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**Van Nuys Neighborhood Council**

# Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Special General Board Meeting AGENDA

Tuesday,
November 10, 2026 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. **Actual time for each comment will be recorded in 30 second increments (i.e., 30 sec., 1 min., 90 sec., 2 min.).** 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

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.discua@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. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – maximum of 2 min per stakeholder

7. **Board Officer Reports**
   a. President
      (1) Attended Groundbreaking for Phase 2 of the ESFV Light Rail Transit project on October 19 and Assemblyman Jesse Gabriel's event on October 21 to announce award of $2.5 million in State funding to the MidValley YMCA for renovation of the facility. (Was invited to October 24 event at the Sepulveda Basin to announce $22 million in State funding – but unable to attend due to conflict with Shine LA event at East Valley Animal Shelter.)
      (2) First speed camera in Van Nuys was installed near Victory and Kester.
      (3) See website and social media for details of Metro, Planning, and CD 6 meetings listed as items 10.a through d in the PLUM section of the agenda.
      (4) 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.
      (5) For information on upcoming local events and activities, look under the Events list on the right side of the homepage of the.org website and on the calendar.
   b. Other Officer Reports

8. **Budget and Finance Committee items that require a roll call vote.**
   a. Discussion and possible action to approve the September MER. https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/VNNC_MER_September2026.pdf

| Beginning Balance | Total Spent | Remaining Balance | Outstanding | Commitments | Net Available |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $31,409.66 | $993.23 | $30,416.43 | $1,330.61 | $0.00 | $29,085.82 |

   b. Discussion and possible action to approve and fund an NPG application from Valley Intercommunity Council for up to $2500 to support the distribution of up to 250 home-delivered meals to low-income homebound older adults residing in Van Nuys. (Original request was $5000.) See the following link to view the NPG application. https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Updated-NPG-App_Valley-Intercommunity-Council.pdf

   c. Discussion and possible action to approve contract terms for Fiscal Year 2026/27 with Three Blind Mice, LLC DBA Bridgegap Temporary Staffing and Services Agency to provide minute-taking services for a maximum of $250 per month and administrative services for a maximum of $250 per month. The Scope of Services to be provided will

be as follows:

> **Minute taking**- The scope of service provided by Bridgegap will include reviewing the agenda, creating a minute template, either attending the meeting in person or virtual or create draft minutes from a recording, taking minutes at the meeting, reviewing and editing the draft minutes, providing a finished PDF "draft minutes" document for the Board to approve, making any corrections to the draft minutes voted on by the Board, and providing a final PDF copy of the approved minutes. Bridgegap will also maintain a copy of the finished documents for two years. Rate for Minute taking: $31.15 per hour.
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> **Administrative Services**- The scope of service provided by Bridgegap will include, but not be limited to temporary administrative office support, such as drafting general correspondence and other formal documents, preparing or editing agendas, preparing BACs for signatures and other related administrative support duties. Bridgegap will also maintain a copy of the finished documents for two years. Rate for Administrative Services: $25.47 per hour.

9. **Outreach Committee Items requiring roll call vote**
   a. Discussion and possible action to approve VNNC participation in events in November and December sponsored by Council Offices, local Recreation Centers, and other government organizations (e.g. LAPD) and approval of an amount not to exceed $300 to purchase candy, food items, and promotional materials to be handed out at such meetings and at the VNNC December 9th Board Meeting.
      - Sat., December 19 in the morning – Van Nuys Recreation Center will hold a breakfast for the community. VNNC asked to contribute candy for "goody bags" and volunteers to help serve breakfast.
      - LAPD Toy Collection – individuals can contribute toys.

   b. Discussion and possible action to approve purchase of 300 stickers with VNNC auto logo for a price not to exceed $200.

10. **PLUM Committee Report on current planning issues.**
    a. Discussion and possible action to approve letter to be submitted to Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor staff during Scoping Period (ends Nov. 18), see pages 8-10. Background: Excerpt from website https://www.metro.net/projects/sepulvedacorridor/

> **The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Metro are now holding a scoping period before the formal preparation of an environmental document under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and a Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).**

> **Stakeholders are invited to comment on the project's purpose and need; project elements, including station and maintenance/storage facility locations; and potential environmental impacts.**

In-person Metro meetings regarding Scoping for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. at the Braude Center and Monday, Nov. 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sherman Oaks Adult Center.

b. Meetings regarding updates to the draft SE Community Plan. Virtual meeting held at 5:30 pm on November 10. Other dates for virtual meetings are Monday, Nov. 16 at 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m.
c. Meetings regarding Metro parking management related to the ESFV Light Rail line.

