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Van Nuys Neighborhood Council Special Joint Meeting of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council and VNNC Planning & Land Use Committee - Special Event - USC Graduate Master of Urban Planning Presentation

AGENDA

May 27, 2026

6:30 pm- 8:30 p.m.

Van Nuys Constituents Building
Conference Room
6262 Van Nuys Blvd
Van Nuys, CA 91401

On the Civic Center Plaza

This meeting is noticed as a Special Joint Meeting of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council and the PLUM Committee, called by the President, because there may be a majority of neighborhood council board members present in a number sufficient to take board action. Any action taken at this meeting will only be an action of the PLUM Committee present and not an action of the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council as a body.

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.

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.).

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).

Chair of PLUM Committee: Quirino de la Cuesta

Appointed members of PLUM Committee:

Pricilla Ramos, Kathy Schreiner, Brian Edelman and Ann Kalb

Committee stakeholder members: none

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Comments from the PLUM Chairperson.
3. Presentations and Engagement: **USC Urban Studies and Planning – Proposals and Analysis for Van Nuys.** Newly graduated Master of Urban Planning students from the University of Southern California will present comprehensive written and oral project-oriented assessments, analyses, interpretations, and proposed solutions addressing real-world planning challenges in Van Nuys.

Each student will provide an oral presentation. Committee members and members of the public are requested to hold questions until student presentations have concluded.

Student Presenters and Topics:

- Wesley Kao — *Incentivizing the Development of Vacant and Underused Parking Lots in Van Nuys*
- Kelsey Kurfirst — *Project Management and Risk Mitigation Strategies for Van Nuys Transit, Housing, and Density Developments*
- Ulyses Vazquez — *Creating “Open Streets” Events in Van Nuys: Increasing Social Capital Across Neighborhoods*
- Alex Vasquez — *Van Nuys Boulevard “Community Corridor” Celebrating Classic Car Club Culture Near a Light Rail Station*
- Gabriella Rodriguez — *Creating New Green Space Without Property Acquisition*
- Catherine Sabotta — *Van Nuys Bike Loop*
- Isabella Ryan — *Van Nuys Cultural Heritage Management Plan*
- Mia Chapman — *A Strategy for Presenting and Implementing SB 79 in Van Nuys*

4. Committee's planning resources list and topic of discussions (if time allowed):

- [SB 79 Phased Implementation Ordinance and Low-Rise Ordinance Hearing Notice](#) - Codifying exemptions from SB 79 for sites within industrial employment hubs and that are more than one-mile walking distance from a station pursuant to GCS 65912.160(e); and will establish mapping processes.
- [Senate Bill 79](#) - Los Angeles City Planning to prepare recommendations for the implementation of SB 79, as directed by Council File [25-1083](#).
- [Open Space Element Update](#) - Open Space Element Update's community outreach and engagement process is being done in coordination with the Environmental Justice Policy Program with opportunities to participate in every phase of this multi-year process. [SB 1425](#) (Open Space Element Update Technical Advisory)
- [New Zoning code](#) - modern and efficient zoning system to be more responsive to the needs of Los Angeles's neighborhoods, in addition to being easier to use.
- [Orange \(G\) Line Transit Neighborhood Plan](#) (OLTNP) - Long range planning
- [South East Valley Community Plans Update](#) - Updating regional community plans
- [Transit Oriented Community Incentive Program](#) - Housing element program
- [Transit Demand Management](#) - Mobility and transit tools
- [Landscape and Site Design Ordinance](#) - design point system program for Pedestrian-First Design, 360 Degree Design and Climate-Adapted Landscape and Site Design - [DRAFT](#)
- [Healthy Streets LA](#) - Bike and Pedestrian Infrastructure legislation passed by voters.
- [City Housing Incentive Plan](#) (CHIP) - housing element rezoning program
- [East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor](#) (ESFVTC) - construction updates
- [Sepulveda Transit Corridor](#) - Planning stage
- [G-Line Improvements Project](#) - In construction.
- [Survey LA](#) - Historical Preservation
- [Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan](#) - Sepulveda Basin vision plan final draft
- [Van Nuys City Property - Council File 22-1485](#) - City council file to research in repurposing 5 city-owned property in Van Nuys, near Van Nuys Civic Center.
- [Urban Forestry](#) (Tree protection) - [Urban forestry report](#).
- [Ruth Bader Ginsburg Memorial](#) - Purposed memorial& operations inquiry for Van Nuys Civic Center
- [Ad Hoc Olympics](#) - Website for Sepulveda Basin Park
- [Historic Places LA](#) - Online tool for Historic Resources

- VNNC Planning Summit Part II announcement
5. General public comment on non-agenda items (2 mins. max. per stakeholder)
 6. Committee topics to report at the next meeting.
 7. Adjournment

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