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## Van Nuys Neighborhood Council



## Van Nuys Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting AGENDA

Wednesday,  
February 11, 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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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. **Next Quarterly Report from LAPD** Van Nuys Division will be in April.

<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](mailto:abkar.kalantarians@lacity.org)  
(213) 951 2191
- b. Council District 4 – Taleen Keuroghlian [taleen.keuroghlian@lacity.org](mailto:taleen.keuroghlian@lacity.org)
- c. Council District 6 – Paulina Alvarado [paulina.alvarado@lacity.org](mailto:paulina.alvarado@lacity.org) (818) 778-4999
- d. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) – John Darnell  
[john.darnell@lacity.org](mailto:john.darnell@lacity.org)
- e. Mayor's office – Genesis Discus [genesis.discus@lacity.org](mailto:genesis.discus@lacity.org)
- f. LAUSD Board District 3, Scott Schmerelson [scott.schmerelson@lausd.net](mailto:scott.schmerelson@lausd.net)
- g. Los Angeles County 3rd District (Lindsay Horvath) – Karen Dominguez  
[KDominguez@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:KDominguez@bos.lacounty.gov)
- h. Assembly District 46 (Jesse Gabriel) – Clarissa Gomez [Clarissa.Gomez@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Clarissa.Gomez@asm.ca.gov)
- i. Senate District 20 (Caroline Menjivar) – Alex De Leon [Alex.deleon@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Alex.deleon@sen.ca.gov)
- j. California Congressional District 29 – Cynthia Becerra  
[Cynthia.Becerra@email.house.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Becerra@email.house.gov) (818) 253-3535
- k. Metro staff: Construction updates regarding the ESFV Light Rail transit project –  
Joanna Amador [AmadorJo@metro.net](mailto:AmadorJo@metro.net)

- l. Metro staff: Construction updates regarding construction in Van Nuys related to G Line Improvements – Jessica Legaspi [LegaspiJ@metro.net](mailto:LegaspiJ@metro.net)
  - m. Other government agency representatives
4. **Presentation on the new Donald C Tillman Advanced Water Purification Facility in the Sepulveda Basin – Arturo Gonzalez**  
 NOTE: This will be one of the largest advanced potable water reuse projects in the United States. When completed in July 2028, this facility will purify up to 30 million gallons of treated waste water each day -- with an ultimate capacity of up to 45 million gallons a day
  5. **Presentation on upcoming work on the next segment of the LARiverWay bike path/trail between Woodman and Coldwater Canyon – Michael Affeldt, Bureau of Engineering**  
 NOTE: This bike path segment will eventually connect the entire Valley and all of the River's 51 miles
  6. **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.)
  7. **Consent Agenda**
    - a. Discussion and possible action to approve minutes from the \_ General Board Meetings on December 10, 2025 and January 14, 2026.  
[https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VNNC\\_12102025\\_GBM\\_Draft\\_Minutes.pdf](https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VNNC_12102025_GBM_Draft_Minutes.pdf)  
[https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VNNC\\_01142026\\_GBM\\_Draft\\_Minutes.pdf](https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/VNNC_01142026_GBM_Draft_Minutes.pdf)
  8. **Budget and Finance Committee items that require a roll call vote.**
    - a. Discussion and possible action to approve the December 2025 MER.  
[https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/VNNC\\_MER\\_Dec2025.pdf](https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/VNNC_MER_Dec2025.pdf)

Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$29,878.28	\$1,164.84	\$28,713.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,713.44

- b. **Discussion and possible action to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) Application from Columbus Ave. Elementary School for \$3700** to purchase a “cup” sign with the school name for the back fence of the school property (\$2200) and two murals for the handball court (\$1500). Copy of application can be viewed at link and will be handed out at the meeting.  
<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Columbus-VNNC-Neighborhood-Pupose-Grant-Application-January-2026-1.pdf>
    - c. Discussion and possible action to approve NPG Application from **Project Breaking Barriers** for \$2500 to support three one-week sections in 2026 of their IGNITE program of career exploration for youth ages 13-20. Copy of application

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<https://vnnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Project-Breaking-Barriers-NPG-Application-01.14.2026.pdf>

**9. Report from Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee**

**10. Report from Outreach Committee**

**11. Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules**

NOTE: Any proposed amendments to the VNNC Bylaws will need to be voted on at the March 11, 2026 Board Meeting in order to meet the DONE deadline of April 1 for submission of Bylaws amendments.

**12. Discussion and possible action to approve current membership of VNNC Committees. See page 6.**

**13. Discussion and possible action to adopt a Standing Rule that VNNC Committees may hold virtual meetings on Zoom (in compliance with SB 707), with decision on whether to hold a virtual meeting to be made by the Committee chair.**

**14. Discussion and possible action to adopt a CIS to be sent to the Charter Reform Commission that endorses the recommendations presented by LANCC (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition). See pages 7-8.**

**15. Discussion and possible action to approve attached Scope of Services to be provided to the VNNC by Bridgegap. See page 9.**

**16. Board Officer Reports**

**a. President**

(1) Report on groundbreaking on February 5 of median project on Sepulveda Blvd. between Lemay and Haynes.

(2) Report on support of Van Nuys Homeless Count on January 20..

(3) 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.