> Parking is an important community concern, and Metro wants to hear from you. Metro hired an independent consultant to study parking conditions along the East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Transit (ESFV LRT) Project corridor. Join Metro and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to learn about potential parking management approaches and share your direct feedback.

Virtual meeting on Thursday, Nov 12 at 6:30 p.m. and in-person meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 5:30 p.m. at Van Nuys Masonic Lodge, 14750 Sherman Way.

d. Van Nuys residents and stakeholders have an opportunity to provide input to CD 6 staff regarding ideas for turning the Van Nuys Civic Center into a park. Meetings will take place at the Braude Center on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 6 pm and Saturday, Nov. 21 at 10 a.m.
e. Had a good meeting with CSUN Urban Planning class project focused on the resilience of Van Nuys at the PLUM Committee meeting on 10/28.

11. **Planning for VNNC Elections – approved for Saturday, May 1, 2027**.
    a. City Clerk staff have been coordinating with the Van Nuys Library, which has agreed to host the VNNC election.
    b. Key dates;
        - Candidate Filing Period begins Thursday, Dec 17 and ends Monday, Feb. 15
        - Release of Certified List of Candidates on Tuesday, March 2.
        - Vote-by-Mail Application Period begins Tuesday, March 2 and ends Monday, April 12.
        - Election Day, Saturday, May 1.
        - Unofficial Results, Thursday, May 6.
        - Official Results, Friday, May 14.
        - New Board Members begin term on July 1.
    c. See page 7 for list of Board Members serving terms ending on June 30, 2027 and other vacant seats that will be open to candidates.
12. **Report from Dalilah Perez-Vigo** on conditions at the East Valley Animal Shelter and opportunities to volunteer.
13. Announcements and identification of topics Board members would like to discuss at a future meeting.
14. 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.

VNNC Board Seats with Terms Ending June 30, 2027

| Board Seat | Current Member |
|---|---|
| Resident Representative Zone 2 | Kathy Schreiner |
| Resident Representative Zone 4 | Ann Kalb |
| At-Large Resident Representative Seat 2 | Dalilah Perez-Vigo |
| At-Large Resident Renter Seat 2 | Carrie Prince |
| At-Large Business Owner or Employee Representative Seat 2 | Pam Bingham |
| Non-Profit Community Organization or Service Club Representative Seat 2 | Ray Mandarino |
| School Representative | VACANT |
| At-Large Representative Seat 1 | VACANT |
| At-Large Representative Seat 3 | Derrick Spears |

**Letter to be submitted to Sepulveda Transit Corridor Scoping Comments** (due November 18), with copies to the Mayor's Office and Council Offices 2, 4, and 6

To: Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor Staff

Subject: Comments related to Scoping for NEPA and RDEIR

The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council supports the following comments prepared by Quirino de la Cuesta, Chair of the VNNC Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee. While the comments address the G Line Improvements Project, we are aware that there will also be station facilities on Van Nuys Blvd. associated with the Sepulveda Transit Corridor. We ask that the following comments be considered during the preparation of the NEPA and RDEIR.

Sincerely,
Kathy Schreiner, President
Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

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Dear Metro Planning and Design Team,

I am writing to express concern regarding the apparent absence of permanent public restrooms and drinking fountains in the design of the Van Nuys G Line Station. As Metro continues developing the G Line Improvements Project, East San Fernando Valley Light Rail Transit Project, and Sepulveda Transit Corridor, these basic public amenities should be integral to the planning of this major regional transportation hub.

The convergence of these three transit corridors will establish Van Nuys as one of the San Fernando Valley's most important multimodal transportation centers, serving commuters, residents, visitors, and passengers transferring between regional transit lines.

**The lack of readily accessible public restrooms in the surrounding station area makes the inclusion of permanent restroom facilities even more critical.** Transit passengers should not be expected to rely on nearby private businesses, many of which restrict restroom access to customers, or travel significant distances to meet basic human needs.

**Public Health, Accessibility, and Transportation Equity**

Public restrooms and drinking fountains are essential public infrastructure, not optional passenger conveniences.

