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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting AGENDA

Van Nuys
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Email: info@vnnc.org
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Wednesday,
September 9, 2026 7:00PM

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

818-357-2446

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

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The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council does not condone disrespectful and/or harmful speech. We apologize in advance to those attending this meeting who may hear such language during any public comment. We are obligated to uphold an individual's right to free speech. However, we want to be clear that all comments made at this meeting must be in the jurisdiction of this body, directed to this body as a whole, and, if made during any time other than General Public Comments, must be specific to an agenda item.

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Stakeholders are asked to respect the timekeeper when you are alerted that your time has expired.

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Board Members are reminded not to cut off, interrupt, or otherwise engage with Stakeholders during their allotted time for public comment.

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).

Stakeholders are welcome to offer comments -- both during General Public Comment and Public Comments on specific agenda items -- but the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council requests that Stakeholders do not disrupt the meeting for other Stakeholders in attendance. We ask that Stakeholders refrain from calling out or participating in behavior that would disrupt the Board Meeting of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council. Stakeholders will be given an initial warning. There may be two additional warnings before the stakeholder is asked to leave the meeting due to disruptions of the meeting.

All public comments must be made into the microphone at the lectern to facilitate the capture of a clear recording of the meeting.

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Reports from LAPD and LAFD

- a. Report from LAPD Van Nuys Division <https://vnnc.org/resource/>
- b. Report from LAFD
- c. Presentation by United Firefighters of Los Angeles related to challenges faced by Fire Department and facts related to Ballot Measure FD.

3. Reports from other Government officials (approximately 2 min each)

- a. Council District 2 – Abkar Kalantarians abkar.kalantarians@lacity.org (213) 951 2191
- b. Council District 4 – Taleen Keuroghlian taleen.keuroghlian@lacity.org
- c. Council District 6 – Paulina Alvarado paulina.alvarado@lacity.org (818) 778-4999
- d. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – John Darnell john.darnell@lacity.org
- e. Mayor's office – Genesis Discus genesis.discus@lacity.org
- f. LAUSD Board District 3, Scott Schmerelson scott.schmerelson@lausd.net
- g. Los Angeles County 3rd District (Lindsay Horvath) – Karen Dominguez KDominguez@bos.lacounty.gov
- h. Assembly District 46 (Jesse Gabriel) – Clarissa Gomez Clarissa.Gomez@asm.ca.gov
- i. Senate District 20 (Caroline Menjivar) – Julia Hernandez Julia.Hernandez@sen.ca.gov
- j. California Congressional District 29 – Cynthia Becerra Cynthia.Becerra@email.house.gov (818) 253-3535
- k. Other government agency representatives

4. **Metro Project Updates**
 - a. Metro staff: Construction updates regarding the ESFV Light Rail transit project – Raymond Acevedo AcevedoRa@metro.net
 - b. Metro staff: Construction updates regarding construction in Van Nuys related to G Line Improvements – Jessica Legaspi LegaspiJ@metro.net
5. **Budget Advocate Report (Pam Bingham)**
6. **Discussion with CSUN Professors** and Students from the Department of Urban Studies and Planning. Students will make a presentation to introduce the project related to a study of Van Nuys and provide meeting attendees with an overview of their goals and planned activities for the study. Professor Mintesnot Woldeamanuel (PhD).
7. **Follow-up on 8/12 discussion of Van Nuys Airport (VNY) Proposed Zone Change.** (Limit discussion to 10 minutes.) Link to Planning Case: <https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/Search/casenumbr/CPC-2026-2843-ZC> (Click on “Initial Submittal Documents” in box on top right to see documents submitted by VNY.) NOTE: Case is “on hold” with Planning, awaiting amendments and environmental study.
 - a. Would like to know from VNY whether the "land swap" will result in an increase of jet traffic in and out of VNY (since we do not want our community and other areas close to VNY to experience any significant increase in noise and air pollution associated with jet takeoffs and landings). Will this issue be addressed as part of the environmental assessment? We think it is reasonable to ask for an estimate of how the rezoning would impact jet traffic.
 - b. Would like to know more from Fume Fighters United VNY representative about concerns of residents of “the pocket” on the west side of Hayvenhurst.
 - c. Identify additional information Board Members would like to request before any further discussion.
8. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – maximum of 2 min per stakeholder (Note that topics discussed must be within the jurisdiction of the VNNC.)
9. **Board Officer Reports**
 - a. President
 - (1) Status of Board Members completing new Financial Training – completion needed in order to vote at this meeting.
 - (2) Received notice on Wednesday, September 2 about the amount of rollover funds the VNNC will receive: \$8,776.60 (see notice on p. 7)
 - (3) On Saturday, August 22, the VNNC tabled at Firefighters appreciation breakfast. Thanks to Carrie Prince and Quirino de la Cuesta for helping.
 - (4) Potential tabling opportunities in October for Halloween-related events at GALS Charter School, Van Nuys Recreation Center, Delano Recreation Center, and CHAMPS High School “Beastfest.”
 - (5) Potential Board vacancies.

