

Statement from the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council stands against racism. We are here in solidarity using our collective voices of the 99 Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils to make a call for action to demand our leaders in office to make immediate changes within the current law enforcement system. We use our position to take a stand for human and civil rights, understanding that we are the problem and we are a part of this systematic injustice if we do not use our voices. We demand change and accountability by motioning to defund all activities by the LAPD that do not explicitly support activities that guard and protect the communities they serve. As citizens, we demand a review and evaluation of all instances in which the LAPD are trained, directed, and empowered to use force while interacting with our communities. We stand for Justice. We stand for Peace. We will not be silent.

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We further insist that any settlements for police misconduct must come out of the LAPD Budget and/or the LAPD Pension fund, rather than the LA City General Fund.