



## North Hills West Neighborhood Council

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### Board Meeting Minutes February 20, 2025 6:07PM-9:33PM (DRAFT)

**Regular Meeting Location:**  
**New Horizons**  
**15725 Parthenia Street**  
**North Hills, CA 91343**  
*(MAIL NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS ADDRESS)*

Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
Angelica Aleksanyan	Joined in Item 5. a.	NO	General Stakeholder 2027
Maria Carillo	Present	YES	Residential 2025
Pat Crone	Absent	YES	Residential 2025
Linda Erdman	Present	YES	Residential 2027
Garry Fordyce	Present	YES	Residential 2025
Jane Lopez	Present	YES	Residential2027
Leticia Martinucci	Present	YES	General Stakeholder 2027
Kreshell Ramey	Present	YES	General Stakeholder 2025
Martha Ugarte	Present	YES	General Stakeholder 2027
Vacant	Vacant		Residential 2025
Vacant	Vacant		Residential 2025
Vacant	Vacant		Community Interest 2027
Vacant	Vacant		General Stakeholder 2027
Board Members -08	Present 07 Absent 01 at Roll Call		

\*Funding vote eligibility key: **A**=age less than 18 yrs.; **E**=Ethics training; **F**=Funding training; **N**=not taken; **X**=expired  
 \*\* Advance notice given for absence \*\*\*At Large Appointed (VOTE KEY: Yes, No, Abstain, Ineligible, Recuse, Absent)

1. Call to order, Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance- **The meeting was called to order by President Garry Fordyce at 6:07PM.**
2. Roll Call-**Roll was called by Secretary Maria Carillo. Quorum of three was reached (Quorum is three, due to the Board being in exhaustive efforts).**

NHWNC ITEM 2. Roll Call		
Present –07	Absent-01	Excused-00
Carillo, Erdman, Fordyce, Lopez, Martinucci, Ramey, Ugarte	Crone	None

3. President's Announcements, Comments

- a. Trifold: NC Funding Approved \$1012.86 to AM Direct on February 3, 2025. **The City Clerk has sent out the check to pay for the trifolds that were printed, as soon as the check is received by the vendor the Board will receive the trifolds.**
- b. Financial Officers Training (Mandatory): **Martha Ugarte and Jane Lopez need to take to the Funding Training for Officers. They are scheduled to take it on February 25, 2025.**
  - i. Martha Ugarte - 2nd Bank Cardholder
  - ii. Jane Lopez - Alternate Signer
- c. EmpowerLA Roster: **-This is for correction to the EmpowerLA Roster**
  - i. Move Martha Ugarte (Residential 2027) to General 2027.
    - a) Eliminate One Residential 2027 Seat
    - b) Create One additional General 2027 Seat
  - ii. Eliminate One General 2025 Seat
    - a) Create One additional Residential 2025 Seat- **The chart above shows the correct seats.**
- d. **We need all of the Boardmembers to send photos for the website.**

4. Information about upcoming North Hills West Neighborhood Council Elections, including Candidate Filing dates and Voter Registration dates. -**Reviewed**

- a. Candidate Filing Begins January 17, 2025, and Ends March 3, 2025
  - b. Region 2 Election is May 20, 2025
  - c. Vote-By-Mail Registration Begins March 21, 2025 and Ends May 11, 2025
- John Darnell mentioned the City Clerks website is [clerk.lacity.org](http://clerk.lacity.org) and click on Neighborhood Council Elections.**

**ANNIVERSARY: NHWNC 22 Years (Certified February 25, 2003)- A cake was provided to celebrate. DONE**  
**NEA John Darnell presented a 22-year Anniversary Certificate. Pictures of the Board were taken.**

**The meeting took a break from 6:19PM to 6:28PM**

**The meeting was moved to Item 6**

5. Board Vacancies

- a. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action to appoint two Stakeholders to fill the General Board Member Vacant Seats, Term Expiring 2027. **Angelica Aleksanyan is Russian Armenian and has lived in this country since she was a teenager. She has lived in this community for over 17 years. She wants to help people in the community and is worried about safety.**

