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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council SPECIAL General Board Meeting AGENDA

Wednesday,
February 26, 2025 8:00PM

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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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 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.

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.

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. Discussion and possible action to appoint one new Board Member

a. Pam Bingham

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Pam-Bingham-application-for-VNNC-Board.pdf>

3. Officer Reports

a. President

- Park Needs Assessment Community Meeting on March 8th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Victory Vineland Recreation Center, 11117 Victory Blvd, North Hollywood 91606
- 2025 election for Neighborhood Councils will only be by mail-in ballot. Candidate filing period begins Feb. 7 and closes March 24. Election day is June 10.

b. Vice-President

c. Secretary – Vacant

d. Treasurer

e. Parliamentarian

4. Consent Agenda

a. Review/approve minutes from the October 9th Board meeting

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/VNNC_10092024_GBM_Draft_Minutes_Final.pdf

- b. Review/approve letter of support to Councilmember Imelda Padilla, Council District 6 advocating for the utilization of art fees paid by developers to acquire and install an original art work on the Van Nuys Civic Plaza in collaboration with the California Artist Coalition of Los Angeles by using the 1% art developer’s fees from the Cultural Affairs Department. (See Draft letter of support on page 5.)

5. Budget & Finance Committee items requiring a roll call vote.

Recommendations from the 12/4, 12/30, and 2/4 meetings of the Budget and Finance Committee on the following topics:

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve the October, November, December, and January Monthly Expenditures Reports (MERs).

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/VNNC_MER_October2024.pdf

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/VNNC_MER_November2024.pdf

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/VNNC_MER_December2024.pdf

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/VNNC_MER_January2025.pdf

- b. Discussion and possible action to reimburse PLUM Committee Chair, Quirino de la Cuesta for payment to Fed Ex for agenda printing costs totaling \$40.24.

8/1/24 72 pages \$17.35

8/1/24 30 pages \$ 7.23

10/17/24 65 pages \$15.66

<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/fedex-receipts.pdf>

6. Review of Open Seats for June 2025 VNNC Election

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| Resident Representative Zone 1 |
| Resident Representative Zone 3 |
| At-Large Resident Representative Seat 1 |
| At-Large Resident Renter Representative Seat 1 |
| Industrial Business Owner or Employee Seat 1 |
| Commercial Business Owner or Employee Seat 1 |
| Religious Institution Representative |
| Youth Representative |
| Senior Representative |
| At-Large Representative Seat 2 |

7. 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.)

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

9. 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.

Proposed Letter advocating for Use of Art Fees for a Public Art Project

Councilmember Imelda Padilla

Council District 6

14410 Sylvan Street, Ste. 215

Van Nuys, CA 91401

RE: Public Art Proposal for the Van Nuys Civic Center – “Wind Sculptural Installation”

Dear Councilmember Padilla,

The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council is excited to share our enthusiastic support for bringing public art to our community. Through our Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUM) meetings, we have engaged in meaningful discussions with Ms. Ayndrea Wilson of the California Artist Coalition of Los Angeles (CACLA) regarding a proposed public art project for the Van Nuys Civic Center.

On November 13, 2024, during our general board meeting, Ms. Wilson presented an inspiring proposal featuring the work of renowned visual artist Mr. Paul Chilkov. His envisioned “Wind Sculptural Installation” would be a transformative addition to the grounds of the Van Nuys Civic Center. The board and community members expressed strong enthusiasm and support for this project, recognizing its potential to celebrate creativity and foster pride in Van Nuys.

The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council firmly believes in the power of the creative arts as a catalyst for economic revitalization, community engagement, and cultural enrichment. Public art can reimagine and redefine our neighborhood, serving as a beacon of inspiration and drawing businesses and visitors to the area.

We also have full confidence in the expertise of CACLA, under the leadership of Ms. Wilson, to bring this vision to life. Ms. Wilson has demonstrated a deep understanding of managing public art initiatives and highlighted how the 1% Art Development Fee could be utilized effectively for this project. Her guidance ensures that Van Nuys will benefit from thoughtful and impactful public art installations.

We respectfully urge you and your office to support this initiative and work with CACLA to bring Mr. Chilkov’s “Wind Sculptural Installation” to the Van Nuys Civic Center. This project represents a unique opportunity to enhance our community’s vibrancy and cultural identity. Thank you for your leadership and for considering this vital proposal for the future of Van Nuys.

Sincerely,

Kathy Schreiner

President

Van Nuys Neighborhood Council