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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council



Van Nuys Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 14, 2022
7:00PM

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1. Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance

2. Reports from Government officials: (2 min each, except for guest speaker)

- a. LAPD Van Nuys Division - <https://vnnc.org/resource/>
- b. **Speaker: City Council President Paul Krekorian** (15 minutes, including Q& A)
Swearing in of VNNC members and rededication.
Council District 2 –Cairo Rodríguez cairo.rodriguez@lacity.org 818-755-7676
- c. Council District 4 – Ryan Ahari ryan.ahari@lacity.org 213-473-7004
- d. Council District 6 – Sophia Soudani (818) 778 4999 sophia.soudani@lacity.org
- e. California Congressional District 29 - Osvaldo Ramirez osvaldo.ramirez@mail.house.gov
- f. LA County Probation Department – Mel Bailey mel.bailey@probation.lacounty.gov
- g. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) - Lorenzo Briceno
lorenzo.briceno@lacity.org (213) 978-1551
- h. Mayor’s office (Karen Bass) –
- i. Los Angeles County 3rd District (Lindsay Horvath) –
- j. Assembly District 46 (Jesse Gabriel) -
- k. Senate District 20 (Caroline Menjivar) -
- l. Budget Advocate – Myrra Bolla
- m. Parks and Recreation Department - Thomas Ortiz (Facility Director, Van Nuys Rec Center)
and Oscar Cardenas (Facility Director, Delano Rec Center)
- n. LAUSD Board District 3
- o. LAUSD Board District 6

3. Executive Reports Part 1

Outgoing President – (Best wishes)

4. VNNC Officer elections

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Parliamentarian

5. Executive Reports Part 2

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

6. Consent agenda

- a. Approve November 9th General Board Meeting minutes

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/VNNC_GBM_Draft_Minutes_11.09.2022.pdf

7. 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.

8. Financial Items and Budget Update

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the VNNC October MER.

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/VNNC-October-2022-MER.pdf>

- b. Discussion and possible action to update 2022-23 Budget (including addition of rollover funds)

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/VNNC-Budget-FY-2022_2023-Proposed-December-2022-Amendment.pdf

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Van-Nuys-NC-Rollover-Letter.pdf>

- c. Discussion and possible action to approve a maximum of \$100 for drinks for Van Nuys LAPD “Toys on Patrol Toy Drive and Car Show” event on Saturday, December 17th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Van Nuys Courtyard, 6240 Sylmar Ave. (NOTE: This expenditure will come from the \$500 approved at the November Board meeting for support of community outreach events during holiday months of November, December, and January.)

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/toys-on-patrol.jpg>

9. Draft Community Impact Statements (CIS) to address racism among Los Angeles City Council members, redistricting, and the City charter (council size, oath of office, etc.)

- a. Discussion and possible adoption of CIS in support of Council File 22-1189 (which was adopted by the City Council on 10/28/22), along with sending individual letters to Kevin De Leon and Gil Cedillo urging them to resign.

CF 22-1189:

ADOPT the RESOLUTION (Krekorian - Bonin - O’Farrell - Price - Raman - Koretz) to CENSURE Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Kevin De Leon and Gil Cedillo for their conduct and statements during a meeting of October 2021, and the Council joins the community in demanding their immediate resignation from the Council, pursuant to findings of the leaked audio recording, as reported by the Los Angeles Times.

Text of individual letters to be sent to Kevin De Leon and Gil Cedillo (adapted from letter sent by South Robertson Neighborhoods Council):

I am writing on behalf of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council (VNNC). On December 14, 2022, at a Brown Act compliant meeting, the Board members voted Yes ___-No ___, to demand that you:

Resign

This would allow the City of Los Angeles to start the healing process from the disgraceful and shocking meeting that you were involved in. We invite you to address the VNNC at a public meeting if you wish to ask us any questions regarding our demand.

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- b. Discussion and possible adoption of CIS in support of Council File 21-1472 (which was adopted by the City Council on 10/19/22) – plus recommendation to amend the City Charter to change the Oath of Office for City Council members to require a stronger commitment to serve the community – similar to the Neighborhood Council Board Member Oath (shown on p. 6 of agenda).

CF 21-1472:

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Raman – Krekorian - Martinez):

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with assistance from the City Attorney and other City departments, as needed, to report within 90 days with options for a ballot measure to be prepared for an election in 2024 to amend the City Charter to create an Independent Redistricting Commission for the City. The report should include, among other topics, the following:

[two page list of topics -- see full motion attached at the end of this agenda]

BE AMENDED as follows: INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with assistance from the City- Attorney and other City departments, as needed, to report within 90 days with options for a ballot measure to be prepared for an election in 2024 or sooner to amend the City" Charter to create an—Independent Redistricting Commissions for the City and the Los Angeles Unified School District.

BE AMENDED to have the Council adopt the following in addition to the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Report:

1. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst to request the Pat Brown Institute to conduct an analysis as envisioned in the Committee Report and to report with recommendations within 30 to 60 days.

2. AUTHORIZE the Chief Legislative Analyst to negotiate and execute the necessary agreement for the above purpose with the Pat Brown Institute in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

3. FIND that the services to be performed by the Pat Brown institute are for the performance of professional, scientific, expert, technical, or other special services of a temporary and occasional character for which competitive bidding is not practicable or advantageous and that the work can be performed more economically or feasibly by independent contractors than by City employees.