**Jane Lopez left the meeting at 6:50PM**

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed**

<b>NHWNC ITEM 5 a. Motion to approve Angelica Aleksanyan for the vacant General Board Seat expiring in 2027</b>				
<b>Moved: Fordyce Seconded: Carillo</b>				
<b>Yes-06</b>	<b>No-00</b>	<b>Abstain-00</b>	<b>Ineligible-00</b>	<b>Absent-02</b>
<b>Carillo, Erdman, Fordyce, Martinucci, Ramey, Ugarte</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Crone, Lopez</b>

Angelica Aleksanyan was sworn in by NEA, John Darnell

- b. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action to appoint one Stakeholder to fill the Community Interest Board Member Vacant Seat, Term ending 2027. **Item Postponed**

**Meeting was moved to item 7**

6. NHWNC P.O. Box 2091 Key Holders (2)

- a. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action to remove Linda Erdman as P.O. Box 2091 Key Holder.

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed**

<b>NHWNC ITEM 6. a. Motion to remove Linda Erdman as the P.O. Box 2091 key holder.</b>				
<b>Moved: Fordyce Seconded: Ramey</b>				
<b>Yes-07-</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Carillo, Erdman, Fordyce, Lopez, Martinucci, Ramey, Ugarte</b>	None	None	None	<b>Crone</b>

- b. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action to accept Leticia Martinucci resignation as P.O. Box 2091 Key Holder due to personal work obligations.

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed**

<b>NHWNC ITEM 6b. Motion to approve the resignation Leticia Martinucci resignation as P.O. Box 2091 Key Holder due to personal work obligations.</b>				
<b>Moved: Fordyce Seconded: Martinucci</b>				
<b>Yes-07-</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Carillo, Erdman, Fordyce, Lopez, Martinucci, Ramey, Ugarte</b>	None	None	None	<b>Crone</b>

- c. Call for two volunteers to accept P.O. Box 2091 mail collection responsibilities in behalf of the NHWNC.

- i. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action to appoint P.O. Box 2091 Key Holder(s).

Public Comment: **Glenn Bailey mentioned that if you sign up for notification at the Post Office, they will notify you if you have mail.**

**Motion: Passed**

<b>NHWNC ITEM 6.c.i. Motion to approve Kreshell Ramey as the new P.O. Box 2091 Key Holder with Maria Carillo as the back-up.</b>				
<b>Moved: Fordyce Seconded: Ugarte</b>				
<b>Yes-07-</b>	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	<b>Absent-01</b>
<b>Carillo, Erdman, Fordyce, Lopez, Martinucci, Ramey, Ugarte</b>	None	None	None	<b>Crone</b>

**The meeting was returned to Item 11.**

**Assemblymember (District 40) Pilar Schiavo-**During her first term she brought \$93 million dollars to the district. Over \$1.5 million dollars has been given to stakeholders through casework. Her legislative focus has been housing affordability. She is on the Utility and Energy Committee. There were no injuries, loss of structures, or fatalities. Burning landfill in Castaic which was a big concern. She said that no toxic soil will be dumped in the City of Los Angeles. The testing of the soil will be important. Her office hosted a donation event for fire victims. In April there will be a Career Fair. Sign up for her newsletter, so that you can get access to resources. Free Tax Preparation Event on March 29, 2025 at College of the Canyons from 9:00AM-5:00PM. They only have one office which is off of Tournay in Santa Clarita. You can make an appointment to meet with her. Burbank Airport is being remodeled. Whiteman Airport-Air Taxis-The airport is not in her district. The office phone # is 661-286-1565

**Glenn Bailey-** Let Assemblymember Schiavo know about the need to support the extension of SB411 so that Neighborhood Councils can continue to meet by Zoom.

