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**NOTICE AND AGENDA  
ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD  
COUNCIL  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023  
@ 7 pm**

**Meet and Greet @ 6:30pm**

**Encino Community Center  
4935 Balboa Blvd.  
Encino, CA 91316**

**Public Comment:** Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items is limited to TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker. Time may be adjusted at the Chair's discretion. Public wishing to speak on non-agenda items will fill out a speaker card and turn it in to the Secretary.

The amount of time for public comment on each agenda item is to be determined by the Chair at each meeting. 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. If multiple requests for public comment are submitted on one agenda item, preference will be granted to members of the public who have not spoken previously during the meeting, either during general public comment or on another agenda item.

A member of the public wishing to speak on more than one agenda item at a single meeting shall limit his or her remarks to a total of one minute per item and five (5) minutes per meeting. Members of the public who want to speak on multiple agenda items for up to five (5) minutes at one time can choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items Comment period. When turning in the speaker card, indicate which items you wish to speak on. Otherwise comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Members of the public who choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items period will be given the opportunity to also speak during General Public Comment. Please be aware that time accumulates for any agenda items commented on.

Comments from the public on matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. No individual speaker will be allowed more than two (2) minutes during General Public Comment, unless the presiding officer of the Board decides differently.

### Encino Neighborhood Council Board Members

Joshua Sautter Area 1 Rep	Vacant Area 2 Rep	Vacant Area 3 Rep	Robert Wenger Area 4 Rep	Vacant Area 5 Rep
Laure Stevens Area 6 Rep	Vacant Area 7 Rep	Heather Michaels At-Large Rep	Henry Eshelman At-Large Rep	Alex Garay Apt/Condo Rep
Victoria Miller Business Rep	Kelvin Tolbert Business Rep	Vacant Education Rep	TBD Encino Chamber Rep	Laurie Kelson EPOA Rep
TBD HOME Rep	Glenn Bailey Park/Advocate Environment Rep	Matthew May PLU Rep	Samuel Apikyan Public Safety Rep	Anni Keusseyan Religious Rep
Patricia Bates Volunteer Rep	Vacant Youth Rep			

### Encino Neighborhood Council Alternates

Dana Frances Caruso Area 1 Alt	<b>Vacant</b> Area 2 Alt	<b>Vacant</b> Area 3 Alt	Vacant Area 4 Alt	Vacant Area 5 Alt
<b>Roy Nwaiser</b> Area 6 Alt	Vacant Area 7 Alt	Varant Majorian At-Large Alt 1	Vacant At-Large Alt2	<b>Vacant</b> Apt/Condo Alt
<b>Daniel Kashani</b> Business Alt 1	<b>Vacant</b> Business Alt 2	<b>Vacant</b> Education Alt	Vacant Encino Chamber Alt	Vacant EPOA Alt
TBD HOME Alt	Vacant Park/Advocate Environment Alt	Athena Novak PLU Alt	<b>Vacant</b> Public Safety Alt	<b>Vacant</b> Religious Alt
<b>Vacant</b> Volunteer Alt				

**1. Call to Order. Start recording. Roll call. determination of quorum.**

**Reports from Public Officials/Departments/Community Agencies, not limited to:**

2. **LAPD, Senior Lead Officer Walia, [34024@lapd.online](mailto:34024@lapd.online) (818) 374-7634**  
**Councilmember Nithya Raman: Mehmet Berker, [Mehmet.berker@lacity.org](mailto:Mehmet.berker@lacity.org)**  
**LA Metro – Ron Macias, [maciasr@metro.net](mailto:maciasr@metro.net) (213) 792-6893**  
**Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Dina Andrews [Dina.Andrews@lacity.org](mailto:Dina.Andrews@lacity.org)**  
**Budget Advocates: Glenn Bailey**
3. **Multiple Agenda Items Comment.** Comments by members of the public who wish to speak on multiple agenda items shall be allowed to speak for up to one minute per item up to a total of five (5) minutes per meeting. Members of the public who choose to speak during the Multiple Agenda Items period will be given the opportunity to also speak during General Public Comments. This comment period includes comment on all numbered agenda items including public officials’ reports.
4. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – Public comments on non-agenda items within the ENC’s subject matter jurisdiction is limited to TWO MINUTES (2) per speaker. Time may be adjusted at the Chair’s discretion.
5. Consideration of any applications received for open positions:  
**Applications received: Area 5 Rep, Area 7 Rep, At-Large Alternate, Education Rep**
6. **Seating of Alternates:** The chair will appoint eligible Alternates with affirmation of the board. Discussion and Possible Action. Per the ENC Bylaws (Article V, Section 1D.1): “If at any Board meeting, a Representative who is absent either (a) has no designated Alternate or (b) has an Alternate who is also absent, then the president or presiding officer may, with the approval of a majority of the

members entitled to vote at the meeting, designate an existing Alternate for any other Representative to serve and vote during the meeting in place of the absent Representative. In such an instance, the seat of any absent Representative temporarily becomes an At-Large Seat. **The appointed Alternate must be in good standing with all required training to be eligible.”**

