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1. Roll call, Pledge of Allegiance.

QUORUM CALL—(13) PRESENT—President Woolf, VP Browning, Treasurer Marin (late), Secretary Hendry, Parliamentarian Ackerman, Marks (provisional, may resign), Febre, Thatch, Schreiner, Edelman, Camera, Mercado, Correa. (2) ABSENT—Martinez, Padden.

QUORUM—PROCEED TO AGENDA.

2. Opening comments by President. Light meeting—more a “candidates’ debate”.
3. Executive reports.
  - a. President.
  - b. Vice President—Five new candidates for open seats—will be posted for September.
  - c. Treasurer—Came later—did not offer report
  - d. Secretary—PLUM meeting forthcoming—3 liquor licenses.
  - e. Parliamentarian—no report.
4. Public comment Candido Marea on “working with LAPD Valley area Chief Rodriguez, R. Hopp on DONE’s admonishing VNNC for “too many special meetings”, Donna Pearman on awkwardness of ZOOM.
5. Budget Advocate Report—Jeannette Hopp. Not present—no report.
6. Reports from local government officials (or their representatives).
  - a. Councilman Krekorian (Morgan Sutton) 818-984-7052, the BRIDGE homeless shelter across from the Yaroslavsky County welfare center opening.
  - b. Congressman Cardenas (Lea Gonzalez). Working on legislation re free Covid 19 testing, a free COVID-19 site at Osborne Neighborhood Church, M`F 9-4 (213) 248 0373 —also 1.4 million have not gotten their “stimulus checks” with Oct 15 deadline—contact Lea Gonzalez,(818) 388 0226 -OR— [lea.gonzalez@mail.house.gov](mailto:lea.gonzalez@mail.house.gov)
  - c. Councilperson Martinez (Yvonne Perez). Opening Aetna BRIDGE housing unit—first intake August 14. Pop-up Covid 19 testing available throughout the district—contact Council office.
  - d. Kelly Gones—LAUSD member—Every LAUSD student has access to laptop, and a “hotspot” at start of Fall Semester. A 2-day “special open” so that a detailed “orientation” re Covid-19 issues will occur. LAUSD has major “school lunch program” through the “school closed period”—You can go to VAN NUYS SENIOR HIGH, or FULTON PREPARATORY from 8-30 am—11 am. CONTACT at “[kelly@laschools.org](mailto:kelly@laschools.org)”.
  - e. Carolyn Menjivar, Mayor’s East Valley rep. US Census is very important—Gov’t cut one month off of Census count—to September 30, Projections are that actual East Valley census count is 40% lower than actual count.

More “pop up” Covid test sites—Central Lutheran Church, Aug 25-26 at Pacoima’s ‘Garden Public Housing’. Testing hours may be limited from 8 am to 2 pm rest of summer.

  - e. Councilman David Ryu (Alice Roth). A program for pandemic called “Jewish Free Loan” for any CD 4 resident. Contact ‘[alice.roth@lacity.org](mailto:alice.roth@lacity.org)’ or “[david.ryu@lacity.org](mailto:david.ryu@lacity.org)”,
  - 5f. Public comment to “local officials report”. Candido Marez suggests that if US Senator Kamala Harris is elected Vice President of the United States, the California Secretary of State Alex Padilla, of Pacoima ought to be appointed to her term. -

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7, (November 2020 Candidates Invited as) Speakers, FOR

"29th District, US Congress from California.

Ground rules—10 minutes statement—5 minutes for Q and A

Angelica Duenas—spoke 10 minutes—a President, Sun Valley NC, "[angelica4congress.com](http://angelica4congress.com)" Rep. Tony

Cardenas—no representative—no presentation

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8. (November 2020 Candidates invited as) Speakers.

FOR "California State Assembly Seat #46". (Incumbent Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian spoke in July as "elected representative, newsmaker". Ms. Lanira Murphy is offered "equal time". Ground rules—10 minutes for statement—5 minutes for Q-and-A.

Lanira Murphy—spoke 10 minutes. Treasurer of Neighborhood Council's "Budget Advocates".

Assembly member Adrin Nazarian spoke in July as "elected representative, newsmaker."

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9. Discussion and possible approval of outstanding Monthly Expenditure Reports.

a. April 2020 MER offered by Treasurer. Receipts ought to be included- in Agenda—and for Secretary.

Motion to approve April MER (Edelman/Ackerman). Vote 9 AYE, 2 NO, 2 ABSTAIN. MER approved.

Secretary sent MER as a BAC to Treasurer with vote totals.

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9b. May 2020 MER offered by Treasurer. Receipts ought to be included for Agenda and Secretary.

Motion to approve. (Febre/Edelman), Vote 11 AYE, 1 NO, 1 ABSTAIN. MER approved.

Secretary sent MER as a BAC to Treasurer with vote totals,

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10. Discussion, possible approval of outstanding General Board Minutes.

Several sets of "Minutes" displayed on the ZOOM screen—reviewed for "typographical errors"—no complaints as to "subject matter".

Motion to vote—: Outstanding "Minutes" all as one package. (Edelman/Febre) (pending "Spell check"). VOTE—By acclamation.

11. Adjournment.

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Respectfully submitted:

John Hendry  
Secretary  
Van Nuys Neighborhood Council  
August 14, 2020

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