### Meeting returned to Item 5

7. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action to approve NHWNC Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs):
  - a. June 2024 MER.-**Catching up on old Paperwork/Paperwork error (Adobe) in June. This will now allow the roll-over of approximately \$17,000**

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed**

NHWNC ITEM 7.a. Motion to approve the June 2024 (MER) NHWNC Monthly Expenditure Reports				
Moved: Carillo Seconded: Ramey				
Yes-04-	No-01	Abstain-01	Ineligible-01	Absent-02
Fordyce, Martinucci, Ramey, Ugarte	Erdman	Carillo	Aleksanyan	Crone, Lopez

- b. January 2025 MER.- **The duplicate invoice was just an extra copy**

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed**

NHWNC ITEM 7. b. Motion to approve the January 2025 (MER) NHWNC Monthly Expenditure Reports				
Moved: Carillo Seconded: Ramey				
Yes-05-	No-01	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-01
Carillo, Fordyce, Martinucci, Ramey, Ugarte	Erdman	None	Aleksanyan	Crone, Lopez

8. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action to approve NHWNC Board Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2025.

Public Comment: No comment

**Motion: Passed Linda Erdman requests more information in the minutes.**

NHWNC ITEM 8. Motion to approve NHWNC Board Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2025.				
Moved: Carillo Seconded: Ugarte				
Yes-05-	No-00	Abstain-02	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Carillo, Erdman, Fordyce, Ramey, Ugarte	None	Martinucci, Aleksanyan	None	Crone, Lopez

**Moved to Item 11.h.**

9. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action to Terminate Service with Insite Street Media effective March 15, 2025.
- Current Billing Period: February 15 - March 14, 2025
  - Cost Per Month: **\$600.00** There was a lot of discussion on whether the bus benches bring people to meetings. NC's have two jobs outreach to bring in stakeholder participation and to bring City Services. The city has cut our budgets from \$50,000 to \$32,000. Can we spend our money better? This is 22.5% of the budget.

**Public Comment:**

- Renee-** She received an email, hasn't seen the benches. Invite a neighbor to come to the meeting.
- Stakeholder-** Saw a posting on Nextdoor- has never seen the benches. She is here about the homeless encampments. Nextdoor is free.
- Maggie-** You have a trailer full of giveaways. It just takes people to hand them out. The bus benches and banners help.
- Dave-Nextdoor** Dave got the system going in the Valley. The Neighborhood Council has an account. It is under-utilized. The Webmaster can post agendas.
- Glenn-** The free bus bench ads only last until there is a paying customer. He suggests leaving the bus bench ads until the end of the fiscal year. Northridge East has done the free ads. They were up for a month.
- Mike-**He has the brochures printed. Gary will talk with him off line.

**Motion: Passed**

NHWNC ITEM 9.b. Motion to approve terminating service with Insite Street Media effective March 15, 2025. Moved: Erdman Seconded: Martinucci				
Yes-04-	No-02	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-02
Aleksanyan, Fordyce, Martinucci, Ugarte	Carillo, Erdman Ramey	None	None	Crone, Lopez

**Leticia Martinucci left the meeting at 7:37PM**

10. General Public Comments on Non-Agenda items within the jurisdiction of the NHWNC. Each speaker may speak, one time, for up to two (2) minutes unless changed by the presiding officer. PLEASE ADVISE US IF YOU ARE A PAID LOBBYIST.
- Richard-**Has a very serious issue and needs help. He needs to put high fencing around his property. He was sent here by City Planning.
  - Glenn-**This needs to be agendized it can't be done in Public Comment. This issue will need a variance.
  - Dave-**There will be a CERT training class at CSUN. The classes are free. The class is posted as sold out, but you can still show up. The calamities that we have gone through, have created more interest. On Saturday April 19. 2025 at Pierce College, we will be having the Annual Disaster Preparedness Fair. There will be lots of resources, demonstrations, and information available on things such as fireproofing, and CERT. There are fliers on the back table. If you have iOS on your iPhone 18.3 or higher you can now use Elon Musk's Starlink. It can be used to send texts in an emergency.

