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## Van Nuys Neighborhood Council



### Van Nuys Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 14, 2023  
7:00PM

Conference room of the  
Marvin Braude Constituents  
Building, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd,  
Van Nuys, CA 91401

(SE corner of Van Nuys Blvd. and  
Sylvan St.)



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Public comment is limited to a maximum of 2 minutes per speaker per item with a maximum of 10 minutes total per meeting, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

**Speakers shall limit their comments to matters relevant to the item on the agenda. The Chair may rule that the speaker is out of order if the comments are not germane to the item under consideration. Speakers shall direct their comments to the Board (not to an individual).**

## 1. Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance

## 2. Reports from Government officials: (2 min each)

- a. LAPD Van Nuys Division - <https://vnnc.org/resource/>
- b. Council District 2 –Cairo Rodríguez [cairo.rodriquez@lacity.org](mailto:cairo.rodriquez@lacity.org) 818-755-7676
- c. Council District 4 – Ryan Ahari [ryan.ahari@lacity.org](mailto:ryan.ahari@lacity.org) 213-473-7004
- d. Council District 6 – Jonah Glickman [jonah.glickman@lacity.org](mailto:jonah.glickman@lacity.org)
- e. LA Metro – Ron Macias, report on the G Line (Orange) Improvements Project  
[MaciasR@metro.net](mailto:MaciasR@metro.net) 213.792.6893
- f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) - Lorenzo Briceno  
[lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org](mailto:lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org) (213) 978-1551
- g. Mayor’s office – Michelle Vergara [michelle.vergara@lacity.org](mailto:michelle.vergara@lacity.org) (213) 400-9816
- h. Los Angeles County 3rd District (Lindsay Horvath) –
- i. Assembly District 46 (Jesse Gabriel) – Alberto Vargas [alberto.vargas@asm.ca.gov](mailto:alberto.vargas@asm.ca.gov)  
818-346-4521
- j. Senate District 20 (Caroline Menjivar) -- Brandon Gonzalez
- k. California Congressional District 29 - Osvaldo Ramirez [osvaldo.ramirez@mail.house.gov](mailto:osvaldo.ramirez@mail.house.gov)
- l. LA County Probation Department – Mel Bailey [mel.bailey@probation.lacounty.gov](mailto:mel.bailey@probation.lacounty.gov)

## 3. \*\*\*\*7:30 pm. One-hour Conversation with CD 6 Candidates:

### Marissa Alcaarez and Imelda Padilla

- a. Candidate Opening Remarks.
- b. Candidates will provide 2 minute responses to questions that been have submitted in writing – including questions from VNNC Boardmembers and questions from Stakeholders.
- c. Candidate Closing Remarks.
- d. Public comments.

## 4. Executive Reports

- a. President
  - ✓ Status of SB 411 (Portantino) regarding allowing Neighborhood Councils to have a choice to hold virtual meetings and link to recorded June 7<sup>th</sup> Zoom conversation with State Senator Portantino, sponsored by Empower LA:  
  
*From Thomas Soong of DONE: Here is last night's recording for the [SB411 Info Session w/Senator Portantino](#). This recording, the attached PowerPoint, and the "How a Bill Becomes a Law" document will be loaded on our [workshops page](#) shortly.*
  - ✓ LANCC (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition) is developing a proposed “Bill of Rights” for Neighborhood Councils and is seeking input. See Attachment A.

- ✓ Virtual Budget Day on June 17<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by the Budget Advocates.
- ✓ VNNC participation in Juneteenth event on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at Woodley Park.
- ✓ Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan Community Meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Mid-Valley YMCA.

- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Parliamentarian

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of April 12<sup>th</sup> General Board Meeting minutes  
[https://vnnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/VNNC\\_GBM\\_Draft\\_Minutes\\_04122023\\_Rev.pdf](https://vnnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/VNNC_GBM_Draft_Minutes_04122023_Rev.pdf)
- b. Approval of May 10<sup>th</sup> General Board Meeting minutes  
[https://vnnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/VNNC\\_GBM\\_Draft\\_Minutes\\_05102023\\_Rev.pdf](https://vnnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/VNNC_GBM_Draft_Minutes_05102023_Rev.pdf)

6. 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.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the April MER and the May MER.  
<https://vnnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/VNNC-MER-April-2023.pdf>

8. Discussion about whether to hold committee meetings in locations other than the Braude Center, including identification of possible locations and requirements to reserve each location.

9. Discussion of a process for transitioning the Board members who will complete their terms on June 30<sup>th</sup> and welcoming and seating the newly elected and renewing individuals who will join the Board once the election is certified.

10. VNNC Election Activities

a. **Critical Dates for VNNC Election Process**

The VNNC **in-person voting** will take place on **Thursday, June 22, 2023** from 11:00AM to 5:00PM outdoors behind Van Nuys City Hall.

**VBM ballots will be mailed out** on May 18, 2023 and must be returned and postmarked by election day and received no later than July 2, 2023 in order to be counted

- b. Welcome any candidates in attendance who are not currently serving on the Board to each provide a 2 minute self-introduction.

## 11. Adjournment

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### **Neighborhood Council Board Member Oath**

We pledge to represent my neighborhood with dignity, integrity, and pride.  
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.

ATTACHMENT A

From LANCC (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition)

**Declaration of Neighborhood Council Rights**

Whereas, the people of the City of Los Angeles enacted, in the charter of 1999, a system of Neighborhood Councils, whose missions are “to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs” and,

Whereas, in order to fulfill these missions, Neighborhood Councils must be empowered to operate as independently as possible of the City’s officials and agencies and not subject to undue influence or control by those officials and agencies,

Therefore, the Neighborhood Councils of the City of Los Angeles declare:

Neighborhood Councils’ Boardmembers are elected officials of the City of Los Angeles.

The method by which Boardmembers are chosen shall be determined solely by the Bylaws of each Neighborhood Council.

The sole authority to censure, suspend, remove, or otherwise discipline a Boardmember is vested in the Neighborhood Council of which that individual is a Boardmember.

Each Board shall determine the composition of its Bylaws and no other agency or commission of the City, with the exception of Board composition and boundaries of the Neighborhood Council, may alter or amend those Bylaws following initial Council certification and approval by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

No official or agency of the City of Los Angeles may delay or otherwise impede the action of a Neighborhood Council to amend its Bylaws or rules.

Neighborhood Councils shall be meaningfully consulted prior to the appointment of individuals to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners and the appointment of any individual as the general manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

May 28, 2023