Transit riders may spend considerable time waiting for connections or traveling across the region. The absence of accessible restroom facilities particularly affects seniors, families with young children, individuals with disabilities, people with medical conditions, and transit-dependent passengers.

The limited availability of public restrooms also affects pedestrians, bicyclists, local workers, and visitors to the Van Nuys Civic Center and surrounding commercial district.

Providing these facilities supports public health, sanitation, dignity, and transportation equity. It also helps discourage public urination and improves the cleanliness and livability of the surrounding community.

**Throne Labs as an Interim Solution, Not a Permanent Substitute**

We recognize Metro's existing partnership with **Throne Labs**, which provides self-contained, ADA-accessible public restroom units at transit stations throughout Los Angeles County.

The Throne Labs program offers a practical interim solution because its modular facilities can be deployed without extensive permanent utility infrastructure. These restrooms can provide immediate relief while Metro develops a comprehensive permanent restroom strategy.

We encourage Metro to evaluate the installation of Throne Labs restroom units at the Van Nuys G Line Station as soon as feasible, particularly during ongoing construction and future transit expansion.

However, **Throne Labs facilities should not replace the planning and construction of permanent public restrooms within the future Van Nuys regional transit hub.**

Permanent facilities should be designed to accommodate projected passenger volumes, provide sufficient restroom capacity, include universal accessibility, and incorporate reliable maintenance and security operations.

Given the anticipated scale of the three connecting transit corridors, Metro should plan restroom capacity for long-term passenger demand rather than relying exclusively on individual portable units.

**Drinking Fountains, Climate Resilience, and Sustainability**

The San Fernando Valley regularly experiences extreme summer temperatures, making access to safe drinking water a public health priority.

Permanent drinking fountains and bottle-refilling stations should be incorporated into the station design at convenient locations near passenger waiting and transfer areas.

These facilities would help prevent dehydration and heat-related illness, reduce dependence on single-use plastic bottles, and support Metro's environmental sustainability and climate resilience objectives.

**Coordinated Station Planning and Long-Term Investment**

The Van Nuys transit hub should be planned as an integrated public transportation facility rather than a collection of separate transit stations.

Metro should coordinate the location and operation of public amenities across the G Line, East San Fernando Valley Light Rail, and Sepulveda Transit Corridor projects to ensure convenient passenger access and a consistent standard of service.

The substantial public investment in these projects provides an opportunity to establish a model for high-quality transit-oriented urban design in the San Fernando Valley.

Failing to incorporate permanent restrooms and drinking fountains during station planning could result in higher future retrofit costs and inadequate passenger services for decades.

**Requested Actions**

We respectfully request that Metro:

1. **Prioritize permanent public restrooms** as an essential component of the Van Nuys regional transit hub, with sufficient capacity for projected passenger demand and future expansion.
2. **Evaluate Throne Labs restroom units as an interim measure** to provide immediate public access while permanent facilities are planned and constructed.
3. **Incorporate permanent drinking fountains and bottle-refilling stations** within convenient walking distance of station platforms and transfer areas.
4. **Evaluate the shortage of publicly accessible restrooms in the surrounding Van Nuys Civic Center and commercial district**, including the needs of transit riders, pedestrians, bicyclists, and the general public.
5. **Develop a coordinated station amenity plan** involving all three transit corridor projects, including restroom locations, accessibility, maintenance, safety, security, and operating hours.
6. **Identify capital and operating funding** for permanent restroom facilities, including ongoing cleaning, maintenance, and management.
7. **Provide the community with an update** explaining whether permanent restroom facilities and drinking fountains have been evaluated and how they can be incorporated into the station plans.

**Conclusion**

The future Van Nuys transit hub represents an unprecedented opportunity to reshape mobility and urban development in the San Fernando Valley.

As Van Nuys evolves into a major regional transportation center, its transit infrastructure must reflect more than the efficient movement of passengers. It must also address the fundamental needs of the people and communities it serves.

The existing shortage of accessible public restrooms in the surrounding area further reinforces Metro's responsibility to provide these facilities as part of its investment in public transportation.

While Throne Labs offers a welcome short-term solution, **permanent public restrooms and drinking fountains must remain the long-term objective.** They should be treated as essential components of station design, public health, accessibility, and responsible urban planning.

We urge Metro to address these needs before the opportunity to integrate them into the station design is lost.

Sincerely,

**Quirino de la Cuesta**
Chair, Planning and Land Use Management Committee
Van Nuys Neighborhood Council