

# Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils

**VANC**

34 San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Councils

Established March 03, 2003 by Jill Banks Barad-Hopkins

**Thursday, November 14, 2024 6:30-9:00p.m.**

**Via zoom: Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/98759241651>**

**Phone access 888 475 4499**

**Recording of this meeting can be found at [www.VANC34.ORG](http://www.VANC34.ORG)**

***Note:*** VANC is an independent Alliance and is not required to follow the Brown Act. We are able to prevent individuals from participating in VANC meetings if they are disruptive, or sufficiently unrelated to VANC business.

***Note:*** To be added to the email list, send your information to [www.VANC34.org](http://www.VANC34.org)

## TREES

**Joanne D'Antonio, Community Forest Advisory Committee**

**WHY are those trees being cut down?**

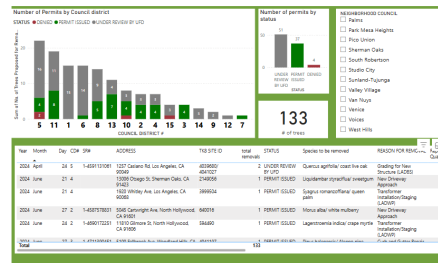
**Reminder:** VANC meetings are to discuss various topics so that you can educate your NC for further discussion and possible action.

**Reminder:** VANC agenda is posted at [www.VANC34.ORG](http://www.VANC34.ORG)  
Zoom attendees, please identify your NC along with your first name

## AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions:** Linda Gravani, chair [VANC34.chair@gmail.com](mailto:VANC34.chair@gmail.com)
- Tess Taylor** – Update on City Clerk Meeting
- Guest Speaker, **Joanne D'Antonio, Chair: Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC)**
  - Tree Removal Notification List
    - <https://streetsla.lacity.org/tree-removal-notification-list>
    - Sort by Neighborhood Council

### Tree Removal Notification List



- Protected Tree and Shrub Ordinance #186873
  - [13-1339\\_ORD\\_186873\\_02-04-2021.pdf](#)
- Before Certificate of Occupancy is issued, evidence required for the replacement of any protected trees removed or relocated as part of a development project
  - [24-1312 \(CFMS\)](#)
- Report on state/federal/city tree policy, tree pruning guidelines, trees on public right of way
  - [https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2024/24-1228\\_misc\\_10-09-24.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2024/24-1228_misc_10-09-24.pdf)

#### 4. CHIP/Housing Element & ED-1 draft ordinances – **HELP STILL NEEDED**

- ED-1 Revised Draft Ordinance = **CF23-0623** – PLEASE SUPPORT
- CHIP draft #3 – PLEASE Support WITHOUT the options which would REZONE SINGLE FAMILY AREAS – currently in PLUM Committee

#### 5. SOUTHEAST VALLEY – City Planning’s Office of Historic Resources 20NOV2024 6pm-730p virtual workshop meeting

<https://planning-lacity-org.zoom.us/j/87965702224>

Meeting ID: 879 6570 2224

#### 6. **NC Funding Program Workgroup 2024-2025** – Two representatives and 1 alternate from the North and the South NC Commission areas – to be part of the workgroup. **See hot topics #1** contact

[vanc34.chair@gmail.com](mailto:vanc34.chair@gmail.com) if you are interested: The following have expressed their interest. **Heath Kline-Woodland Hills-Warner Center, Jennifer Clark- North Hollywood North East, Glenn Bailey -Northridge East**

#### 7. **DONE/City Clerk: GM Chang -**

- NC Support for Tree removal reminders?
- [Elections 2025 – EmpowerLA](https://empowerla.org/elections/) <https://empowerla.org/elections/>

To be crystal clear:

