



# Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

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# Board Meeting Minutes February 5, 2025 7:03PM-9:29PM

**APPROVED** 

# **Regular Meeting Location:**

Gault Street Elementary School
17000 Gault Street
Lake Balboa CA 91406

(MAIL NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS ADDRESS)

Boardmemb	er	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
James Brown	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Present	YES	Residential
Douglas Escobar		Present	YES	Business
Ronnie Frost	Communications Officer	Present	YES	Business
Christopher Garcia		Present	NO	Youth
John Garcia		Present	YES	Residential
Alex Goode	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Present	YES	Residential
Linda Gravani	President	Present	YES	Business
Surat Hazra		Present	YES	At Large
Darian Heredia		Present	YES	Residential
Lydia Jerosimich		Present	YES	Senior
Mihran Kalaydjian		Present	YES	Organization
Jackie Knoll		Present	YES	Residential
Danica Middleton	Secretary	Present	YES	Residential
Mariam Preissel		Present	YES	Organization
Linda Schwering	Treasurer	Present	YES	At-Large
Bill Swartz		Present	YES	At-Large
Kathleen Swartz		Present	YES	Residential
Total Board Mem	bers -17	Present 17 Absent 00 at Roll Call		

<sup>\*</sup>Funding vote eligibility key: **A**=age less than 18 yrs.; **E**=Ethics training; F=Funding training; N=not taken; **X**=expired

1. Call meeting to order WELCOME to our STAKEHOLDERS- The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM by President Linda Gravani, everyone was welcomed.

L.A. City Charter Sec 900. Purpose (Of Neighborhood Councils)

**To promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs,** a citywide system of neighborhood councils, and a Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is created. Neighborhood councils shall include representatives of the many diverse interests in communities and shall have an advisory role on issues of concern to the neighborhood.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Advance notice given for absence \*\*\*At Large Appointed (VOTE KEY: Yes, No, Abstain, Ineligible, Recuse, Absent)

# Our Mission is to bring forward our concerns to our elected officials,

We are a department within the city of Los Angeles. We are required to follow city and state laws. The Brown Act does not allow us to discuss anything is NOT on tonight's agenda. There is an item called PUBLIC COMMENT where you can address items NOT on the agenda. The President has suggested time limits for each item so that the meeting will end around 915p. Time allocations are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the President. The time keeper is: James Brown.

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance -The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Christopher Garcia
- 3. Roll Call- Roll was called by Secretary Danica Middleton. Quorum of nine was reached. All seventeen Boardmembers were in attendance.

LBNC ITEM 3. Roll Call		
Present –17	Absent-00	Excused-00
Brown, Escobar, Frost, C Garcia, J. Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton, Preissel, Schwering, B. Swartz, K. Swartz	None	None

4. Discussion and possible action to adopt the February 5, 2025 agenda. #8 Should be Carmen Chang, and ix It should say Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate.

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (7:06PM)

LBNC ITEM 4. Motion to adopt the February 5, 2025 agenda with corrections						
Moved: Brown Seconded: Kalaydjian						
Yes-17	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-00		
Brown, Escobar, Frost, C Garcia, J. Garcia, Goode, Gravani,	None	None	None	None		
Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton,						
Preissel, Schwering, B. Swartz, K. Swartz						

 Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of LBNC November 6, 2024 meeting Minutes – Middleton

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (7:08PM)

LBNC ITEM 5. Motion to approve the LBNC November 6, 2024 Minutes  Moved: Middleton Seconded: Kalaydjian						
Yes-16 No-00 Abstain-01 Ineligible-00 Absent-00						
Escobar, Frost, C Garcia, J. Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra,	None	Brown	None	None		
Heredia, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton,						
Preissel, Schwering, B. Swartz, K. Swartz						

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of **LBNC's December 4, 2024 meeting Minutes** – Middleton

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (7:09PM)

LBNC ITEM 6. Motion to adopt the LBNC's December 4, 2024 meeting Minutes							
Moved: Middleton Seconded: Kalaydjian							
Yes-17	Yes-17 No-00 Abstain-00 Ineligible-00 Absent-00						
Brown, Escobar, Frost, C Garcia, J. Garcia, Goode,	None	None	None	None			
Gravani, Hazra, Heredia, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll,							
Middleton, Preissel, Schwering, B. Swartz, K. Swartz							