- 10.** Discussion and possible action to agree to participate with other Neighborhood Councils in a joint candidate forum for the CD6 City Council Special Election and to utilize the event to promote recruitment of candidates for the VNNC Board Member election in June 2023. https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/General_Information_for_CD6_Special_Election_Candidates_Pamphlet_2023.pdf

At a meeting of the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, representatives of several of the NCs that are represented by CD 6 expressed interest in holding a joint forum for the community to hear from candidates in the LA City Council CD6 Special Election. There are 8 NCs that have been asked to participate: Arleta, Encino, Lake Balboa, North Hills East, North Hollywood North East, Panorama City, Sun Valley Area, and Van Nuys.

NOTE: A list of candidates who have filed to run in the CD 6 Special Election can be found at: <https://ethics.lacity.org/elections/>

11. VNNC elections

- a) General Elections June 2023
- b) Discussion and possible action to fill one of the two vacant seats recently reclassified to at-large seats. Candidate: Maduka Nkuku

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Maduka-Nkuku.jpg>

12. Adjournment

AB 361 Updates -

Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting; only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned

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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.



RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT, relative to options for a ballot measure for the November 2022 ballot to amend the City Charter to create an Independent Redistricting Commission for the City, and related matters.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Raman – Krekorian - Martinez):

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with assistance from the City Attorney and other City departments, as needed, to report within 90 days with options for a ballot measure to be prepared for an election in 2024 to amend the City Charter to create an Independent Redistricting Commission for the City. The report should include, among other topics, the following:

- a. An analysis of the structure and performance of the independent redistricting commissions in place at the State of California, the County of Los Angeles, the County of San Diego, the City of Long Beach, the City of Berkeley, and any others that could serve as models to be replicated.
- b. Best practices for the selection of redistricting commissioners, including the possibility of a random/self-selection model wherein: (1) the applicant pool is vetted and whittled down by non-electeds and/or non-partisan bodies (e.g., an ethics commission or a selection panel of retired judges or democracy experts) to a reasonable number of qualified applicants, (2) a certain number of qualified applicants are randomly selected to sit on the commission, and (3) the remainder of the commissioners are democratically selected by the randomly selected commissioners.
- c. The qualifications for commissioners, including the potential consideration of voter registration status, jurisdiction residency, analytical skills relevant to the redistricting process and voting rights, the ability to comprehend and apply the applicable State and Federal legal requirements, the ability to be impartial, and an appreciation for the diverse demographics and geography of the City.
- d. Conflicts of interest that would preclude participation on the redistricting commission, including the prohibition of individuals who: have worked for, within a minimum time frame prior to application, a locally elected politician or a local candidate's campaign; have contributed, within a minimum time frame prior to application, a certain dollar amount to a candidate for locally elected office; have been registered, within a minimum time frame prior to application, as a lobbyist with the City, the County of Los Angeles, the State of California, or the Federal government; have been a local candidate or elected within a minimum time frame prior to application; have served as a member of any board or commission of the City; have been an employee, or performed services under contract with the City, including performing services as an employee of a contractor or subcontractor; have been an employee of any redistricting contractor or consultant; and/or are the spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, sibling

or in-law of any person who fits any of the criteria above.

- e. Potential prohibitions on commissioners, for a specific period of time after appointment, becoming candidates for, or be appointed to, any elected office in the City, being compensated for lobbying the City Council, or receiving a non-competitively bid contract from the City.
- f. Best practices for the size, structure, and makeup of the commission to ensure a representative commission that reflects the great diversity of the City in terms of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic class, renter vs. homeowner status, age, gender, and geography, among any other relevant considerations.
- g. Best practices for the criteria that should guide the commission's map drawing process, including the ranked criteria model and the commissioners' potential consideration of compactness, contiguity, the unity of neighborhoods (including Neighborhood Councils) and communities of interest, existing district boundaries, minimization of voter deferral adherence to applicable State and Federal legal requirements, and other relevant considerations, including those enumerated in the California Fair Maps Act of 2019.
- h. Best practices for a fair numbering process for newly-drawn districts, including the possible adoption of an objective standard for new districts to be numbered corresponding to the existing district from which they draw the greatest population.
- i. Best practices for the removal and replacement of commissioners, including the possible adoption of a for-cause standard for removal and the inclusion of additional non-voting commissioners to serve as alternates in the case of removal, resignation, or incapacitation of a commissioner.
- j. Best practices for the insulation of the redistricting commission from City elected officials and staff, including the banning of all commissioner communications with City elected officials and staff and the possibility of the redistricting commission having independent staff and an independent counsel.
- k. Best practices to ensure transparency and public participation, including the potential adoption of minimum requirements for access and participation, outreach, options to give verbal or written testimony, options to participate in-person or virtually, and access to mapping software with the ability to submit publicly drawn maps.
- l. An adequate and mandatory budget for the redistricting commission and potential safeguards to ensure City elected officials and staff cannot underfund the commission or forestall the release of commission funds.
- m. Best practices for commissioner compensation.

- n. Legal remedies for the challenging of adopted maps and options protocols to address maps deemed illegal by a court of law.
- o. Any other considerations to ensure that the commission fairly and adequately represents the residents of the City in the redistricting process.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On September 21, 2022, your Committee considered Motion (Krekorian - Raman- Martinez) relative to options for a ballot measure for the November 2022 ballot to amend the City Charter to create an Independent Redistricting Commission for the City, and related matters.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation as amended and reflected above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES

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MOTION

I MOVE that the matter of the Continued Consideration of Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Report, relative to options for a ballot measure for the November 2022 ballot to amend the City Charter to create an Independent Redistricting Commission for the City, and related matters, Item No. 24 on today's Council Agenda (CF 21-1472), BE AMENDED as follows:

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PRESENTED BY: 
NITHYA RAMAN
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY: 

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PRESENTED BY

Monica Rodriguez (FOR MS. RODRIGUEZ)

MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY

Walter Puma

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