**7. Officer’s Report:**

- A. President’s Report –
- B. Vice-President's Report – Committee Chair Affirmation
- C. Treasurer's Report
  - 1. **Motion to approve the JULY & AUGUST MERs**
- D. Secretary’s Report:
- E. Sergeant-at-Arms Report

**8. NEW BUSINESS - FUNDING:**

- A. ENC Light Sticks** – The ENC will have tables at 2 events in October, the Disaster Preparedness Drill at Encino Park and the Halloween Carnival at Encino Park. In the past we have had glow sticks for both events and have been a huge success. The sticks and quote may be viewed here: [ENC Light Sticks](#). MOTION: The ENC’s Outreach Committee recommends that the ENC approve the purchase of 400 ENC Logo’d Light Sticks from 4Imprint and further approve up to \$800 for the purchase. **Passed: 4 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- B. Halloween Event at Encino Park**– We have been invited to have a table at the Halloween event hosted by RAP at Encino Park on October 28, 2023. We need to budget for give a way items, snacks, waters & a crowd favorite, tangerines! MOTION: The ENC’s Outreach Committee recommends that the board support and approve allocating up to \$500 for refreshments and other ENC materials at the Halloween Carnival on October 28, 2023 at Encino Park. **Passed 4 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A).**
- C. Emergency Prep Drill** - The ENC will have a table at the October 8, 2023 LAFD-hosted Multi-Agency Disaster Preparedness Drill at Encino Park. In addition to distributing literature and promotional items to raise awareness of the Encino NC, we should provide water and prepackaged snacks (including tangerines) at our table, at a cost of up to \$500. **Passed: 4 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- D. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) Participation and Survey.** The LHMP goes through a major update every five years. Mitigation plans must be reviewed and updated, formally approved by federal and state governing bodies, and then formally adopted by the City as part of receiving approval. LA City’s LHMP is due for renewal, the planning process has begun, and it has a requirement for obtaining community input. Too often Neighborhood Councils are disregarded in City planning processes. One way to correct oversight in this situation would be for DONE to re-activate its Resilience Alliance, which has not met since 2018 as a vehicle to loop NCs into this important process. Consider a CIS with this request and consider approving up to \$150 for printing or other outreach cost to promote the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey. **MOTION: The ENC’s Public Safety Committee recommends that the board support an approve filing a statement to DONE requesting activation of the Resilience Alliance and further approve up to \$150 for outreach materials to distribute at events. Passed: 4 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**
- E. Neighborhood Watch Signs** – The ENC has ordered Neighborhood Watch signs in the past and is looking to order more for the community as a community improvement project. Signs had been ordered from My Security Sign...each sign is approximately \$55.55 each and we’re looking to order up to 20 signs. Cost estimate did not include tax or shipping. MOTION: The ENC’s

**Executive Committee recommends ordering the same Neighborhood Watch signs from My Security Sign as a community improvement project and requests approval of up to \$1500 for the project. Passed: 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

- 9. NEW BUSINESS CONSENT ITEMS: *Items 9A. thru 9D. all passed their respective committees with full consent, following discussion by committee members and the public. Public comment was taken on all of the following consent items in committee. Unless a board member pulls an item, items 9A. thru 9D. will be deemed approved unanimously by the Encino Neighborhood Council. If an item is pulled, the remaining consent items will pass by consent and the pulled items will be discussed in the order on the agenda.***

**(Airport Committee)**

- A. CF 22-1489. LAWA being in non-compliance with CF 22-1489. MOTION:**

**Whereas, at its regular meeting held on February 21, 2023, the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee passed a Motion CF 22-1489 (Raman, et al., Bonin) relative to VNY, covering topics including, but not limited to providing documentation of RFPs and projects awards since 2017, community engagement performed, compliance with the 2006 VNY Master Plan, environmental impact analyses performed, a proposal for future community engagement, and the recordation of VNY Citizens Advisory Council meetings.**

**The Motion gave LAWA 90 days to comply. The full City Council adopted the motion on March 3, 2023. It has now been over 180 days since the full City Council approved the Motion, yet LAWA has yet to supply any meaningful responses to the Council's requests.**

**The ENC therefore requests that the Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee deem LAWA in non-compliance and take any remedies available to ensure compliance via a CIS. Passed: 6 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

- B. Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) vacancies – Filling VNY CAC vacancies.**