- 7. Announcements and Reports:
  - a. West Valley LAPD Captain III Brian Wendling 26929@lapd.online 818-374-7640
    - Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Officer Mike Terrazas 818-374-7631 34499@lapd.online
      Senior Lead Officer Terrazas handed out copies of the Crime Stats. Many of the
      Officers and Detectives have been deployed in Pacific Palisades. If you have left
      messages please be patient, they will get back to you as soon as possible. There are
      many events, coming up that the LAPD will have to cover such as; The Martin Luther
      King Day Parade, The LA Marathon, and the Academy Awards.
    - ii. Also Representing LBNC Sgt Larry Martinez 31179@lapd.online
    - iii. NON-Emergency 877-ASK- LAPD 877-275-5273
  - b. LA Fire Dept. Battalion 10 'A' Platoon, Battalion Chief Robert J Barna- robert.barna@lacity.org 818-756-8610 The Fire Department has been very busy. He was deployed to the Palisades Fire. It was an intense fire fight. The Basin Fire recently burnt 30 acres. There is not much left to burn. They are working with Council District 6 in regards to the Sepulveda Basin. Winter Storm Safety-1/2 of all heating fires are in December, January, and February. Change the batteries in you smoke alarms and install Carbon Monoxide monitors. Make sure your driveway is clear so you can get your car out easily. Make sure the house # number can be clearly seen by emergency vehicles. Have flashlights with extra batteries and stay away from downed wires. Turn off heaters when you go to bed.
  - c. LA City Council District 6 (CD 6) Imelda Padilla 818-778-4999
    - i. Rosie.Avetisyan@lacity.org Field Rep for Lake Balboa -On February 18, 2025 there will be a Special Homeless Count in the Sepulveda Basin during the day.
    - ii. Rebecca.Gurrola@lacity.org Homelessness Director
    - iii. <u>Christopher.E.Hernandez@lacity.org</u> Homelessness Coordinator
    - iv. Lamont.Cobb@lacity.org Land Use
    - v. <u>Alexandra.Leard@lacity.org</u> VNY Airport Deputy Chief of Staff
  - d. LA Mayor Karen Bass' office-213-400-0916
    - i. Michelle.Vergara@lacity.org,
    - ii. <u>Betsaira.Aguilera@lacity.org</u> (Betsy) Community Engagement 213-257-0224
  - e. LA City Attorney's Office 213-978-8100 Hydee Feldstein Soto
  - f. LA City Planning Liaisons
    - i. Ariel.Jones@lacity.org 213-820-4255
  - g. LA Metro
    - i. Ron Macias <a href="maciasr@metro.net">maciasr@metro.net</a> Metro\_Community Relations Manager.\_Rosalba Gonzalez

      Metro-will be starting work on the G Line above ground separations West of Sepulveda. They

will be located at; Vesper, Variel, and Van Nuys Blvd. The Van Nuys Station will be closed between Sepulveda Ave. and Oxnard St.

