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## Van Nuys Neighborhood Council



## Van Nuys Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2023  
7:00PM

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**1. Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Reports from Government officials: (2 min each, except for guest speaker)**

- a. LAPD Van Nuys Division - <https://vnnc.org/resource/>
- b. **Guest Speaker: City Council Member Nithya Raman**  
Council District 4 – Ryan Ahari [ryan.ahari@lacity.org](mailto:ryan.ahari@lacity.org) 213-473-7004
- c. Council District 6 – Sophia Soudani (818) 778 4999 [sophia.soudani@lacity.org](mailto:sophia.soudani@lacity.org)
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- e. California Congressional District 29 - Osvaldo Ramirez [osvaldo.ramirez@mail.house.gov](mailto:osvaldo.ramirez@mail.house.gov)
- f. LA County Probation Department – Mel Bailey [mel.bailey@probation.lacounty.gov](mailto:mel.bailey@probation.lacounty.gov)
- g. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) - Lorenzo Briceno  
[lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org](mailto:lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org) (213) 978-1551
- h. Office of the City Clerk, Election Division, Neighborhood Council Elections – Paola Posada will provide important election information for the 2023 NC Election cycle to the board and stakeholders.
- i. Mayor’s office (Karen Bass) –
- j. Los Angeles County 3rd District (Lindsay Horvath) –
- k. Assembly District 46 (Jesse Gabriel) – Alberto Vargas [alberto.vargas@asm.ca.gov](mailto:alberto.vargas@asm.ca.gov)  
818-346-4521
- l. Senate District 20 (Caroline Menjivar) -
- m. Budget Advocate – Myrra Bolla
- n. Parks and Recreation Department - Thomas Ortiz (Facility Director, Van Nuys Rec Center) and Oscar Cardenas (Facility Director, Delano Rec Center)
- o. LAUSD Board District 3
- p. LAUSD Board District 6

**3. Executive Reports**

- a. President (tentative date for a Board retreat in February)
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Parliamentarian

**4. Presentation and Q&A regarding Metro/East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Project – Jesse Leon and Annette Cortez.**

**5. Information about participating in the Homeless Count in the SFV on January 24<sup>th</sup> – Suju Vijayan**

## 6. Consent agenda

- a. Approve December 14<sup>th</sup> General Board Meeting minutes

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/VNNC-12-14-22-Minutes-with-Budget-Summary.pdf>

## 7. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 min per stakeholder) A stakeholder who wishes to provide public comment may indicate to the Chair before providing public comment whether they wish to provide one minute or two minutes of public comment.

## 8. Financial Items and Budget Update

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the VNNC November MER.

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/VNNC-Nov-2022-MER.pdf>

## 9. Update and possible action regarding VNNC participation with other Neighborhood Councils in a joint candidate forum for the CD6 City Council Special Election and to utilize the event to promote recruitment of candidates for the VNNC Board Member election in June 2023.

- a. The CD 6 Candidate Forum will be hosted by VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils). Each participating NC will be responsible for an individual table where NC representatives can share information about the upcoming election for seats on their NC (e.g., information regarding schedule of dates, seats candidates can run for, and other related information).
- b. The event will be hybrid – both in-person and via live stream. The date will be Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Tentative time is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (depending on the number of candidates who participate). Space is being provided at no charge by the Osborne Neighborhood Church, 13051 Osborne St. in Arleta in their community room. The church will provide streaming services.
- c. Invitations have been extended by VANC to all potential candidates. So far 6 have accepted the invitation.
- d. A common digital format for a “flyer” will be provided to each NC. The NC can customize the flyer with the name of their NC. It is requested that each NC post information about the candidate forum to their social media accounts.
- e. Water will be provided. Each NC has the option to provide snacks or drinks at their table. NCs will provide their own recruitment materials. **The Executive voted to recommend that the VNNC approve \$200 from the Elections budget line item to be spent on food, drinks, and recruitment materials.**
- f. A neutral moderator will be chosen by VANC. NCs can submit written questions for candidates through February 16<sup>th</sup>.

NOTE: A list of candidates who have filed to run in the CD 6 Special Election can be found at: <https://ethics.lacity.org/elections/>

**10. Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on VNNC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Suju Vijayan.** Discussion and possible action on recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee.

**11. Discussion and possible action to begin review of VNNC committees and leadership.**

Some committee no longer have chairs and/or do not meet the minimum of three VNNC members (needed for a quorum).

<https://vnn.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/VNNC-Committee-membership-as-of-01.03.23.pdf>

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve appointment of Myrra Bolla as Chair of the Government Affairs and Bylaws Committee (replacing Lillian Macias, who has resigned from the VNNC).
- b. Review current list of Committees, Chairs, and Members and correct any errors.
- c. Ask for volunteers who would be interested in filling vacant committee member seats.
- d. Introduce a discussion that will be held at the Board retreat regarding identifying committees with high priority tasks that need to be accomplished by June 2023 and ensuring that those committees have adequate membership. Will also discuss at retreat how frequently committees need to meet. (ByLaws require meeting at least quarterly.)

**12. Executive Committee approved proposals from John Hendry to document elements of Van Nuys history.** Completed draft writing projects will be shared with the VNNC Board for feedback.

- a. Photo and story about the Van Nuys Christmas parade in the 1950s to be posted to the vnn.org website.
- b. Photo and story about 100 missing angel figures that used to be on Van Nuys Blvd to be posted to the vnn.org website..
- c. Addition of 40 unique “Van Nuys in 1911-1930” photos to be posted to the vnn.org website with captions written by Hendry.
- d. Authorize Hendry to ask UCLA Graduate Research Library to let him review the Whitley “garage papers” of pioneer Van Nuys. For possible display in Van Nuys.
- e. Ask Hendry to share with VNNC the letter sent to Secretary Hendry by City GSA discussing VNNC use of the Braude Center for a “Van Nuys history wall” and ask Hendry to recommend what actions are needed.

**13. Adjournment**

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I will encourage other points of view, even when they differ from my own.  
I will respect, value, and consider everyone's opinion.  
I will find the good in my neighborhood and praise it and promote it.  
To my neighbors, and to neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles, I pledge to do this to the best of my ability.