**MOTION: Whereas, there are a number of vacancies on the Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council (CAC), including two unfilled seats allocated to the Mayor, and recognizing that the CAC has been unable to meet quorum on more than a few occasions, and Recognizing that the founding documents for the CAC state that the appointed members shall be community representatives of neighborhoods and businesses surrounding the airport, and Further recognizing that the aviation and non-aviation tenants at VNY have their own association (Van Nuys Airport Association) to advocate for their interests,**

**Therefore, the Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) recommends that Mayor Bass appoint Encino resident Barry Heins to fill one of the two vacant seats on the CAC. Barry Heins is an excellent choice for a seat on the CAC. He is Co-Founder of Encino Skies, a grass-roots community awareness and advocacy organization, and a member of the Encino Neighborhood Council Airport Committee. His community involvement in airport issues goes back many years. He has attended and spoken on behalf of Encino Skies at numerous CAC and BOAC meetings, and recognizes the need to balance the many roles that VNY plays in both serving and impacting SFV residents and businesses. Passed: 6 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

C. **Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Air Taxies in Los Angeles – se of electric powered air taxies in Los Angeles.**

**MOTION: *Whereas*, The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently released its Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) or electric powered flying taxis Implementation Plan called “[Innovate 28](#)” where it will partner with “key locations” including the City of Los Angeles in an “all hands-on-deck approach” to put AAM in the skies by 2024-2025, scaling up operations by 2028. During the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles, the [FAA believes “air taxies will be in high demand”](#).**

**Yet the FAA and the AAM industry have not demonstrated an actual need for AAM beyond its limited role as an electric powered replacement for helicopters in emergency applications. Transporting a select few during and after the Olympics does not demonstrate need.**

**Lost in the flurry of this excitement over unproven aviation innovation is the human cost of aircraft impacts. Once the initial prototypes take flight and more are rolled out, the end result will be densely packed, rotor-driven aircraft flying at very low altitudes over residential areas, schools, parks, offices, and hospitals. Unfortunately, this development will negatively impact new and already impacted communities and further intensify the plight of individuals recently affected by the implementation of NextGen. At these very low altitudes, AAM will create additional adverse impacts to health, safety, privacy, security, and quality of life onto people on the ground, resulting in a minor benefit of travel time savings for the relatively few who use AAM, in exchange for the staggering negative impacts to the many.**

**Extensive independent research and resultant data are necessary in the near term, prior to implementation of this untested new modality. The objective of research is to thoroughly examine the potential adverse impacts of the addition of AAM to the already congested air space in Los Angeles, prior to rollout. This data will serve to guide the establishment of a Regulatory Framework for AAM, which is yet undefined. Research would include a thorough assessment of all potential adverse impacts to the public with an emphasis to people on the ground. It must also include extensive community input.**

**The FAA and City must not assume public benefit without crucial examination of the cumulative impacts. To do so would express a willingness to retrofit regulation and delay examination of safety and adverse impacts until after implementation.**

***Therefore*, The Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC), whose residents are already heavily impacted by Burbank and Van Nuys Airports, recommends that a moratorium be placed on the implementation of AAM/Flying Taxies in Los Angeles until comprehensive in-depth studies and public input are completed so that the FAA jointly with the City of Los Angeles, and other local agencies can make well-informed decisions; assess risks and benefits; draft (but not yet enact) regulations, engage stakeholders; and establish a responsible framework to determine whether AAM should be integrated into the Los Angeles Metroplex airspace. Passed: 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)**

**(Executive Committee):**

D. **Council File: 23-0799 – City Council Meetings / Van Nuys City Hall / Resume Pre-Pandemic Regular Schedule / Infrastructure and Safety Upgrades.** The file may be read here: [CF 23-0799](#). Moving meetings back to the Valley is imperative for robust discussions. **MOTION: The ENC’s Executive Committee recommends filing a CIS in favor of if amended to include at least 1 meeting each month in the San Fernando Valley. Passed: 5 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A).**

## 10. New Business:

- A. **Addendum to CIS on VNY Vision Study** – Motion on use of graphic representation of recommendations contained in prior VNY Study CIS. A second addendum was presented and voted on:

### ALTERNATIVE DRAFT MOTION TO AMEND THE ENC VISION FOR VNY CIS TO INCLUDE A GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF PROPOSED LAND USE CHANGES DESCRIBED IN THE CIS

Whereas, on June 28, 2023 the Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) approved a CIS that identified Immediate Actions and a Long Term Vision for VNY. The primary immediate action calls for a moratorium on any RFPs and further redevelopment at VNY until a Specific Plan/ Updated Airport Plan is adopted by the City Council.

ENC is hereby amending its June 28, 2023 Vision for VNY CIS to incorporate the attached Figure to graphically demonstrate by example that by using the guidelines outlined in the CIS a more balanced, less impactful land use plan than the three alternative plans LAWA has proposed is achievable. Further, it is requested that the land use recommendations contained in the ENC alternative be given full and equal consideration in the Vision Study screening process.