- h. LAUSD **Scott Schmerelson's** office (District 3) 818-654-3785
  - i. Deputy Director of School and Community Engagement Karla Silva <u>Karla.Silva1@lausd.net</u> 213-241-8333
- i. LA County Supervisor **Lindsey P. Horvath** office (District 3) 818-901-3831
  - i. District Director Mirna Ezquivel <u>mezquivel@bos.lacounty.gov</u>
  - ii. HELP for HOMELESS www.la-hop.org
  - iii. Constituent Advocate ESFV Office Paulina Torres & Karen Dominguez
- j. CA Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel 46<sup>th</sup> Assembly District 818-346-4521
  - i. Jack Trent- Dorfman Field Rep. The Valley Day of Service will be on May 4, 2025
  - ii. February 8, 2025 Tacos & Taxes 9a-3p NO CHARGE
    - 1 Income under \$67,000
    - 2 Must make appointment NO WALK-INS
    - 3 Individuals with BASIC returns only
    - 4 Are you interested????? Go to www.bit.ly/SFVtaxes
- k. CA State Senator Caroline Menjivar, (District 20) sd20.senate.ca.gov 916-651-4020
  - i. Andres.Garcia@sen.ca.gov 818-901-5588
- I. CA State Senator **Henry Stern's** Office (District 27) 818-876-3352
  - i. Field Rep Susie.Herrera@sen.ca.gov
- m. US Representative Tony Cardenas (District 29) 818-221-3718
  - i. <u>Gabriela.Agarie@mail.house.gov</u>
- n. US Representative Brad Sherman (District 30) 818-501-9200 Mary.Chakerian@mail.house.gov
- o. Van Nuys Airport Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) Alicia Avery and <del>Doug Decker</del> both residents of Lake Balboa <u>VNYCAC@lawa.org</u>.
- p. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)
  - i. Daniel.D.Johnson@lacity.org 818- 374-9889
  - U.S. Representative Luz Rivas has not set up a valley office yet. The new Gault St. Elementary School Principal will be starting on Monday.
- 8. GUEST SPEAKERS Los Angeles City Council Member Imelda Padilla and General Manager of Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) Carmen Chang Councilmember Imelda Padilla is attending the meetings of all of her Neighborhood Councils. She holds office hours every two weeks so that she can meet with constituents. Ms. Padilla supports the work of the first responders and gave kudos to Chief Crowley. She invited Department Manager Carmen Chang to attend Gibson Nyambura Director of innovation for DONE was also introduced. The President Gravani read from a three page document that went over the main issues, wants, and needs of Lake Balboa.
  - a. Discussion and possible action regarding important LBNC topics regarding:
    - i. Sepulveda Basin The homeless have taken over the basin. It is not unusual to see machete carrying individuals, which does not make you feel safe, to frequent the park with your family. The explosion/fire in the basin, which sent 11 firefighters to the hospital, isn't ideal for a family outing either. Many fires have been started in the basin due to the homeless trying to stay warm and/or cook their meals. The brush reaches shoulder height and is easy fuel to burn, with a good wind the valley will go up in smoke. There are shopping carts, tents and debris of all sorts. There is \$3 million dollars of Federal money provided to the City of Los Angeles by Congressman Brad Sherman in March of 2022 to

revitalize the Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex and Ranger Station. Currently, there are 4 Rangers to patrol both the Sepulveda Basin and Hansen Dam.

### We want;

- a) 4 additional Park Rangers to assist with 24 hr. watch.

  Councilmember Padilla-The Park Rangers have not asked her for the increase.
- b) Vehicles for the Park Rangers
  Councilmember Padilla-She will explore this
- c) Park Rangers should be armed.
   Councilmember Padilla-There is not support from the City Council at this time for the Rangers to be armed.
- d) Cameras which can stop illegal dumping Councilmember Padilla-Cameras are in the works.
- e) Follow anti-camping laws in the basin Councilmember Padilla-She will contact the City Attorney to discuss the options. Stakeholder comment-The Homeless are lighting fires and polluting the water
- f) Goats to clear out the brush in the basin. Councilmember Padilla -She supports the use of goats but it has to be approved by the City Council She has been working on the Basin which is a multijurisdictional area. has to bring everyone together to address the issues. She has a working group also. Pat Bates-is on Encino's Neighborhood Council and is part of the Audubon Society.

The basin is a great place for Bird Watching. The Homeless have been lighting fires and destroying the habitats. There needs to be a safe place for the birds and wildlife.

Councilmember Padilla mentioned that Recreation and Parks wants to focus on removing the invasive plants out of the basin

Recreation and Parks will create a website for the basin,

# ii. Van Nuys & Whiteman Airport

With approximately 2 million of Los Angeles' 4 million residents living in the valley, a backup airport is needed in case of emergencies for FEMA, the RED Cross, water scoopers and other emergency agencies. L.A. City Council voted to support closing Whiteman, LA County airport (CF20-1538) LBNC opposes the closing of Whiteman Van Nuys Airport

Van Nuys Airport was primarily for general aviation enthusiasts. Currently it has morphed into an international commercial enterprise. It has jet maintenance facilities, charter vendors with 150+passenger seat aircraft, U.S. Customs facilities which increases traffic at this general aviation airport. These "upgrades" were created without consideration for the surrounding schools and single family homes. Where there was a buffer to the community is now a jet hangar blasting fumes throughout the neighborhood. The aircraft noise and fumes constantly drift through the neighborhood.

