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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council



General Council Meeting Agenda Wednesday, March 13th, 2019 7:00pm – 10:00pm

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1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America and Roll Call
2. Officer’s Reports, Elected Officials Reports, Committee Chair Reports & Other Reports
 - a. President’s Report
 - i. Update on our ongoing relationships with other levels of government.
 - ii. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to formally elect a new interim Parliamentarian. The VNNC to also grant a formal Leave of Absence (LOA) for current Parliamentarian Josef Lazarovitz. The VNNC also let it be known that the Parliamentarian is also a voting member of the Executive Committee and will be required to attend the Executive Committee meetings.
 - iii. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to consider any and all applications to fill the two remaining vacant seats. Applicants Sandy Logan & Ashley Martinez have their application in, and will be considered for the two positions. <https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Neighborhood-Council-Candidate-Filing-Form-Van-Nuys-NC.pdf>

- iv. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to formally elect an Education Committee Chairperson. The VNNC to consider combining the Education Committee and the Historical Preservation Committee. All Councilmembers will and shall be considered for this Chairpersonship.
 - v. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC is officially requesting a report from Council District 6 and the Planning Deputy/Chief of Staff on the ongoing decline of open businesses on Van Nuys BLVD. north of the Government Center. The VNNC would like to know the status of the retail leases at the Government Center.
 - b. Vice President's Report
 - i. The Vice President (VP) will update the Council on the status of the committees, and how often they meet. The VP will also address the direction of the committee agendas, and what we are accomplishing.
 - c. Secretary's Report
 - i. Discussion and possible action to approve the February General Board Meeting minutes.
 - ii. Discussion and possible action to approve all outstanding General Board Meeting minutes.
 - d. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Discussion and possible action to approve the VNNC's December, January & February Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERS).
 - ii. Discussion and possible action to approve all outstanding MERS.
- 3. Consent Calendar-(All items on the Consent Calendar have passed through TWO Brown Act Certified Official Meetings of the VNNC Committees and are eligible for the fast track for consideration and passage.)
 - a. Discussion and possible action to announce that Jessica Romo is applying with Strength United for an intersection mural as part of the LADOT People Street Program. People Street is an application-based program that transforms public streets into places that people can meet and gather. Official report from Strength United on pending LADOT People Street Cycle Application for an intersection mural at Vesper & Calvert.
 - b. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to support making Election Day in November a National Holiday. Moreover, the VNNC to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) & Call to Action (CTA) requesting Indigenous People's Day be moved to Election Day, as to not incur any additional cost of having a new National Holiday. (Council File #18-0002-s47)
http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2018/18-0002-s47_reso_04-18-2018.pdf

- c. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to request the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors have one meeting every other month at Van Nuys City Hall. The VNNC to support bringing county government to the San Fernando Valley so our constituents can have better access to their elected officials. The VNNC to work with Herb Wesson's office to schedule use of the Van Nuys City Hall for the Board of Supervisors. Ideally, the BOS meeting would be the first Friday of every other month, just like the Los Angeles City Council does it in successive concurrent alternating months. Moreover, the VNNC to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) & Call to Action (CTA) requesting this action be supported by LACC and other governments. (Council File #19-0002-s14)
(http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0002-s14_reso_01-23-2019.pdf)
- d. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to support bringing back video conferencing to the Van Nuys City Hall. The VNNC to seek funds to help bring back this special public comment tool, so our constituents can communicate with their elected officials. Additionally, the VNNC to support using video conferencing to help out the LAPD and LAFD. Moreover, the VNNC to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) & Call to Action (CTA) requesting video conferencing is fully funded and implemented by 2020. (Council File #09-0350)
(http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2009/09-0350_mot_2-13-09.pdf)
- e. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to insure that their website is 508 ADA Compliant. NTE \$1300.00
- f. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to approve the 2019 VNNC inventory checklist.
- g. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to sponsor the 11th annual Senior Symposium & Job Fair on Saturday, May 18th, 2019 at ONEgeneration Senior Enrichment Center NTE: \$750.00
- h. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to make sure every government building at the Civic Center is ADA compliant. Additionally, the VNNC to seek to help all the levels of government at the Civic Center that are not ADA compliant. The VNNC to consult with and contact the General Services Department (GSD) to verify all city buildings in Van Nuys are ADA compliant.
- i. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to establish Barley as an official Grain of Van Nuys.
- j. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to purchase all of the councilmember branded items for every councilmember: name badge, name plate, shirts, jackets, business cards, and everything that members received prior to 2018. NTE \$2500
- k. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to begin reaching out to our community partners in Van Nuys. In doing so, the VNNC to create the new "Non-profit Organization of The Month" series. Each month, a new non-profit will be invited to come and introduce themselves before the council. In doing so, the

VNNC can evaluate their paperwork and what they are doing for Van Nuys, and ultimately decide to assist and fund them.

