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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting AGENDA

Wednesday,
May 14, 2025 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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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. 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 (2 min each)

- Council District 4 – Taleen Keuroghlian taleen.keuroghlian@lacity.org
- Council District 6 – Paulina Alvarado paulina.alvarado@lacity.org
(818) 778-4999
- Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – Alfonso Manzo
alfonso.manzo@lacity.org
- Mayor’s office – Betsaira Aguilera betsaira.aguilera@lacity.org (213) 257-0224
- LAUSD Board District 3, Scott Schmerelson scott.schmerelson@lausd.net
- Los Angeles County 3rd District (Lindsay Horvath) – Karen Dominguez
KDominguez@bos.lacounty.gov
- Assembly District 46 (Jesse Gabriel) – Clarissa Gomez
Clarissa.Gomez@asm.ca.gov
- Senate District 20 (Caroline Menjivar) –Teodora Reyes
Teodora.reyes@sen.ca.gov

- California Congressional District 29 – Cynthia Becerra
Cynthia.Becerra@email.house.gov (818) 253-3535
 - Metro staff: Construction updates regarding the ESFV Light Rail transit project and the G Line Improvement project
- 4. VNNC election**
- a. Self-introductions of certified candidates for the VNNC election (2 minutes each).
 - b. Information on how to request a mail-in ballot
- 5. 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.)
- 6. Officer Reports**
- a. President
 - Next steps on LA Park Needs Assessment: (1) Please complete either the short (5 minutes) or long (15 minutes) survey for the LA Park Needs Assessment. Both surveys can be found on the following website: <https://needs.parks.lacity.gov/> (2) Attend Joint Meeting of Board and PLUM Committee on Wed., May 28 at 6:30 pm to provide input to narrative report from VNNC regarding park needs in our community. Formal report will be approved at VNNC Board Meeting on June 11.
 - Mayor's proposed budget would reduce annual funding allocation for each Neighborhood Council from \$32,000 to \$25,000.
 - 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.
 - For information on upcoming local events and services, look under the Events list on the right side of the homepage of the vnnc.org website and on the calendar.
 - Openings for a Homeless Liaison, 2 Budget Representatives, a Regional Grievance Panelist, and a representative to the NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance.
 - Vote by mail application period began on April 11 for 2025 election for VNNC and will end on June 1. Voting will be ONLY by mail-in ballot. Election day is June 10. All ballots must be postmarked by June 10 or placed in a sealed ballot box at the Van Nuys Branch Library.
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Secretary – Vacant
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Parliamentarian

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Review/approve minutes from the April 9 Board Meeting.
https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/VNNC_04092025_GBM_Draft_Minutes_Final.pdf

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

- a. Discussion and possible action to recommend that the VNNC Board approve the March 2025 MER (Monthly Expenditure Report).

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/VNNC_MER_March2025.pdf

- b. Discussion and possible action to recommend that the VNNC Board approve an NPG application from PESA (Parents Educators Teachers Students in Action) for up to \$4,000 to support “Vulnerable Youth with Needed Supplies” (at a maximum of \$150 in support for each young person helped). See p. 7 for Project Description section of the NPG Application.

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/PESA-Van-Nuys-NC.Amended.Youth-Support.NPG_.40225.pdf

- c. Discussion and possible action to recommend that the VNNC Board approve up to \$300 to provide food for BONC’s Town Hall for South Valley NCs, which will take place on Saturday May 31st at the Encino Community Center.
- d. Discussion and possible action to recommend that the VNNC Board approve a contribution of \$1000 to support the L.A. Congress of Neighborhoods, which will be held on September 27th at City Hall.
- e. Discussion and possible action to recommend that the VNNC Board approve a contribution of \$500 to support Neighborhood Council Budget Day and related activities. Budget Day is organized by the Budget Advocates and will take place on June 21st at City Hall.
- f. Discussion and possible action to recommend that the VNNC Board approve up to \$4,999 from Outreach Funds for the AmGraph Group to print and install up to 22 new VNNC light pole banners to replace worn banners installed in 2021.
- g. Discussion and possible action to recommend that the VNNC Board approve up to \$3,000 from Community Improvement Project funds to be allocated to Friends of the Van Nuys Library for directional signs for the Van Nuys Branch Library.
- h. Discussion and possible action to recommend that the VNNC Board approve a revised budget (see attached on page 8 and link below):

https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/VNNC-Budget-for-FY-2024_2025-as-of-05012025.pdf

9. Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee actions requiring a roll call vote and/or discussion.