### We want;

- a) Stop the fumes
- b) Stop the sale of individual seats on charter flights.
- c) Post the Citizens Advisory Council agendas on the ENS System Councilmember Padilla-She supports this and more empowerment.

- d) Include all Communities affected by the noise, fumes, and soot in the Van Nuys Airport Vision Plan meetings.
- e) A curfew for all aircraft from 10:00PM-7:00AM (Like Burbank Airport)
- f) Stop Personal Air Vehicles (PAV's, Flying Cars, and Air Taxis)
  Suzanne Gutierrez-The January CA meeting LAWA will be building a wall to help keep out the fumes. CF-1339-The wall will be built by the tenant. LAWA is trying to avoid doing any of the studies.

Councilmember Padilla-It just went through Budget and Finance that LAWA will pay for four

City Planning positions to help with the Vision Plan for the Van Nuys Airport They will also be adding green scape and fencing.

The community needs to get more aggressive.

iii. Land Use, Metro Project at G Line; Victory Project near G Line Dog Park
Metro surprised LBNC by informing us they plan to build an apartment building of 248
units on the east side of Balboa Blvd on Victory, at the G (Orange) Line station. This
property is identified as a Traffic Mitigation resource on the Community Plan. It is the
park portion of the park and ride for those stakeholders who live in the San Fernando
Valley, Van Nuys, Tarzana, Reseda, Encino communities and are using the bus service.

#### ADM-2023-4537-TOC-VHCA-ED1

On the WEST SIDE of Balboa Blvd on Victory is a proposed project consisting of 194 residential units by reserving 192 dwelling units, equal to 100% of the total units excluding two manager's units, for Low Income Household

According to CA State Auditor in 2022, "the latest RHNA number are deeply flawed and based on faulty logic. The numbers are grossly overestimated the number of units needed"

- a) The parking lot to remain a parking
- b) The 194 units are not needed and will overwhelm the community Councilmember Padilla- She does not have any control over Metro projects.
- c. Laundry facilities and communal spac4
- d. There is Prostitution on Sepulveda.
- e. This is main community intersection where the High School is located.
- f. People who move there will still have cars.

### Dog Park-

For about 10 years LBNC has been asking to have recycled water reach the dog park. Since the pipes have to cross over bull creek, we have been told that we need Federal approval. Congressman Sherman said he will do whatever is needed. We still don't have recycled water so that the grass will get watered during a draught.

For about as long, we have been asking for lights at the dog park so that the facility can be used early evening when it gets dark at 5pm during winter months. We have been told the light will bother the neighbors. Of which there are none on that side of the street and there are already street lights, so that is not accurate. They want the dog park to remain

in its current size and place.

Stakeholder- The estimated cost of the Vision Plan is estimated to cost of \$4.8 Billion dollars

Millions of dollars are to be spent to create a NEW 13 mile bike path which is scheduled to take away land from the Dog Park. There is a work around which will leave the dog park as is. The Bike path is underfunded by about \$100 million dollars. \$500,000 will be spent for a consultant to find the funds.

#### We want;

- a) Recycled water to reach the dog park.
- b) Lights (solar) for evening use of the dog park.
- c) Use the alternate route for the bike path which doesn't cost millions of dollars more. The project has already been approved by the Bureau of Engineering Gravani-The 13 mile bike path is for the Olympics and has nothing to do with the stakeholders. The parks are not patrolled at night. It is not safe.
- d) Stakeholder- The estimated cost of the Vision Plan is \$4.8 Billion dollars

Councilmember Padilla- This is a Legacy Project for the Olympics. The city will be paying \$500,000.

for a consultant to find the funds. The Bike Path is supposed to connect the valley with downtown. The Olympics will bring Skateboard, BMX Bikes and Archery Events to the Basin. She will ask about the lighting being solar.