Additionally ENC also believes that the only way that consensus by all stakeholders can be achieved on an updated Airport Plan/Specific Plan is by pausing, and redirecting the current Vision Study to allow a sharing with the public critical information that they need for providing informed input, having key stakeholders *directly* involved in the plan development process from start to finish, a thorough vetting of impacts and benefits of different options, and a robust stakeholder participation process to help guide decision makers.

**MOTION:** *Whereas*, on June 28, 2023 the Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) approved a CIS that contained their Vision for Van Nuys Airport to be considered in the LAWA Vision Study, it is hereby amended to incorporate the attached Figure to reflect graphically the land use changes recommendations contained therein.\* Passed 5 (Y), 1 (N), 0 (A) A.Zucker did not object to content just length

The following items were added at the discretion of the President:

- B. **Disposal and/or Transfer of NC Office Items** – MOTION to approve disposal or transfer to an other NC of 2 4-drawer legal size filing cabinets, one steel chest, one swamp cooler, and one laptop computer; Dell Inspiron, Serial # BKGBF82).



- C. SB411, Pending state legislation Senate Bill 411 update, including recent amendments (also see Council Files [23-0002-S16](#) and [23-0002-S17](#)).

Proposed Government Code Section 54953.8.(a)(2)(B) provides, in part, that “an eligible legislative body may elect to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section if two-thirds of the eligible legislative body votes to do so. The eligible legislative body shall notify the city council if it elects to use teleconferencing pursuant to this section and its justification for doing so.”

**MOTION:** Subject to the Governor's approval of Senate Bill 411, the Encino NC elects to use teleconferencing for some or all of its Board and/or Committee meetings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8.(a)(2)(B).

## 11. Board Member comment on non-agenda items.

## 12. Adjournment

### Available ENC Representative Positions:

- **Open Board positions in the Encino Neighborhood Council. Open Positions Include: Area 2 Rep (1), Area 2 Alt (1), Area 3 Rep, Area 3 Alt (1), Area 4 Alt (1), Area 5 Rep, Area 5 Alt., Area 7 Rep, Area 7 Alt., Apartment/Condo Alt (1), Business Rep Alt (1), At-Large Alt (1), Education Rep (1), Education Alt (1), Public Safety Rep Alt (1), Religious Alt (1), Volunteer Alt (1), Youth Rep (1), Youth Rep Alt (1).**

**Next meeting: Wednesday, August 23, 2023, 7pm, Encino Community Center**

**Announcements: Please see the Encino NC [website](#) for announcements of other events and to join our mailing list. Following are Planning and Land Use Projects/Pending Cases:**

- **Oak Tree Inn, 17448 Ventura Blvd., housing for youths that are transitioning out of the foster care system. Details pending..**
- 17660 Ventura Blvd - Chick-Fil-A -Plan Approval (Review of Conditions) for Conditional Use to allow a Drive Thru where not otherwise allowed by Zoning Code.  
City Planning Case No. ZA-2017-4754-CU-SPPA-SPR  
**NOTE: A City Planning Public Hearing was held on September 12 and the initial decision is pending but subject to Appeals to the South Valley Area Planning Commission.**
- 18047 Ventura Blvd. Proposed New Restaurant at former Aroma Cafe site  
Conditional Use Permit to allow sale and service of alcoholic beverages with hours from 8:00am to 2:00am daily including outdoor patio.  
City Planning Case No. ZA-2023-1019-CUB-CUX
- 17017 - 17031 Ventura Blvd (also on Genesta Avenue)  
5-Story Elder Care - Medical Offices  
Requests include "Exception" to the Ventura Boulevard Specific Plan and Zoning Deviations.  
City Planning Case No. CPC-2018-3286-VZC-SPE-ELD-SPPA-SPP-SPRZA-2021-2018-CUB-CU
- 15928 Ventura Blvd. - Pialon Restaurant  
Proposed Cafe "Live Entertainment" Permit and License to serve Alcoholic Beverages for Pialon Hookah Restaurant abutting single-family neighborhood
- 17777 Ventura Blvd - Verdi Garden- Conditional Use Permit for full line of alcoholic beverages for existing restaurant that operates as a "Banquet Hall"  
City Planning Case No. ZA-2021-2018-CUB-CU  
**NOTE: Case on Hold - City termination letter sent July 2023.**

The Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC), is a Certified Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles which ADVISES City, other Governmental Officials' and the Community on issues or concerns that are affecting the community of ENCINO. The ENC is made up of volunteers who are ELECTED by the community who live, work or otherwise are involved in the community of ENCINO. The ENC also makes appropriations of City Funds for Community Projects and needs as requested and approved by various committees and the general board.

**PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS** – Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to one (1) minute per speaker per item, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board or Committee. Consent items which have been unanimously approved by a public committee meeting are exempted unless pulled from the consent section by a Board member.

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