- (6) A printed copy of VNNC General Board Meeting agendas and linked files can be reviewed in a reference notebook that is located at the Van Nuys Branch Library.
- (7) For information on upcoming local events and activities, look under the Events list on the right side of the homepage of the vnnc.org website and on the calendar.
- b. Other Officer Reports

10. Budget and Finance Committee items that require a roll call vote.

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the July MER.
https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/VNNC_MER_July2026.pdf

Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$25,000.00	\$403.79	\$24,596.21	\$1,097.14	\$0.00	\$23,499.07

- b. Discussion and possible action to approve a reimbursement to VNNC President Kathy Schreiner for \$96.80 for out-of-pocket charges relating to FedEx printing of Agenda Materials for the VNNC General Board Meeting on July 8.

11. PLUM Committee Action Item and Report.

- a. Discussion and possible action for the Board to approve sending a letter of support to the City Planning Department regarding Case No. **CPC-2019-5750-ZC-HD-SPR** for the proposed construction of a new 98,458 square-foot self-storage warehouse facility and the associated Height District change from M3-1 to M3-2D, allowing a floor area ratio of 2.46:1. The proposed facility will operate Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 6: p.m. See draft Letter of Support on pages 8-9.
- b. Discussion and possible action for the Board to approve sending a letter of support to the City Planning Department regarding **Case No. DIR-2026-2049-CLQ**, the Clarification of “Q” Condition No. 1 of Ordinance No. 142778, to allow the change from a parking area to a playground area for the new location of LaShon Academy Valley Charter School at 6725 Kester Avenue, and to request consideration of native trees, native plants, and a designated biodiversity area as part of the proposed playground improvements. See draft Letter of Support on pages 10-11
- c. Report on attending 6/25 City Planning Commission public hearing regarding the OLTNP (Orange Line Transit Network Plan).

12. Outreach Committee Items requiring roll call vote

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve purchase of 300 cardboard hand fans with VNNC auto logo for a price not to exceed \$400.
- b. Social media posting.

13. Planning for VNNC Election May 1, 2027.

Discussion and possible action on reconsidering the first and second choices for the location of the in-person election:

- Polling Location 1st choice: Van Nuys Public Library/Community Room
- Polling Location 2nd choice: Van Nuys Recreation Center, 14301 Vanowen

14. Discussion and possible action to appoint Quirino de la Cuesta as the second representative of the VNNC on the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (LANCSA).

15. Discussion and possible action to appoint Pam Bingham as the second Homeless Liaison of the VNNC.

16. Announcements and identification of topics Board members would like to discuss at a future meeting.

17. Adjournment.

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Neighborhood Council Board Member Oath

I 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.



Office of the City Clerk
Administrative Services Division
Neighborhood Council Funding Program

Date: August 31, 2026
To: Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
Subject: Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 Final Expenditure Analysis

Dear Van Nuys NC:

This Office has conducted a reconciliation of your funding account for Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026:

Annual Budget	\$	2 5,000.00	
Add: Adjustments including rollover	\$	9,964.87	\$ 34,964.87
Less: Total Expenditures for FY 25 - 26	\$	2 4,397.14	
Outstanding Checks	\$	1,791.13	
	\$	-	
Accruals			\$ (26,188.27)
Net Cash			\$ 8,776.60
BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR ROLLOVER	\$	8,776.60	

Should you have any questions or need more information, please contact us at 213-978-1058.

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Los Angeles City Planning Commission
Department of City Planning
200 North Spring Street, Room 272
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Letter of Support for Case No. **CPC-2019-5750-ZC-HD-SPR**
Project: Proposed 98,458 Square-Foot Self-Storage Warehouse Facility at 15005-15009 Oxnard Street
Representative: Sarah Houghton, ThreeSixty

Dear Commissioners:

At a duly noticed public meeting held on [Date], the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council voted to support Case No. **CPC-2019-5750-ZC-HD-SPR** for the proposed construction of a new 98,458 square-foot self-storage warehouse facility and the associated Height District change from M3-1 to M3-2D, allowing a floor area ratio of 2.46:1.

