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Vice President's Report

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West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Office – We have the keys for our new office, located at 14410 Sylvan Street in the Van Nuys City Hall Building, on the third floor of the tower. Unfortunately, Building Management used the same locks for the front door to the main office (where four other Neighborhood Councils will have cubicles), for the Van Nuys Neighborhood Council's private office, and for our private office. We have been informed by DONE that this will be corrected, though it may take a little while. Stay tuned to this continuing saga. I'm betting we'll get to have an Open House before New Year's Eve!

Emergency Preparedness Committee – This Committee will meet on Saturday Morning, November 5th, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the FlyAway Bus Terminal at 7610 Woodley Avenue, (that's the northeast corner of Saticoy and Woodley) in Van Nuys. The room location is on the second floor, at the north end of the building. There is an elevator located near the north end of the first floor lobby. Parking for our meeting is free of charge in the short term parking lot located just north of the lobby entrance. With the threats of earthquakes, raging brush fires, the upcoming rainy season and possible flooding, hazardous material spills and the ongoing threat of terrorist attack, there has probably never been a time in the history of the San Fernando Valley when it was more important to be prepared! We'll examine ways to make plans for all these contingencies for ourselves, our families, and our community. Invite your family, friends and neighbors!

Metro Orange Line Grand Opening – Our new cross-the-valley busline opens this Saturday Morning at 9:00 AM. The program at our Balboa/Victory station will include DJ Music from 9:00 to 10:00 AM, Live Music from 10:00 to 11:00, Appearances by Elected Officials from 11:15 to 11:30 AM, Serenades by the Woodcrest School Chorus from 11:30 to 12:00 noon, and demonstrations by the LA Fitness Sports Club from 1:30 to 2:30 PM. Free rides on the new buses for the public will be available all day Saturday and Sunday. Come be part of history and Opening Day of this innovative transportation system.

Self Defense Workshop – Councilman Tony Cardenas sponsored a Self Defense Workshop on Saturday, October 22nd at the Mid Valley YMCA on Lennox Avenue from 9:00 AM til Noon. Three of us from this Neighborhood Council, Karen Olds, Rick Pederson and I attended and participated! I’m sure it was worth the price of admission (which was FREE) just to see your Vice President going for the “eye-gouging, ear cuffing, rib pounding, and groin kneeing”, to say nothing of literally “throwing” a couple of the instructors to the ground! I highly recommend this great workshop, which is sponsored each year by the Councilman, and encourage all of you to participate when it comes around again! We all learned a lot, feel safer, and had a great time in the process!