11. Elected Officials, Public Agency Speakers, Field Representatives, and Public Service Announcements. Up to three (3) minutes per speaker. Stakeholders are allotted up to two minutes each for a question, for each Agendized public official who visits. Public Officials who do not give advance notice of their participation in the NHW Neighborhood Council meeting are limited up to two minutes of announcements, which must include their contact information.

- a. Mayor Karen Bass - Mayor LA City / West Valley Area Representative - David Bright
- b. City Council - District 12 - John Lee - CD12 / Field Representative - Lorena Espinal- **Ms. Espinal went over recent events in CD-12. The Council Office participated in the Homeless Count. If you follow the newsletter, you would see that CD-12 has a Rapid Response Team. They drive around the community and pick up illegal dumping. In the month of January there were thirteen reports to our office which we responded to with the rapid response team. If you do see illegal dumping, please report it to 311, At the 405 and Parthenia they have cleaned up the Homeless Encampment. Services were refused so they moved to the other side of the Bridge. In regards to the homeless encampment in front of the Food 4Less. There was a clean-up. Due to the homeless count the resources were focused on that so services were not offered. She was trying to help find a location for the storage container. They have put all of their Neighborhood Council Elections on their website. Stakeholder- It is unsafe for my family to walk to the store. Stakeholder-It is hard to get to the door. It is hard to see the cars. It is causing a traffic issue on Parthenia. The homeless keep coming back. The difference between the homeless encampments and regular clean ups is the need for a large coordination of Departments to be able to work on a Care Plus outreach and clean-up. -There is a clean-up scheduled for the encampment at the Food 4 Less on March 3, 2025.**
- c. L.A. County Supervisor - District 3 - Lindsey Horvath
- d. State Senate - District 20 - Caroline Menjivar
- e. State Assembly - District 40 - Pilar Schiavo / Field Representative - Gaby Gurrola **Assemblymember (District 40) Pilar Schiavo-During her first term she brought \$93 million dollars to the district. Over \$1.5 million dollars has been given to stakeholders through casework. Her legislative focus has been housing affordability. She is on the Utility and Energy Committee. There were no injuries, loss of structures, or fatalities. She mentioned the burning landfill in Castaic, during the fires, which was a big concern. She said that no toxic soil will be dumped in the City of Los Angeles. The testing of the soil will be important. Her office hosted a donation event for fire victims. In April there will be a Career Fair. Sign up for her newsletter, so that you can get access to resources. Free Tax Preparation Event on March 29, 2025 at College of the Canyons from 9:00AM-5:00PM. They only have one office which is off of Tourney in Santa Clarita. You can make an appointment to meet with her. A request was made to keep Whiteman Airport open/ Van Nuys Airport Air Taxis-The airports are not in her district. Burbank Airport is being remodeled. The office phone # is 661-286-1565**

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- f. U.S. Congress - District 32 - Brad Sherman
- g. LAUSD School Board - District 3 - Scott Schmerelson
- h. LAUSD School Board - District 6 - Kelly Gonez-**Kelly Gonez represents the East Valley- We need to make sure our staff and students feel protected especially, due to the changes Federally. The Board has taken-action to assure that everyone feels safe, and supported, regardless of their background. We are providing resources for our immigrant families and staff. The LAUSD Website-lausd.org has additional resources. We have been handing the red cards out at our**

