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## Van Nuys Neighborhood Council



### Van Nuys Neighborhood Council PLUM Committee Meeting

#### AGENDA

October 17, 2024

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Van Nuys Branch Library  
Community Room  
6250 Sylmar Ave.  
Van Nuys, CA 91401

On the Civic Center Plaza



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Chair of PLUM Committee: Quirino de la Cuesta

Appointed members of PLUM Committee: John Hendry, Kathy Schreiner, Ann Kalb and Cyle Zezotarski

Committee stakeholder members: none

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Comments from the new PLUM Chair
3. Discussion and possible action: **Bringing arts program to Van Nuys.** Utilizing city's art development fees to bring art to the Van Nuys Community and collaborate with the VNNC. A public art proposal to present to be located at the Van Nuys Civic Center. Presenter: Ayndrea Wilson
4. Discussion and possible action: **10 buildings and sites to choose for historical preservation.** The committee will discuss on selecting 10 sites or buildings to designate to historical landmark status for preservation.
5. Discussion: **The Updating South East Valley Community Plans.** Supporting Info: [Website](#)
6. Discussion: **Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)**
7. Discussion & possible action: **Housing Element/CHIP Ordinance discussion.** Discussion in involving the committee to support the draft of the CHIP ordinance. Supporting docs.: [General Info](#), see draft suggestions at page 5.
8. Discussion: **Adding more stakeholders to the PLUM committee.**
9. Committee's planning resources list and topic of discussions (if time allowed):
  - [Orange \(G\) Line Transit Neighborhood Plan](#) (OLTNP) - Long range planning
  - [South East Valley Community Plans Update](#) - Updating regional community plans
  - [New Code](#) - New zoning code for updating community plans
  - [Transit Oriented Community Incentive Program](#) - Housing element program
  - [Transit Demand Management](#) - Mobility and transit tools
  - [Landscape and Site Design Ordinance](#) - design point system program for Pedestrian-First Design, 360 Degree Design and Climate-Adapted Landscape and Site Design - [DRAFT](#)
  - [Al-Fresco Ordinance](#) - Outdoor dining on private property.
  - [Historic Landmark Programs](#) - Historical preservation.
  - [Resident Protection Ordinance](#) - Protections for the City's renters and ensuring that all residents in areas subject to housing redevelopment pressures are better protected citywide

- [Housing Element Sites and Minimum Density Ordinance](#) - Regional housing assessment
- [Mobility Plan 2035](#) - Foundation for achieving a transportation system that balances the needs of all road users
- [Sepulveda Station First and Last Mile Project](#) - Pedestrian-focused and bike/rolling mode-focused (bicycle, scooter, skateboard, etc.) projects that improve safety and access to the Sepulveda Station from the surrounding community
- [Active Transportation Strategic Plan](#) - Metro is improving access for LA County residents to walk, bike or roll to their destinations.
- [Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program \(STAP\)](#) - self-sustaining program that provides shelter, shade, safety, and comfort with amenities that support an increased use of transit and alternative transportation, and the shared use of City sidewalks.
- [Plan for a Healthy LA](#) - Create healthier communities for all Angelenos.
- [Healthy Streets LA](#) - Bike and Pedestrian Infrastructure legislation passed by voters.
- [City Housing Incentive Plan](#) (CHIP) - housing element rezoning program
- [East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor](#) (ESFVTC) - construction updates
- [Sepulveda Transit Corridor](#) - Planning stage
- [Median Greening Project](#) - Creating urban habitat and biodiversity through median greening.
- [Cool Streets LA](#) - Urban Cooling
- [G-Line Improvements Project](#) - Start of Construction in August
- [Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan](#) - Sepulveda Basin vision plan final draft
- [Van Nuys City Property - Council File 22-1485](#) - City council file to research in repurposing 5 city-owned property in Van Nuys, near Van Nuys Civic Center.
- [Urban Forestry](#) (Tree protection) - [Urban forestry report](#).
- [Ruth Bader Ginsburg Memorial](#) - Purposed memorial at Van Nuys Civic Center
- John Hendry's suggestions
- Research retail space for VNNC community meetings and displays
- VNNC Planning Summit Part II announcement

**12.** General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 min per stakeholder)

**13.** Topic of discussion for next meeting.

**14.** Adjournment

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UNITED NEIGHBORS suggested CIS language for Neighborhood Councils

The \_\_\_\_\_ Neighborhood Council supports Draft #3 of the Housing Element/CHIP Ordinance, as presented by the Planning Department, without regard to the Exhibit D “options” that would open up single-family neighborhoods. The Planning Department in its report clearly states that they have found enough zoning to meet the State’s mandate for housing without the need to rezone our single-family areas.

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UNITED NEIGHBORS suggested bullet points for reaching out to City Council Members – especially those who serve on the PLUM Committee

Dear Councilmember,

I am writing to you today in hopes that you will support Draft #3 of the Housing Element/CHIP ordinance that rezones LA without regard to the Exhibit D “options” that would open up single-family neighborhoods. The Planning Department in its report clearly states that they have found enough zoning to meet the State’s mandate for housing without the need to rezone our single-family areas.

Here are some facts to consider.

- The City continues to communicate a misleading message related to R1 single-family zoning stating that R1 is restricting development on 70% of LA’s land. However, when pressed, Planning Department stated clearly on Chapter 4, page 210 of the Housing Element that 35% of the LA land was not developable beyond R1 due to topography or other environmental concerns. This left only 45% of single-family zones, less than half of the city land, developable. And State law allows a duplex and two ADUs on each and every residential property. Single-family zones are contributing to the housing inventory with thousands of ADUs. Single family areas continue to do their part.
- Pro development groups say rezoning single family neighborhoods is a social justice issue. When in fact allowing apartments in single family neighborhoods is an attempt by large land investors/ developers to increase the value of their R1 real estate holdings by deregulating single family neighborhoods to allow more density. Allowing apartments in single-family neighborhoods will not right the wrongs of redlining that prevented people from buying homes. Instead, it keeps more people as renters. People need the opportunity to buy affordable homes so they can build generational wealth. Ending single family zones makes more people renters.
- The Draft has a comprehensive plan for adding housing in all our high resource areas on our commercial corridors. If planned correctly new, vibrant neighborhoods could be created here in each of our communities and new affordable attached single-family homes “for sale” should be included in these developments that abut single family