climate Emergency Mobilization Department, the VNNC calls upon the City of Los Angeles to accelerate its carbon-free goal from 2050 to 2025, as set out in the Climate Emergency Mobilization Department council file.