The proposed facility will operate Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council recognizes that the proposed project represents an appropriate use within the existing industrial land use designation and supports the continued economic vitality of the City's industrial areas. Self-storage facilities provide an essential service to residents, small businesses, contractors, entrepreneurs, and property owners who require secure and accessible storage options within the City of Los Angeles.

The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council further finds that:

- The proposed self-storage facility is compatible with the surrounding industrial land use context and represents an appropriate investment in industrially zoned property.
- The requested Height District change from M3-1 to M3-2D and the proposed floor area ratio of 2.46:1 facilitate the efficient utilization of industrial land while supporting contemporary industrial and storage operations.
- The design of the proposed facility will improve the surrounding area by upgrading an underutilized industrial site with a well-organized, contemporary, and context-sensitive industrial building that contributes positively to the visual character and overall functionality of the corridor.
- The project will contribute to local economic development through construction employment, permanent operational jobs, and increased investment within the industrial sector.
- As residential density and economic activity continue to increase throughout Los Angeles, the demand for secure storage facilities for residents and businesses has become an important component of the City's infrastructure and service economy.
- The project supports broader planning objectives by directing growth and investment into designated industrial areas while minimizing potential impacts on residential neighborhoods.

The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council believes that this project represents a reasonable balance between economic development, efficient land utilization, and the provision of services that support the needs of both residents and businesses.

Therefore, the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council respectfully supports the approval of Case No. **CPC-2019-5750-ZC-HD-SPR** and requests that the Los Angeles City Planning Commission approve the requested entitlements.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

Sincerely,

Kathy Schreiner
President
Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

cc:

- Los Angeles Department of City Planning - attn. Maren Gamboa
- Council District #4 - Miles Orr, Planning and Community Development Director
- Sarah Houghton, ThreeSixty

BOARD ACTION:

Vote: Yes: ____ No: ____ Abstain: ____ Absent: ____

Passed on: _____

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LETTER OF SUPPORT
Case No. DIR-2026-2049-CLQ
Ordinance No. 142778

Re: Clarification of "Q" Condition No. 1 to Allow Conversion of Parking Area to Playground Area for new location of Lashon Academy Valley Charter School at 6725 Kester Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91401

Dear Department of City Planning,

The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council (VNNC) is writing in support of Case No. DIR-2026-2049-CLQ, regarding the Clarification of "Q" Condition No. 1 of Ordinance No. 142778 to allow a change from a parking area to a playground area for the new location of Lashon Academy Valley Charter School at 6725 Kester Avenue, Van Nuys.

The proposed conversion of an existing parking area into a playground provides an opportunity to create a more functional and beneficial outdoor space for the school's TK to Grade 8 students. Transforming an existing paved parking area into a dedicated playground can support children's physical activity, recreation, and outdoor learning while improving the overall school environment.

The VNNC also encourages the project applicant to incorporate native trees, plants, and a dedicated biodiversity area into the proposed playground improvements. In particular, the landscape design should

consider replacing or supplementing non-native landscaping with Southern California native and climate-appropriate species.

The VNNC recommends that the project consider:

- Incorporating native and climate-appropriate trees to provide shade and reduce heat associated with the existing paved area.
- Introducing native shrubs, grasses, flowering plants, and ground covers to create a biodiversity area.
- Providing habitat and food sources for native birds, pollinators, and other beneficial wildlife.
- Using drought-tolerant landscaping and water-efficient irrigation.
- Integrating the biodiversity area into the school's educational environment as an outdoor learning opportunity.
- Maximizing opportunities for shade and reducing the urban heat-island effect associated with the existing parking area.
- Avoiding any use of artificial turf.

The conversion of an existing parking area to a playground is an opportunity to replace a predominantly hardscape environment with a space that provides greater recreational, educational, and environmental value. Incorporating native vegetation and biodiversity into the project would further enhance the benefit to the students and surrounding Van Nuys community.

VNNC Board Action

This letter of support was considered by the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Board at its regular Board meeting on[DATE], under Agenda Item [ITEM NUMBER].

Motion: To support Case No. DIR-2026-2049-CLQ, the Clarification of “Q” Condition No. 1 of Ordinance No. 142778, to allow the change from a parking area to a playground area for the new location of Lashon Academy Valley Charter School at 6725 Kester Avenue, and to request consideration of native trees, native plants, and a designated biodiversity area as part of the proposed playground improvements.

Vote:

Yes: [##] | No: [##] | Abstain: [##] | Recused: [##]

Motion passed [unanimously / by a vote of ##-##-##].

The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council respectfully requests that the Department of City Planning and the project applicant consider these recommendations as part of the review and implementation of the proposed playground improvements.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathy Schreiner
President
Van Nuys Neighborhood Council