#### iv. Emergency issues

Due to budget cuts, LAFD is ceasing the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) The Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) voted to strongly oppose the cancellation of CERT training which contributes immeasurable during an emergency which paid professionals are too busy to do the minor tasks.

Due to budget cuts, the GM of Emergency Management Department is not filling several personnel positions, which are critical during an emergency. No action has been taken on CF24-1472 providing \$780,090 from Dept of Homeland Security to support salary expenses from 1JUL2022-30JUN2024.

Due to LA City Legal stating NCs "are advisory and have not been authorized to engage in operational activities dealing with emergency preparedness, disaster relief....", LBNC cannot replenish the expired items in our two Emergency Bins for First Responders/CERT trained residents.

- a) Support from City Council to find funding for the CERT Program
- b) Support from City Council to find funding to EMD Personnel

c) Support from City Council to authorize the LBNC's request to replace expired items in the emergency bins

Councilmember Padilla-supports all of these and will do what she can on behalf of the Neighborhood Councils.

# vi. Homeless issues

After living with the homeless issues for years and spending multiple millions of dollars and even approving more funding and seeing our city services erode due to budget cuts. The issues still exist. The City's Housing Authority, (HACLA) has spent more than \$810 million to acquire 2,750 units in existing hotels and motels in the past four years, or \$294,550 per unit. Of those, 1,200 are vacant, some for as long as two years, representing an unused value of more than \$349 Million.

LA County has approximately 33 programs for the homeless. LA Alliance for Human Rights brought a lawsuit against the County for mismanagement of funds.

The City pays a large part of LAHSA's budget and told City Council that the data on Inside Safe were unreliable, and was probably paying for vacant rooms.

The State Auditor issued an April 2024 report showing state-funded programs had nothing to show for \$24 billion spent on homelessness programs.

Homelessness is big business. LAHSA has about 900 employees, they dole out funds to service providers and can't account for the money.

Matthew Wittig-Louise Park. There are homeless lighting fires and urinating in public. The Park Rangers should sweep the park once a week.

- a) The funds to house the homeless and provide services to them
- b) We want an accounting of where the city funds have gone
- c) We want all vacant units to house the homeless
- d) We want our city services back Councilmember Padilla- The City Council has approved the money for homeless housing and services. She is working on getting more tiny homes for Council District 6.

# vii. LA City Council Meetings

When a member of the public attends LA City Council, it appears that the council members couldn't care less as to what the stakeholder is saying.

- A photo was shown of Public Comments at City Hall. Only 3 of the Councilmembers out of 3 Council Members out of the 15 are in their seats....and they are not listening
   It is very nice to be singled out for good deeds and receive a certificate and be recognized in front of the City Council.
  - The courtesy of the appearance that you care what is being said during public comment,

It is rude, especially when someone has driven downtown, paid for parking, and taken off from

Work.

- b) Hold the certificate presentation
- c) With approximately 2million stakeholders living in the valley. Thank you for coming to the Valley

Councilmember Padilla- She does listen to the public comments but did agree that other Councilmembers may not.

She brought the City Council meetings back to the Van Nuys City Hall, the last Friday of the month.

# viii. Community Impact Statements

Neighborhood Councils forward Community Impact Statements to LA City Council on specific council files, when do you get briefed on what your NC has forwarded? Why is there rarely a "NO" vote or any discussion? It seems your responses are predetermined regardless of what may be stated during public comment.

#### We want;

- a) To know why are you voting the way you are voting
- b) Enough advance notice to include council files that are being rushed through so that we can agendize the CF it so we can discuss at our NC meeting, according to the Brown Act.
- c) Acknowledgement that NC letters/resolutions/CIS have been received Padilla- we review the Council Files in Committee. It is the best place to give feedback on the Council Files.

# ix. Neighborhood Council Term Limits & Bylaws

Council Member Rodriguez introduced CF24-0867 which would require all Neighborhood Council Bylaws to be the same AND to enforce mandatory term limits for Board Members. Per the council file "Each Neighborhood Council is uniquely tailored to the communities' specific needs" which indicates bylaws cannot be the same for each NC. In addition, LBNC'S resolution indicates a charter change should be made to provide each NC with binding votes equal to the elected City Councilperson in each district.

