

North Hills West Neighborhood Council Regular Board Meeting
AGENDA

Mid-Valley Regional Library
16244 Nordhoff Street, North Hills, CA 91343
Thursday, March 19, 2026 6:00 P.M.

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• Janayn Martinez – Treasurer, • Bianca Castillo - Secretary

Board Members: • Angelica Aleksanyan, • Maggie Elliott, • Leticia
Martinucci, •Martha Ugarte

Vacant Seats: • Residential Stakeholder 2027 (1 Seat), 2029 (2 Seats)
• General Stakeholder 2027 (1 Seat)
• Community Interest Stakeholder 2027 (1 Seat)

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- I. LAPD - Devonshire Division - Senior Lead Officer (SLO) - Antonio Villegas
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- L. Budget Advocate
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6. Discussion and possible action to approve Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER):

A. February 2026

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the Board Meeting Minutes:

A. October 16, 2025

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C. February 19, 2026

- 8. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action: Requesting Councilmember John Lee forward a Motion requesting a targeted Amendment to Ordinance No. 177327 governing land use at Van Nuys Airport.
- 9. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action To:
 - A. Approve using SB 707 for NHWNC Committee meetings only.
 - B. Confirm that the NHWNC would like to use SB 707 to conduct some meetings virtually through the use of Zoom and will submit a CIS to Council File 23-1114 to confirm this vote.
- 10. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action To: Support CF 26-0002-S11 Resolution (Title: AB 1941 (Gonzalez) / Criminal Liability / Organized Metal Theft Operation with Board CIS.
- 11. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action To: Appoint Community Impact Statement (CIS) Filers per LAAC Section 907. [Neighborhood Council (NC) position letters regarding Council File (CF) Motions are to formally support, oppose or suggest amendments to the Los Angeles City Council influencing local government policy. • Additionally NC's are permitted up to five minutes to speak when presenting a CIS to the City Council or a City Council Committee. Without a CIS a speaker is generally limited to one minute. • One final note: All CIS submission must first be agendized, discussed and approved by the NHWNC Board.]
- 12. **Motion, Discussion, Possible Action To: Request that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) grant access to Next Door for the purpose of Posting Agenda, Community Events, Public Safety, Infrastructure and other issues of concern or interest to North Hills West Stakeholders.**
- 13. Discussion, Possible Motion and Possible Action from NHWNC Infrastructure Committee Regarding: Traffic Signal concerns at Woodley/Parthenia and Woodley/Railroad Crossing.
 - A. Further Discussion on “If You See It Report It”. This involves Board Members and Stakeholders. Contact “MYLA311” and the NHWNC Board. Let us all function with credibility in behalf of our North Hills West Community.

14. Adjournment

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For information about the NHWNC, please mail P.O. Box 2091 - North Hills, CA 91393-2091 or email: John.darnell@lacity.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

**LEGALLY REQUIRED OFFICIAL POSTING
PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THIS POSTING
UNTIL March 20, 2026**

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DRAFT MINUTES

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Name	Present	Absent
Garry Fordyce	x	
Jane Lopez	x	
Janayn Martinez	x	
Bianca Castillo	x	
Angelica Aleksanyan	x	
Liza Ashley		x
Maggie Elliott		x
Leticia Martinucci	x	

Martha Ugarte	x	
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Quorum was met at 6:47 p.m.

3. President's Comments

- A. 23rd Anniversary Congratulations (NHWNC Certified February 25, 2003)**
- B. Budget 101 Update**

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Astrie Gramajo and Miguel Morales from Rec and Parks provided updates on an upcoming event, and want an NPG. They provided cards and the board President will get back to them.

Glenn Bailey provided public comment.

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A. Mayor Karen Bass - West Valley Area Representative

No representative attended.

B. Office of City Councilmember John Lee - District 12 - Field Representative - Lorena Espinal

Lorena Espinal provided updates in the district. There's a new speed safety program, and 125 speed cameras will be installed throughout the city. Eight will be in CD 12. The program will begin in either the summer or end of the calendar year. A "Year in Review" of CD 12's work went out in their newsletter last week. Mid Valley Regional Library will celebrate their 30th anniversary on March 14th from 10am - 3pm.

C. L.A. County Supervisor - District 3 - Lindsey Horvath

No representative attended.

D. State Senate - District 20 - Caroline Menjivar

Andres Garcia, the field representative from this office attended and provided some updates. They cover a small portion of North Hills West. There's a bill the Senator introduced regarding DUIs will be introduced soon to see if more consequences can be

given to those who have numerous DUIs, and another bill (SB 991) which will help the elderly who live at senior living homes.