schools to know your rights. We held a distribution event during the fire in Sylmar in partnership with Senator Menjivar's Office to help families in need (diapers, food, wipes, toiletries and. Water) while they were evacuating and having issues with power outages. We kicked off the school year with a backpack distribution. She has visited all of her schools in North Hills West. We have excellent programs at all of our schools. We are doing an upgrade and modernization at Monroe High School. The District will be purchasing a privacy fence for Einstein. At Gledhill there is a need for a playground upgrade, we are looking at how our school bond might support that. As far as community outreach, in the Fall we had our Teachers Advisory Cabinet. We also held different parent meeting focused on joy and wellness. Ms. Gonez was asked about Adult Education, most of the classes are English as a Second Language. The Occupational Center offers a variety of Adult Education classes. The classes are very low cost. What is going on in the school as far as Mental Health? We have hired hundreds of staff to help with these issues. How is the District dealing with stress from the news and ICE. We have lots of information on the website and we giving out the red cards. We have also been training staff on the protocols. The food at the schools is an issue. The students don't like it. They have students doing taste test events to try new foods. There are Parent Centers at each of the schools. Ms. Gonez was asked to let the Neighborhood Council know if any sober living homes are near the schools.

- i. LAPD - Devonshire Division - Senior Lead Officer (SLO) - Jerome Knopp-/ Volunteer Mikkie Loi- **Crime is down everywhere in the division except for Grand Theft Auto. The officers have made some arrests for possession of a firearm. There is a Basic Car Meeting coming up on March 4, 2025 at 6:00PM via Zoom. She has fliers and it was sent to the President to add to the website. Please download the Devonshire App. There will be a Coffee with a Cop at REI Tuesday March 11 at 11:00AM. There is the Annual Open House and Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at Devonshire Station. On May 5, 2025 there will be a Cert Training at Granada Hills High School, coordinated by the Devonshire Division Senior Lead Officers. 6:30 PM to 9:00PM for 7 consecutive weeks. She will leave the fliers on the table.**
- j. Mid-Valley Regional Library
- k. L.A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment - NEA - John Darnell
- l. Budget Advocate

12. FACT GATHERING: Possible Motion(s), Discussion, Action -

- a. Regarding: • Existence of; • Location of; • Safety Concerns; • Blocking Public Use of Sidewalks and/or Parking; • Sanitation Concerns (WITHIN THE NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOUNDARIES)
  - i. Sober Living Homes-  
**There is one near the house and her catalytic convertor was stolen  
 Then she was accosted at the gas station by some of the residents  
 The addresses are 8924/8926 Haskell Ave. They are un monitored  
 Paramedics have been there for possibly an OD**
  - ii. Homeless Encampments-  
**Homeless issues on Aqueduct encampment on the Sidewalk at Nordhoff.  
 The kids from the High School cross the street there. Cars are trying to turn into the Jack in the Box  
 There was one on Aqueduct behind the Onion.  
 The Westside of Food 4 Less- South West corner. The encampment is taking over the sidewalk, drugged people passed out  
 RV North on Haskell from here.**

iii. **There are dumped RVs in the street**  
**Street Vendors**  
**Are the street vendors contributing to the problem at the Food 4 Less?**  
**ADA Compliance Issues**  
**Where do they wash their hands?**  
**Taking away business from brick-and-mortar businesses.**  
**Street vendors trailers parked 24 hours. Why aren't they being ticketed**  
**You have to walk in the street to get past the tables and chairs.**  
**Theft at Food for Less- No one cares/ the stores can't get support from the police.**

13. Update on NHWNC Storage Container (Maria)-**The Garden is willing to work with us. \$100.00 a month. She is trying to go out there next week. The trailer will be moved onto asphalt and the Board will have a key to the gate. A tree will have to be trimmed. Maria will get two estimates for that. The other expense will be someone to move the bin. We will need to do a lease. John Darnell wants to have Maria reach out to the City Clerk to see what will be needed to do a contract. Mr. Darnell suggests Gary meeting Mariel. Gary feels there are issues.**
14. Board Member Announcements / Comments (No Discussion)-**No Announcements**
15. Future Agenda Items (Board) - (No Discussion)-**No Future Agenda Items Requested.**
16. Adjournment **The meeting was adjourned at 9:33PM**