### We want;

- a) Binding voting rights on issues within our district and or which affect our community.
- b) Maintain our unique bylaws.

Councilmember Padilla-after 25 years of watching the system it should be studied to see what have been the positive outcomes. Maybe, academia could be brought in to look into the system. She does not get insulted when people are advocating for their community.

x. Neighborhood Empowerment Advocates & training

DONE is responsible to the knowledge of all NC Board Members. To attend a meeting once a month is not enough assistance. It is difficult to reach anyone in the office. It is impossible to find anything on DONE's website.

# We want;

- a) A project manager who can advise us on how we can accomplish a task. i.e. mural painting. Each NC is learning on our own when the need arises and we are reprimanded when it is done incorrectly and have wasted our volunteer time.
- b) Website/Reference material on-line so that at 11 o'clock at night we can learn how to finish out task
- c) DONE to advocate for more funds for our communities. NCs started with \$50,000 and should now be around \$80,000 due to inflation,
  - a) Website
  - Carmen Chang thanked the Board for their service and bringing people together through events. She has been the Department Manager for eight months. There are 99 Neighborhood Councils with1800 Board Seats city wide. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has 35 staff members. The city Budget is going through hard times. The Department provides services to the Neighborhood Councils such as the website with resources and in meeting support. The goal is better communication.

Public Comment: No comment

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** <u>PLEASE ADVISE THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL IF YOU ARE A REGISTERED LOBBYIST.</u> PLEASE ADVISE THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL IF YOU ARE AN LBNC STAKEHOLDER.

Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda items, Issues, Announcements and Complaints within the jurisdiction of the Lake Balboa NC. You have up to 2 minutes per speaker. The State of California's Brown Act prevents the board from discussing your comments, however we can ask clarifying questions. If there is a large group, you may be asked to select a spokesperson. You can also email your thoughts to LBNC President at: lindag@lakebalboanc.org.

- a. Helena Ma- There is a very dangerous man with mental health terrorizing the people at the Dog Park. They have been threatened and the police have been called. The grass at the park has also been neglected.
- b. Brian- He is the head psychologist at the Drug Treatment Nursing School on Vanowen. They hold church services their 4-5 times a week.
- c. Jared Negron-Spoke about the wall at the Van Nuys Airport which will be 15 ft. tall. Airplane crashes will happen her is they raise the number of flights at this airport which has no Air Traffic Control Towers. They need to shift from commercial to more emergency services.
- **L.A. City Charter Sec. 907 Early Warning** System "establish procedures for receiving input from neighborhood councils prior to decision by the City Council, City Council Committees and boards and commissions."

10. **REMINDER:** Stakeholders (and board members) can voice their own personal opinions on Council Files by forwarding **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** See pages 7 and 8 of this agenda for instructions.

# L.A. City Charter Sec. 909. Annual City Budget Priorities.

Each neighborhood council may present to the Mayor and Council an annual list of priorities for the City budget. The Mayor shall inform certified neighborhood councils of the deadline for submission so that the input may be considered in a timely fashion. (see <a href="www.budgetadvocates.org">www.budgetadvocates.org</a> for White Paper recommendations – read the summary and then go to the department(s) in which you are most interested)

11. Budget Advocate – Region 3 - Updates, (budgetadvocates.org) –Budget Representatives: Linda Gravani and Mihran Kalaydjian who is also Budget Advocate- The Budget Advocates are working on the White Paper which they will send to the Mayor. There will be a Budget 101 Townhall zoom meeting and regional townhalls which will be open to the public.