E. State Assembly - District 40 - Pilar Schiavo / Field Representative -

There is a new field representative for this office, and her name is Julia Estrada. She provided some updates to the board, and they include Tacos and Taxes event in April, and a Cyber Security event. Both are public events.

F. U.S. Congress - District 32 - Brad Sherman

No representative attended.

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No representative attended.

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No representative attended.

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No representative attended.

J. Mid-Valley Regional Library

No representative attended.

K. L.A. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment - NEA - John Darnell

John Darnell provided updates for the board from the department. Any bylaws changes are due by April 1st. A Budget 101 for Neighborhood Councils was held on January 29th. A Homelessness Liaisons Town Hall was held on January 8th.

L. Budget Advocate - Glenn Bailey

Glenn Bailey described how the Budget Advocates do a White Paper that shows their recommendations for the city budget. Also, Budget Day will be Saturday, June 27, 2026 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Budget Advocates will also host an event around May 1st that will describe the Mayor's proposed budget. www.budgetadvocates.org.

M. LAPD Volunteer - Mikkie Loi

Mikkie Loi did not attend.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve Monthly Expenditure Reports (MER):

A. December 2025

Janayn Martinez made a motion to approve the December 2025 MER. Leticia Martinucci seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recuse
Garry Fordyce	x					
Jane Lopez	x					
Janayn Martinez	x					
Bianca Castillo	x					
Angelica Aleksanyan	x					
Liza Ashley				x		
Maggie Elliott				x		
Leticia Martinucci	x					
Martha Ugarte	x					

B. January 2026

Janayna made the motion to approve the January 2026 MER. Bianca seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recuse
Garry Fordyce	x					
Jane Lopez	x					
Janayn Martinez	x					
Bianca Castillo	x					
Angelica Aleksanyan	x					
Liza Ashley				x		
Maggie Elliott				x		
Leticia Martinucci	x					
Martha Ugarte	x					

7. Discussion and possible action to approve the Board Meeting Minutes:

- A. October 16, 2025
- B. December 11, 2025

No motion was made because the board did not have the minute available.

8. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action to Remove Liza Ashley:

- A. As 2nd Bank Cardholder
- B. From Land Use Committee

Jane Lopez made a motion to remove Liza Ashley from... Leticia Martinucci seconded the motion. Motion pass unanimously.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recuse
Garry Fordyce	x					
Jane Lopez	x					
Janayn Martinez	x					
Bianca Castillo	x					
Angelica Aleksanyan	x					
Liza Ashley				x		
Maggie Elliott				x		
Leticia Martinucci	x					
Martha Ugarte	x					

9. Motion,

Discussion, Possible Action To:

- 9A. Approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG), Up to \$400.00 to the Canoga Park Senior Citizens Club, partially funding the Annual Salute To Recreation Senior Dance 2026, to be held at the Northridge Recreation Center on May 15, 2026.

Motion was made by Jane Lopez to approve the NPG to the Canoga Park Senior Citizens Club for \$400.00 for the Annual Salute to Recreation Senior Dance at the Northridge Recreation Center. The motion was seconded by Angelica Aleksanyan.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recuse
Garry Fordyce	x					
Jane Lopez	x					
Janayn Martinez	x					
Bianca Castillo	x					

Angelica Aleksanyan	x					
Liza Ashley				x		
Maggie Elliott				x		
Leticia Martinucci	x					
Martha Ugarte	x					

9B. Select The NHWNC 2026 Senior of The Year.

Motion was made by Jane Lopez to select Garry Fordyce as the 2026 Senior of the Year from NHWNC. Motion was seconded by Leticia Martinucci.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recuse
Garry Fordyce	x					
Jane Lopez	x					
Janayn Martinez	x					
Bianca Castillo	x					
Angelica Aleksanyan	x					
Liza Ashley				x		
Maggie Elliott				x		
Leticia Martinucci	x					
Martha Ugarte	x					

10. Motion, Discussion, Possible Action to Approve Up to \$500.00 for Budget Day June 27, 2026.

Angelica Aleksanyan made a motion to approve \$300 for Budget Day 2026. Leticia Martinucci seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recuse
Garry Fordyce	x					
Jane Lopez	x					
Janayn Martinez	x					
Bianca Castillo	x					
Angelica Aleksanyan	x					

Liza Ashley				x		
Maggie Elliott				x		
Leticia Martinucci	x					
Martha Ugarte	x					

11. **Committee Round Table Discussion: John Darnell**

a. Budget and Finance

b. Events, Marketing, and Outreach

c. Planning and Land Use Management

d. Beautification and Infrastructure

e. Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

f. Rules and Elections

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Dear Councilmember _____,

On behalf of the _____, we are writing to express our support for a motion requesting a targeted amendment to *Ordinance No. 177327* governing land use at Van Nuys Airport.

