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## Van Nuys Neighborhood Council



### General Board Meeting Agenda Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 – Discussion on the administrative tasks of council leadership, and how much easier it would be to have an office in Van Nuys City Hall to handle day to day items that need to be addressed in the course of running a government.
  - b. Vice President’s Report – The Vice President 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 (Motion to approve March Minutes)
    - i. Discussion and possible action to approve all pending other General Board Meeting Minutes.
  - d. Treasurer’s Report (Motion to approve March’s Monthly Expenditure Report)
    - i. Discussion and possible action to approve the other MER’s for all pending months.
3. Consent Calendar – (The terms consent agenda and consent calendar are interchangeable terms. A consent agenda is a board meeting practice that groups routine business and reports into one agenda item. The consent agenda can be approved in one

action, rather than filing motions on each item separately. Using a consent agenda can save boards anywhere from a few minutes to several hours.)

- a. 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](http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2016/16-0855_mot_08-03-2016.pdf)) ([California Assembly Bill 1713](#))
  - b. The VNNC to request all pending reimbursements be submitted to the clerk's office for payment. (George Thomas for printing in December & February, Jeanette Hopp for printing etc) All reimbursements will be submitted to Terrence Gomes to help out and assist with red tape and in navigating the powers that be at City Hall.
4. Discussion of current items for action at the April VNNC General Board Meeting.
- a. The VNNC to host and welcome Los Angeles City Councilman David Ryu to participate and headline our award winning "Distinguished Speaker Series." Councilman Ryu to speak for 15 minutes then do 15 minutes of Q & A. The Councilman will also present awards to the VNNC for being the #1 Council in Los Angeles for Community Impact Statements (CIS). Group picture to follow with certificates.
  - b. The 4th Annual Independence Day Hiring Spree -- East San Fernando Valley's Largest Community Hiring Event on June 13, 2019 at the Zev Yaroslavsky Family Support Center is seeking Partnership with Van Nuys Neighborhood Council. More than 1000 job seekers and 70 employers are expected, and we want this to be the best Job Fair/Hiring event for any community in Southern California. The VNNC to also partner with Supervisor Sheila Kheul. (The 501c3 is Friends of LACOE) NTE \$750 Item as amended in committee -- **ADDITIONAL STIPULATION ON THIS MONEY BEING APPROVED IS THAT ALL OF THE \$750 GOES TO FEEDING THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE JOB FAIR, AND THAT THE VNNC HAS OFFICIALLY EARMARKED THIS MONEY FOR THAT SOLE PURPOSE. NTE \$750**
  - c. The Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti to make a presentation about the bridge housing and how it will work in Van Nuys. The Mayor's Office to work in conjunction with the VNNC to start addressing the issue of homelessness and future steps we can take as the local government. Presentation by Mayor Eric Garcetti and/or Tanaz Golshan. (10 minute presentation with 5 additional minutes for questions and answers, NTE 15 minutes.)
  - d. **DIGITAL AD SIGNS ON TOP OF TAXIS, UBER AND LYFT CARS --** Community Impact Statement CF 19-0104 -- The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council supports the motion offered on 1-29-19 by Council Members Blumenfield and Harris Dawson. We too oppose the incursion of an entirely new form of digital advertising onto our streets. These so-called "Firefly" signs are dangerous, ugly, distracting, and even may be illegal under the California Vehicle Code. Our visual environment is already burdened enough with the clutter of advertising, and these signs will take rotating digital ads into every neighborhood of the city, including residential neighborhoods where they have never been before. The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood council wants to nip this harmful activity in the bud before it spreads

any further. MOTION: Send CIS supporting CF 19-0104

([http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0104\\_mot\\_01-29-2019.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0104_mot_01-29-2019.pdf))

- e. The VNNC to work with the Budget Advocates and Jay Handal to file 31 Community Impact Statements in regards to all their recommendations and to address every department. Moreover the VNNC to follow up with department heads to get a real time briefing on if these recommendations were implemented from last year and how likely they will be addressed this fiscal year.  
(<http://ncbala.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/White-Paper-2019-Final.pdf>)  
Council File # 19-0600 ([http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0600\\_mot\\_03-22-2019.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-0600_mot_03-22-2019.pdf))
- f. The VNNC to start planning the June 2019 retreat. The VNNC to receive the results of the elections and start to train any new councilmembers. Moreover, the VNNC to also host training sessions for all old and returning councilmembers so everyone is up to date and on the same page as we go into the June General Council Meeting. Retreat to be at the Hilton Suites, the same place we usually have our retreats. NTE \$1000
- g. MOTION--Ask BONC to discuss "boundary change". To move western boundary 200 feet W from center 405 Freeway to crest of Sepulveda Dam between Burbank Bl and Victory Bl. New line confirms natural view shed formed when Sepulveda Dam built in 1940. No residents or businesses affected. Crest of Sepulveda Dam marks a "view shed"--and area along 405 freeway is a half mile by 200' to grow wildflowers. The Sepulveda Dam crest is 750' from Van Nuys NC residents---but 5000' from Lake Balboa NC residents The Sepulveda Dam crest is one of Barley's most unique underdeveloped half-more level hiking path. No residents or businesses in area. A "board member inquiry" for "clarification" from BONC has been "held" for 65 days. Board member's inquiry verbally as follows at council meeting.
- h. MOTION -- For the "THIRD INDIGENOUS PEOPLE DAY in LOS ANGELES, " VNNC asks that Councilman O'Farrell sponsor motion to "sign" the "indigenous villages" found in LOS ANGELES CITY proper. "Yangna" was the village--at current CITY HALL--and can be "marked" either at Olvera St or City Hall. "Cahuenga" and "Tujunga" can be marked in the San Fernando Valley. "Topanga", a name associated with the Valley, derives from a village at Topanga Canyon/Pacific Coast Highway. COUNCIL MEMBER OFARRELL CLAIMS INDIGENOUS HERITAGE--SPONSOR OF CITY's "INDIGENOUS PEOPLE DAY" MOTION DERIVES FROM COPY OF MAP CREATED BY TONGVA TRIBAL COUNCIL. HENDRY HAS COPY.
- i. The VNNC to oppose the changing of the name of the Coliseum. Changing the name of LA Memorial Coliseum in its 93rd year so USC can make \$60 million in cash is disappointing. CIS Language to follow. Councilman John Hendry.

5. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items within the Board's Jurisdiction (up to two minutes per speaker)
6. General Comment for Van Nuys Neighborhood Councilmembers. (Up to 10 minutes per Councilmember)
7. Adjournment

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