- a. Discussion & possible action to approve sending a letter to City Planning stating that the VNNC Board supports Valley Presbyterian Hospital's application covering 6850, 6840 and 6844 Sepulveda Blvd to build a new central utility plant for the hospital. Project will involve demolition of an existing surface parking lot to allow for the construction of a new and relocated central utility plant for Valley Presbyterian Hospital. Case no: ZA-2024-5595

Digital copies of project documents can be found at:

<https://planning.lacity.gov/pdiscaseinfo/search/casenumbr/ZA-2024-5595-ZV> (In box on top right of screen, review approved documents related to past applications. Click on "Initial Submittal Documents" to find links to documents related to current application.)

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve a CIS (Community Impact Statement) regarding VNNC input on the Mayor's proposed budget (Council File 25-0600), including opposition to reducing funding allocation for each Neighborhood Council from \$32,000 to \$25,000.

10. VNNC tabling opportunities and need for volunteers to help with tabling:

- a. Saturday, May 17, 9 am to 12 noon, One Generation Senior Symposium at 17400 Victory Blvd.
- b. Saturday, June 28, SFV Pride 2025 Resource Fair on the Van Nuys Civic Center Plaza.

11. East Valley Animal Shelter Pets: The Animal Services Department has notified the VNNC that they have terminated the virtual fostering program.

12. Update on unresolved topic.

- a. Need to delay vote on SB 411 meeting option until can get 14 Board Members available to attend a meeting.

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.

Section II Project Description from PESA NPG Application

Describe the purpose and intent of the grant:

Supporting Vulnerable Youth with Needed Supplies for the fiscal year 2024-2025 within the boundaries of Van Nuys Neighborhood Council

Parents Educators Teachers and Students in Action (PESA) receives referrals from the District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, and other entities of youth residing within the boundaries of this Neighborhood Council that need supportive services and supplies. The purpose of the referrals is to address inappropriate behavior and provide these youth with supportive services and supplies. PESA provides these youth with mental health support, career training and educational support. These youth require supportive services for the purchase of food, household items, clothing, school supplies and at times temporary housing. At times their families need this support as well.

How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at large?

PESA does not have an adequate funding stream to support the needs of these youth residing within the boundaries of this neighborhood council concerning supportive supplies. Many of these youth are struggling to eat on a daily basis and even at times finding a place to reside on a daily basis or even medical insurance to pay for supportive services. Therefore by providing funding for this NPG request you will assist us in supporting these vulnerable youth and breaking the cycle of poverty. All of our programs are designed to break the cycle of poverty, homelessness, and criminal behavior. PESA's methodology: insert aid into every area that is a consequence or determinant of homelessness, poverty or criminal justice involvement. This serves a valuable public purpose and benefits the public at large by addressing the pipeline that leads to criminal behavior,

Proposed Revisions to Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 v2

	Approved 08/23/2024	Proposed Changes	Revised Budget
Annual Budget Funds	\$32,000.00		\$32,000
Rollover Funds	\$12,750.00		\$12,750.00
Total Annual Budget Funds	\$44,750.00		\$44,750.00
Office/Operational Funds			
Storage Locker (All Right Storage)	\$2,340		\$2,340
Printing and Photocopies for Meetings	\$960		\$960
Food, Refreshments for General Board Meetings	\$1,500		\$1,500
Zoom Licenses	\$400		\$400
Canva License	\$0.00	\$130	\$130
Note-taker for Meetings	\$3,000		\$3,000
Administrative Support/Bridgeway	\$3,000		\$3,000
Office Supplies	\$400	-\$30	\$370
Web Hosting and Maintenance, E-blasts, Agenda-Posting (Moore Business Results)	\$7,000		\$7,000
GoDaddy web hosting, email addresses, and software utilities	\$1,000	\$350	\$1,350
Mailbox at Van Nuys USPS	\$310		\$310
Board Retreats	\$600		\$600
Councilmember Bus. Cards/Nameplates/Nametags	\$500	-300	\$200
Facility Rental for Meetings	\$500	-\$500	\$0.00
Telephone service	\$450	\$50	\$500
Total Office and Operational Expenditures	\$21,960.00	-\$300	\$21,660.00
Outreach Expenditure Category	\$6,000	\$1,300	\$7,300
Election Expenditures Category	\$1,000	-\$1,000	\$0.00
Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) Expenditure Category	\$12,790		\$12,790
Community Improvement Project (CIP) Expenditure Category	\$3,000		\$3,000
Total Expenditures for the Fiscal Year	\$44,750.00		\$44,750.00