- **ELECTIONS** – Handled by City Clerk
- **SELECTIONS** – Handled by Individual Neighborhood Councils
  - **See Chatsworth NC’s Handbook – needs to be updated for 2025**
    - 1) <https://www.chatsworthcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Chatsworth-NC-2024-Selection-Manual-2023.11.01-FINAL-APPROVED.pdf>
  - **Stipulation Worksheet**
- **DONE - Outreach**
  - What is your plan
  - What is your budget
  - Marilu’ Guevara Director of Awareness & Engagement at DONE
  - CANVA

- US Postal Service – Every Door Direct
- Social Media

## • **Neighborhood Council Homelessness Liaison November Gathering @ Sat Nov 16, 2024 1pm - 3pm (PST)**

EmpowerLA invites you to join us for the **November Homelessness Liaisons Meeting** on **Saturday November 16th from 1:00-3:00pm via Zoom**. This important gathering will be focused on resource sharing, collaboration, and strengthening efforts to support the unhoused community. This event is open to Homelessness Liaisons, Neighborhood Council Board Members, and community stakeholders working to address homelessness in our city.

A significant portion of the meeting will focus on regional breakout sessions where attendees will collaborate with neighboring Neighborhood Councils to brainstorm solutions, share strategies, and discuss local initiatives addressing homelessness. We ask participants to come prepared to share information on resources, upcoming events, and community organizations that are providing support to the unhoused, especially during the holiday season.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8378266080>

### 8. **BONC Commissioners –South Valley – Len Shaffer, [commissionerlenshaffer@gmail.com](mailto:commissionerlenshaffer@gmail.com)**

Canoga Park, Encino, Greater Toluca Lake, Greater Valley Glen, Lake Balboa, NoHo, North Hollywood North East, North Hollywood West, Reseda, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Tarzana, Valley Village, Van Nuys, West Hills, Winnetka, Woodland Hills-Warner Center

### **North Valley - Keren Waters, [keren.waters@lacity.org](mailto:keren.waters@lacity.org) Keren not attending tonight**

Arleta, Chatsworth, Foothill Trails District, Granada Hills North, Granada Hills South, Mission Hills, North Hills East, North Hills West, Northridge East, Northridge South, Northridge West, Pacoima, Panorama City, Porter Ranch, Sun Valley Area, Sunland-Tujunga, Sylmar

### 9. Jeff Mausner – **Tarzana** – VANC RESOLUTION (proposed)

*The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC), consisting of representatives of Neighborhood Councils in the San Fernando Valley, supports the SISTER CITY/STATE PROJECT TO END DOG AND CAT MEAT IN VIETNAM, as set forth in the following City Watch Article: <https://www.citywatchla.com/animal-watch/29620-five-million-dogs-and-cats-desperately-need-saving-in-vietnam>.*

*VANC calls upon City Councilmembers, the Mayor, Members of the State Assembly, and State Senators in Los Angeles and California to sponsor and support a resolution adopting the SISTER CITY/STATE PROJECT TO END DOG AND CAT MEAT IN VIETNAM, as set forth in the above referenced City Watch article. We urge the City and State to work with international organizations working to end dog*

and cat meat in Vietnam, including *In Defense of Animals, Animals Asia, Four Paws International, Humane Society International, and others*. Those persons presenting the Sister City/State proposal to a city or province in Vietnam may use their judgement regarding how to frame the proposal in a diplomatic manner, so long as the final outcome of the process is consistent with current City policies regarding international affairs and leads to the banning or phase out of the dog and cat meat trade in Vietnamese city or province.

9. Budget Advocates – update: [www.budgetadvocates.org](http://www.budgetadvocates.org)

**10. Items from the floor:**

- **LA County Assessor**, Jeff Prang will be attending **18NOV2024** Sherman Oaks Board Meeting – OPEN TO THE VALLEY. **630pm** at Sherman Oaks East Valley **Adult Center 5056 Van Nuys Blvd.**
- **PLEASE KEEP 2<sup>ND</sup> THURS OPEN FOR VANC MEETINGS**

11. LA County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath will be attending next month's meeting. FORWARD your questions to [VANC34.Chair@gmail.com](mailto:VANC34.Chair@gmail.com) – NO QUESTIONS will be open during the meeting.

