

Linda Pruett

Vice President's Report

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Office Space at the Van Nuys Municipal Building

At our May meeting, the Board voted to accept the offer of office space for our Neighborhood Council in the newly renovated Van Nuys City Hall Building, now called the Valley Municipal Building, on Sylvan Street in Van Nuys, but with the hope that we would be able to “get something in writing” that would protect WVN/LB NC against sudden, unexpected loss of the space.

I spoke with Jacqueline Mendez from DONE (213) 485-4278 – email address: jmendez@mailbox.lacity.org, and she reiterated that the entire 4th Floor of the building will be for the use of Neighborhood Councils, with two private offices of approximately 200 square feet each – one for the use of Van Nuys Neighborhood Council, and one for use by West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council, with additional “cubical space” for four other neighborhood councils in the surrounding area.

She said that yes, there will be something in writing between DONE and our NC, and that as the date comes closer for “move in”, (probably august), she will want to meet with representatives from our Board to go over the rules and regulations for use of the building. She said that barring misuse of the premises (in other words, breaking these rules), or the highly unlikely scenario of DONE being given vast additional funding for staff expansion, she could not think of any reason why we would be asked to vacate the office.

I assured her that we remain most interested in procuring the space, and look forward to her invitation for a meeting for further discussion.

CONGRESS OF NEIGHBORHOODS

A reminder to all of you that the Congress of Neighborhood Councils will be held this Saturday, June 25, at the Los Angeles Convention Center -- South Hall, 1201 S. Figueroa

St. in Los Angeles. Registration on line has now closed, but will be open on the day of the event for the great workshops.

Also, a partial list of some of the great door prizes has been published, which includes a behind-the-scenes tour of LAX, meeting the baby animals at the L.A. Zoo, taking a LA Conservancy Walking Tour, tickets to the Museum of the American West (nee: Autry Museum), tickets to the Museum of Latin American Art, lunch at the local fire station, behind-the-scenes at the Huntington Library, tour of the Los Angeles Times printing plant, tour of the Times editorial headquarters, gift certificate to either La Golondrina or El Paseo Inn restaurants in El Pueblo, a beautiful carved chess set, an emergency preparedness kit, tickets to a Dodgers game, a tag-along with a Building and Safety code enforcement inspector, and a tag-along with a Housing Department code enforcement inspector.

I encourage as many of you as possible to attend!

Respectfully submitted

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