The current regulatory framework for the airport, established through the 2006 Van Nuys Airport Plan and codified by *Ordinance 177327*, provides clear land-use designations intended to guide development within the airport footprint. These distinctions—particularly between Aviation and Airport Commercial uses—were adopted by the City Council after careful consideration of aeronautical and municipal needs, to ensure appropriate aeronautical activity, compatibility with surrounding communities, recognition of environmental constraints, and consistency with the City's adopted planning framework.

Recent proposals and solicitations issued by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) raise concerns that these established land use boundaries could be effectively altered through parcel consolidation or land reclassification prior to completion of the forthcoming Van Nuys Airport Specific Plan. In particular, development concepts that combine parcels with different use designations, or that require conversion between Aviation and Airport Commercial land categories, risk undermining the integrity of the existing ordinance before the comprehensive planning process directed by Council File 23-1339 is completed.

The ordinance amendment being proposed offers a practical and narrowly tailored safeguard. It does not halt development at the airport. Rather, it simply ensures that any projects moving forward remain consistent with the land use designations already adopted by the City until the new Specific Plan process has been completed and considered by the Council.

Preserving the integrity of the 2006 Plan during this interim period, and ensuring zoning remains consistent with the land-use designations established in the ordinance, is essential to maintaining transparency, public confidence, and orderly planning. If land-use categories are effectively altered through individual project solicitations or administrative actions prior to the Specific Plan update, the broader planning process risks being preempted by piecemeal decisions that may result in irreversible adverse consequences for our district and the San Fernando Valley region.

For these reasons, and because development at VNY Airport directly affects our district—bringing increased noise, pollution, blight and operational impacts—_____ respectfully urges you to take the lead in filing this proposed action. The motion directs the Department of City Planning, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare an

amendment clarifying that any land-use or zoning changes within the Van Nuys Airport Plan area may occur only through the ongoing Specific Plan process.

In developing the new Specific Plan, we strongly urge the City Council to preserve the existing land-use designations established in *Ordinance No. 177327* to ensure continuity, protect the community, and maintain the integrity of the airport's planning framework, particularly given the dense population of the San Fernando Valley.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and for your continued attention to responsible planning at Van Nuys Airport.

Sincerely,



RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, copper wire theft continues to be a persistent and costly issue impacting communities throughout Los Angeles, having far-reaching consequences such as prolonged power outages and darkened streets, which directly diminishes neighborhood security and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the constant need for repair and replacement of stolen infrastructure places a substantial financial burden on the city, draining taxpayer funds that could otherwise be allocated to essential public services; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, persistent wire theft resulted in nearly forty-five thousand service requests that seriously strained the Bureau of Street Lighting's resources, causing repair delays of over six months; and

WHEREAS, despite the City's best efforts to curb rampant copper wire theft through task forces and creative lighting, the damages caused by copper wire theft continue to be a significant financial cost and public safety concern; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 476, signed by the Governor in October 2025, requires junk dealers and recyclers to include the time, amount paid, and employee name for each transaction in their written records, revise the description of junk items, and obtain a signed statement of ownership or source; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1941, introduced by Assemblymember Mark Gonzalez, builds upon the effective legislation of AB 476 by targeting repeat and organized offenders who steal or traffic prohibited metal materials and creates a statewide data-sharing tool to allow for increased visibility into organized metal theft operations; and

WHEREAS, AB 1941 would establish organized metal theft punishable as either a misdemeanor or a felony, sending a clear message that those who damage our City's infrastructure and make our communities less safe will face stiff consequences;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-2026 State Legislative Program SUPPORT of AB 1941 (Gonzalez) and would encourage additional amendments to clarify that criminal liability of metal theft be calculated based upon the full cost to the victim to repair and replace the stolen materials, including labor and equipment, rather than the fair market scrap value.

PRESENTED BY: Adri Nazarian
ADRIN NAZARIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY: Monica Rodriguez

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FEB 25 2026