- l. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to make it their aim and goal to make sure everyone in our council district has health care. Moreover, the VNNC to work with Valley College, California State university Northridge (CSUN) and Pierce College to establish the first “Teacher’s Hospital” in the San Fernando Valley. This teaching hospital will educate the generations to come that choose the medical profession as their vocation. This will also ensure the people of Van Nuys and the San Fernando Valley have access to quality low cost private health care.
- m. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to highlight the history of Van Nuys by making Amsterdam in The Netherlands our official “Sister City.” In accordance with policy and procedure, the VNNC to work with City Hall staff to streamline the timeframe of action and expediate paperwork. The VNNC recognizes that Isaac Newton Van Nuys came from a little Dutch town called Van Nuis, and this was a northernly suburb of Amsterdam. Additionally, the VNNC to plan a trip and send a delegation to Amsterdam to meet the Mayor and Councilmembers of that fine city. Moreover, the VNNC to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) & Call To Action (CTA) requesting this action take place, and Amsterdam is the official sister city of Van Nuys. (Council File #13-1707) (http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1707_mot_12-18-13.pdf)
- n. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to support the proposed CUB to allow the upgrade of an existing Type 20 “Beer & Wine Only” License to Type 21 “Beer, Wine & Spirits” for off-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 8,400 sf supermarket (Vallarta Supermarket) with the hours of operation 7:00 am to 11:00 pm daily located at 13715 Vanowen St in Van Nuys (ZA-2018-7420). Applicant is requesting the transfer of an existing Type 21 License from a neighboring Liquor Store which ceased operations. Resulting in no net increase of licenses in the neighborhood. Applicant: Angelina Gonzales of Zevada Enterprises, Inc. Planning Dept Contact: TBD
- o. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to support the proposed new construction of 4-unit townhome small sub-division located at 14824 Delano Street in Van Nuys. Applicant: Gary Zaryan & Mike Zaryan. Planning Dept Contact: TBD
- p. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to support CF18-0054 (<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=18-0054>) and 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: Medrano.*
- q. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to file an (RFA) Request for Action To CMs Ryu, Martinez, Kerkorian, Supervisor Kuehl’s Office and the District Attorney’s Office 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 and/or dismissal of 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 City Council and/or Supervisorial Offices listed above on behalf of 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 and/ or resources would be required to achieve this goal.

- r. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to appropriate \$1000 annually for each standing committee's activities. This funding will only be available and eligible for Committees if they have had an official Ralph M. Brown Act certified committee meeting in the first quarter of 2019. All expenditures must be approved by the Board before spending funds. If a committee wants a meeting supply box for their committee, the cost of the supply box will come out of the \$1000.00 allocation. NTE \$10,000
4. VNNC Speaker Series: Joel Horowitz (Van Nuys stakeholder) on sub-metering proposal pertaining to legislative action directed at the LADWP to allow for sub-metering of ADU's. (Accessory Dwelling Units). Water conservation and equitable distribution of cost should be a priority of the LADWP as Los Angeles promotes the construction and addition of Accessory Dwelling Units to address the housing shortage facing the City. Joel is seeking support from the VNNC and assistance in presenting his proposal to a City Councilmember (possibly the Office of Nury Martinez) who will help get it to committee for possible action.
5. Discussion and possible action for the VNNC to support the passage of Liam's Law. The VNNC to lobby and write a letter in support of Assembly Bill 1713, and to publicly thank Assemblywoman Burke for introducing this legislation. The VNNC to officially go on record in support of AB1713, and to do whatever we can to make this bill become law. Moreover, the VNNC to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) & Call To Action (CTA) requesting the State Legislature expedite this through committee and onto the floor for a final vote. (Council File #16-0855) (http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2016/16-0855_mot_08-03-2016.pdf) (California Assembly Bill 1713)
6. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within the Board's Jurisdiction (up to two minutes per speaker)
7. Adjournment

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