(4) For information on upcoming local events and activities, look under the Events list on the right side of the homepage of the vnnc.org website and on the calendar.

**b. Vice President/Budget Advocate**

**c. Other Officer Reports**

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

**18. Adjournment.**

**THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT** - As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices and other auxiliary aids and/or services, may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting VNNC by via email at: [info@vnnc.org](mailto:info@vnnc.org)

**SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION** - Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 72 horas antes del evento. Por favor contacte a [info@vnnc.org](mailto:info@vnnc.org) por correo electrónico para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

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**RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS** - For information on the VNNC’s process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the VNNC By-laws. The By-laws are available at our Board meetings and our website <http://www.vnnc.org>

**Notice to Paid Representatives** - If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code §§ 48.01 et seq. More information is available at <https://ethics.lacity.gov/lobbying/>. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or [ethics.commission@lacity.org](mailto:ethics.commission@lacity.org)

### **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

Updated VNNC Committees as of January 2026

Committee	Chair	Current Members
Executive	Kathy Schreiner	Pam Bingham Brian Edelman David Harari Cyle Zezotarski
Budget & Finance	David Harari	Pam Bingham Connor Chiu Kathy Schreiner
PLUM (Planning & Land Use Management)	Quirino de la Cuesta	Brian Edelman Ann Kalb Priscilla Ramos Kathy Schreiner
Outreach	Francois Verin	John Camera Brandon Gruzen Ann Kalb Ray Mandarino
Public Safety, Human Services, and Animal Welfare	Pam Bingham	Brian Edelman Mindi Gonzalez Dalilah Perez Francois Verin

Community Impact Statement  
from Van Nuys Neighborhood Council  
to Charter Reform Commission

The Van Nuys Neighborhood Council supports the Charter Reform recommendations approved by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition at their January 3, 2026 regularly scheduled meeting and presented to the Charter Reform Commission on January 21, 2026.

You can find the full list of recommendations [here](#) and the recommended Charter changes [here](#). The list of reforms below are highlights from the LANCC recommendations.

In an [April 26, 2023 article by LAist Civics and Democracy reporter Frank Stoltze](#), Mayor Bass “promised to evaluate the city’s neighborhood council system.” The article adds, “Bass said she wants to ‘really improve the system...’” This is our opportunity to make sure we deliver on her promise. We support these reforms and are counting on the Commission to respond by making these vitally needed changes to the Charter.

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REFORMS**

- Neighborhood Council right to speak
  - Neighborhood Councils shall have the right to speak, in person and telephonically, before all public meetings of the City, be in a separate queue from public comment, and shall be given five minutes to speak
  - NCs shall have the right to speak whenever an item appears on an agenda, even in cases where that item has already been heard by a committee
  - Neighborhood Councils, regardless of the City’s position, may deliver to any governmental agency a statement passed in a Brown Act public meeting at which there is quorum. The City may create and require language to indicate the NC is speaking for itself and not the City.
  - Neighborhood Councils shall monitor the delivery of City services in their respective areas and the City at-large. City services shall include all departments defined in the Charter and created by ordinance, joint power commissions, and offices of elected officials.
- City Departments, Commissions, and Offices that issue permits, approvals, or regulatory decisions following a public hearing (including but not limited to the City Planning Department, Department of Cannabis Regulation, and any successor or related offices) and ministerial construction projects that bypass City Planning and go directly to the Department of Building and Safety shall give NCs a minimum of 30 calendar days to weigh in.
  - The Department of City Planning shall ensure that all documents related to a case before the Department, including ministerial projects that bypass the Department of City Planning and go directly to the Department of Building and Safety are made public and posted to the online case file.
- During budget challenges, the percentage of Neighborhood Councils budget reductions shall not be greater than that of the office of the Mayor. When the Mayor's office budget is restored after the budget challenge, the Neighborhood Councils budgets are similarly restored.

- The City Attorney shall give advice or opinion in writing when requested by a Neighborhood Council President or Chair
- Increased the number of commissioners from seven to nine with the two additional commissioners being at-large and appointed by Neighborhood Councils
  - At the same time as departments, Neighborhood Councils shall submit their budget request for the following year. The two at-large BONC commissioners shall be a single point-of-contact and shall organize the requests into a single request for the Mayor's consideration.

### **CITY-WIDE REFORMS**

- The Ethics Commission shall have the ability to send items directly to the ballot when the City Council does not advance a recommendation or heavily amends a recommendation
- Five-year capital infrastructure plan that is updated bi-annually.
- Transparent and Ethical Council Votes. City Council members shall
  - Actively vote yes, no, or abstain on each motion on the agenda
  - Be visible to the public for the vote to count
  - File a Form 51 when recusing from a vote
  - Only be permitted to vote at City Council and Committee meetings if their required training is current.
- Update to codify mandatory telephonic public comment. Working people cannot go downtown to get on a queue where they hope to get one minute to speak.



Bridgegap Scope of Services to be Provided to  
Van Nuys Neighborhood Council (VNNC)

Three Blind Mice, LLC DBA Bridgegap Temporary Staffing and Services Agency (Bridgegap) will provide the following services to the VNNC:

**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.

Three Blind Mice, LLC DBA Bridgegap Temporary Staffing and Services Agency (Bridgegap) will provide the following services to the VNNC:

**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.