SEE page 6 of agenda for Committee schedules and locations, please join us

- 12. Committee UPDATES: Approximately 2 minutes for each report, unless otherwise noted
  - a. Education Committee will meet on February 10,2025 at 7:00PM (Van Nuys Flyaway)
  - b. Emergency Preparedness-will meet on Saturday February 8, 2025 at 9:30AM (Van Nuys Flyaway) How do you act after a disaster? and CERT Funding, will be discussed.
  - c. Health & Public Safety-will meet on February 19, 2025 at the flyaway. The Chief of the Park Rangers will be at the next West Valley LAPD Community Meeting on March 12, 2025 at 6:00PM
  - d. Land Use TBD
  - e. Outreach- will meet February 25, 2025 One Generation Community Room
    - i. Community Holiday Parade- December 23, 2025 at 5:00PM (approximately 300 people participated in this year's parade)
    - ii. Shredding Event April 19, 2025
    - iii. Pet Adoption May 4, 2025
    - iv. Park Event May 31, 2025
    - v. Tabling at Community Events
    - vi. Homeless Townhall 1st week of March
  - f. Rec and Park-will meet February 27, 2025 at 6:30PM
  - g. VNY Airport-will meet February 18, 2025 at the Van Nuys Flyaway
  - h. Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee-TBD
  - i. Homeless Liaison-TBD
- 13. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible action regarding the **November 2024 MER** (Monthly Expense Report) Schwering

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (9:18PM)

LBNC ITEM 13. Motion to adopt the November 2024 MER				
Moved: Schwering Seconded: Gravani				
Yes-16	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-00
Brown, Escobar, Frost, J. Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra,	None	None	C. Garcia	None
Heredia, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton,				
Preissel, Schwering, B. Swartz, K. Swartz				

14. **BUDGET:** Discussion and possible action regarding the **December 2024 MER** (Monthly Expense Report) Schwering

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (9:20PM)

LBNC ITEM 14. Motion to adopt the December 2024 MER Moved: Schwering Seconded: Heredia				
Yes-16	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-00
Brown, Escobar, Frost, J. Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra,	None	None	C. Garcia	None
Heredia, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton,				
Preissel, Schwering, B. Swartz, K. Swartz				

15. **FUNDING**: Discussion and possible action regarding the **expenditure of \$1439 Neighborhood purposes Grant (NPG) for Phillips Heartstop AED Defibrillator M5068A** requested by LAIT911 Fire Corp.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed (9:22PM)

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LBNC ITEM 15. Motion to approve the expenditure of \$1439 Neighborhood purposes Grant (NPG) for Phillips								
Heartstop AED Defibrillator M5068A requested by LAIT911 Fire Corp.								
Moved: Gravani Seconded: Escobar								
Yes-15 No-00 Abstain-01 Ineligible-01 Absent 00								
Brown, Escobar, Frost, J. Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra,	None	Schwering	C. Garcia	None				
Heredia, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton,								
Preissel, B. Swartz, K. Swartz								

- 16. **Funding:** Discussion and possible action regarding the expenditure of \$5,000 Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) for Library Books requested by Anatola elementary School- **Item Tabled**
- 17. TREASURER: Discussion and possible action regarding FY2023-24 Inventory Worksheet –Item Tabled
- 18. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the emergency expenditure of \$1,000 for the Red Cross to assist in the Fire Relief for residents

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (9:28PM)

LBNC ITEM 18. Motion to a regarding the emergency expenditure of \$1,000 for the Red Cross to assist in the							
Fire Relief for residents approve							
Moved: Gravani Seconded: Brown							
Yes-16	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-00			
Brown, Escobar, Frost, J. Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra,	None	None	C. Garcia	None			
Heredia, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton,							
Preissel, Schwering, B. Swartz, K. Swartz							

19. **FUNDING:** Discussion and possible action regarding the emergency expenditure of \$1,000 for the Red Cross to assist in the Fire Relief for animals.

Public Comment: No comment Motion: Passed (9:29PM)

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LBNC ITEM 19. Motion to approve the emergency expenditure of \$1,000 for the Red Cross to assist in the Fire							
Relief for animals.							
Moved: Gravani Seconded: Kalaydjian							
Yes-16	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-00			
Brown, Escobar, Frost, J. Garcia, Goode, Gravani, Hazra,	None	None	C. Garcia	None			
Heredia, Jerosimich, Kalaydjian, Knoll, Middleton,							
Preissel, Schwering, B. Swartz, K. Swartz							

- 20. THANK YOU LBNC Board Members & Neighborhood Watch Block Captains for all YOU do behind the scenes for our community.
- 21. Adjourn Meeting The meeting was adjourned at 9:29PM

Next Regular Meeting IN PERSON of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Wednesday MARCH 5, 2025 at Gault St School Auditorium