12. NC Anniversaries: **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**20 years – Northridge East**

13. **THANK YOU** for all **you do** for your communities and the city of Los Angeles and I appreciate your participation in VANC!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**VANC VIRTUAL Meeting Thursday December 12, 2024 Supervisor Lindsey Horvath district 3**

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\*PlanCheck 10AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, details [www.plancheckncla.com](http://www.plancheckncla.com)  
**Educate yourself on City Planning and Land Use issues**

\*LADWP MOU 1<sup>ST</sup> Saturday of the month, details at:  
<https://www.ladwpnews.com/dwp-nc-mou-and-advocacy-committee-meetings/>

**new ... Community Forest Advisory Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of the month 1p-3p**  
**CD6 has a Vacancy Contact [cfac.cd01@gmail.com](mailto:cfac.cd01@gmail.com)**

# HOT TOPICS For November 14, 2024

## #1 OPPORTUNITY FOR NC FUNDING PROGRAM WORKGROUP 2024-2025

([melvin.canas@lacity.org](mailto:melvin.canas@lacity.org))

### Objective:

Create a workgroup of NC members representative of the 7 NC Areas that will assist in **the review, discussion, and revision of current NC Funding Program policies** to be more inclusive and responsive to concerns and needs regarding the use of NC funds. The workgroup (NCFunding Program Workgroup) will be made up of two representatives from each of the Areas, totaling 14 active members, with one additional alternative per Area to attend meetings in case of an active member not being able to attend, for a total of 21 members. Program staff will hold meetings with the active workgroup on a regular scheduled basis to review current Program policies and propose revisions to the policies. Proposed revisions/updates from the Workgroup will be considered and discussed, but where necessary, final revisions may be determined by Program and Department management according to applicable, standing City and government regulations impacting the use of public funds.

### Workgroup Selection:

Regional NC alliances are asked to appoint the three NC board members (two active workgroup members plus an alternative member), representative of their respective Areas to be part of the Workgroup, considering diversity and inclusiveness in the selection of the members.

#### **VANC - North and South Valley Areas (2 each plus each has an alternate)**

If you are interested contact [VANC34.CHAIR@GMAIL.COM](mailto:VANC34.CHAIR@GMAIL.COM) (Gravani)

**SLAANC** - South L.A. Area,

**WRAC** - West L. A. Area,

**HANC** - Harbor Area , (LANCC)

**ARC** - East Area (LANCC),

**LANCC** - for the Central Area

**The alliances will have October and November to announce** the opportunity for interested NC board members and make the **appointment by November 30, 2024** and communicate it to the NC Funding Program.

### Meeting Schedule:

Meetings of the Workgroup, 6 projected, will begin in January, **online via Zoom or Google Meet, 6pm to 8pm, every other Thursday starting, January 9, 2025**. This would allow for members to review documents and prepare in between meetings. This schedule may change as needed.

### Breakdown of Meeting Topics:

**1st Meeting** Policy 1.0 NC Boards and Financial Officers

(1/9/25) Policy 1/1 Annual Budget and Administrative Packet

**2nd Meeting** Policy 2.0 Expenditures

(1/23/25) Policy 2.1 Office/Operational Expenditures

**3rd Meeting** Policy 2.2 Outreach & Events

(2/6/25) Policy 2.3 Election Expenditures

**4th Meeting** Policy 2.4 NPGs

(2/20/25) Policy 2.5 CIPs

**5th Meeting** Policy 3.0 Board Member Reimbursement

(3/6/25) Policy 4.0 Contracts and Leases

**6th Meeting** Policy 5.0 Expenditures During Declared Emergencies

(3/20/25) Policy 6.0 Corrective Measures