



Northridge East Neighborhood Council

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**NENC Board Meeting
 Draft Minutes
 February 19, 2025
 7:04PM-9:53AM**

Zoom Virtual Meeting
 Meeting Access Information:
<https://zoom.us/j/92753645271>
 Meeting ID: 927 5364 5271
 Password: no password required
 Toll Free number 888-475-44999

Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
Samuel Avendano	Present	No	Youth Boardmember
Glenn Bailey President	Present	Yes	At Large Stakeholder
Judy Diamond Treasurer	Present	Yes	At Large Stakeholder
Todd Jackson	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Sean Laird	Excused	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Stephanie Mills 1 st Vice President	Excused	Yes	Property Owner
Shefali Mistry	Present	Yes	CSUN Faculty
Barbara Nitkin	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Ken Ross 2 nd Vice President	Present	Yes	Property Owner
Keiry Saravia	Present	Yes	CSUN Student Body
Sydney Thiroux Secretary	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Christopher Meredith	Absent	Yes	Alternate 1
Garry Fordyce	Present	Yes	Alternate 2
Vacant			Alternate 3
Vacant			Business Owner or Employee
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
TOTAL: 11 +02 Alternates	PRESENT 10-Absent 02+ Alternate-01 Absent-01		

1. Start Recording, Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to Stakeholders; Introductory Comments (audio/visual participation and recusal reminders; public comment) **The meeting was called to order by President Bailey at 7:04PM and everyone was welcomed. Garry Fordyce led the Pledge of Allegiance.**
2. Roll Call, Seating of Alternate(s), Determination of Quorum, Voting Eligibility (Ethics, Funding, Code of Conduct, Anti-Bias, Gender Expression and Gender Identity; view Board member training status at <https://neighborhoodempowerment.lacity.gov/NENC/>); Abstentions="No" **Roll was called by Minute Taker Grant. Quorum was reached. Samuel Avendano completed his trainings, but can't vote on Funding Items due to age.**

Garry Fordyce was seated in the vacant Business Owner or Employee Seat

NENC ITEM: 2 Roll Call		
Present-09+ 01 Alternate	Absent-01	Excused-02
Avendano, Bailey, Diamond, Jackson, Mistry, Nitkin, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux Alternate: Fordyce	Alternate: Meredith	Laird, Mills,

- a. Board member remote participation requests for this or any upcoming NENC meetings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(f) ([AB 2449](#)). [NOTE: If applicable, disclosure of anyone age 18+ also present is required.] - possible MOTION – **No Action Taken**

- 3. Notice of NENC Board Vacancies - Three Resident seats (2027), one Business/Employee seat (2025) and one Alternate 3 (2025). Qualified Stakeholders interested in serving may obtain more information by emailing: info@NENC-LA.org Documentation will be required. Per NENC Bylaws, appointment is made by the President and approved by the Board. - possible MOTION(s)- **No Action Taken. Anyone who wants to join the Board should file as a Candidate before March.**

- 4. Agenda Setting Meeting 2/14/2025 was not rescheduled.- **Reviewed**

- 5. Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2024, December 18, 2024, and any other earlier dates

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 5. Motion to approve the November 20, 2024 and December 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes				
Moved: Nitkin Seconded: Diamond				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Avendano, Bailey, Diamond, Jackson, Nitkin, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux Alternate: Fordyce	None	Mistry	None	Laird, Mills, Alternate: Meredith

- a. Links to Zoom recordings of Board meetings are posted on NENC [Agendas and Minutes webpage](#) **Reviewed**

- 6. Financial Item(s) - Discussion and possible action:

- a. Approval of January 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) - amount spent: **\$1,272.40**. (All NC MERs are posted on City Clerk’s [NC Funding System Dashboard](#); click on MER tab. Recent NENC MERs with back up documentation are also posted on the NENC website under Finance Committee: <https://www.nenc-la.org/committees/budget-and-finance-committee/>) **There is a a Net Available of \$52,579.13**

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 6.a. Motion to approve the January 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)				
Moved: Diamond Seconded: Nitkin				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-03
Bailey, Diamond, Jackson, Mistry, Nitkin, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux Alternate: Fordyce	None	None	Avendano	Laird, Mills, Alternate: Meredith

- b. Consideration of Neighborhood Purposes Grant Application from the California State University Northridge Foundation for the CSUN Food Pantry to purchase non-perishable food items; amount requested \$5,000. - possible MOTION **Item Postponed to next meeting due to waiting for City Attorney response.**
- c. Consideration of Neighborhood Purposes Grant Application from the Canoga Park Senior Citizens; Club for the Salute to Recreation Family Festival Senior Dance to be held at Northridge Recreation Center on May 16, 2025; amount requested \$500. - possible MOTION

Public Comment: **Myrka Martinez shared information about the dance.**

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 6. c. Neighborhood Purposes Grant Application from the Canoga Park Senior Citizens; Club for the Salute to Recreation Family Festival Senior Dance to be held at Northridge Recreation Center on May 16, 2025; amount requested \$500.				
Moved: Thiroux Seconded: Fordyce				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-03
Bailey, Diamond, Jackson, Mistry, Nitkin, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux Alternate: Fordyce	None	None	Avendano	Laird, Mills, Alternate: Meredith

- d. Salute to Recreation Family Festival (May 16-18, 2025 at Northridge Recreation Center) funding requests:
 - i. Neighborhood Purposes Grant Application from the Supporters of Shadow Ranch and Woodland Hills Parks Inc; amount requested \$5,000 [NOTE: NPG Application needs to be revised before submittal to City Clerk NCFP]- **Item Tabled**
 - ii. Department of Recreation and Parks Sponsorship Packages: All-Star \$1,000; MVP \$2,500; Hero \$5,000; Legend \$7,500; and Hall of Fame \$10,000
It was requested that the Neighborhood Council Logo be included on the fliers. Ms. Ruiz will check at her meeting tomorrow.

Public Comment: **Merab Ruiz- There will be sports tournaments, Battle of the Bands, a marketplace, carnival rides and games. International Village, a children’s play area with jumpers, food trucks, and more.**

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM d. ii. Motion to approve a sponsorship package in the amount of \$5,000. (Hero Level)				
Moved: Bailey Seconded: Nitkin				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-03
Bailey, Diamond, Jackson, Mistry, Nitkin, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux Alternate: Fordyce	None	None	Avendano	Laird, Mills, Alternate: Meredith

- e. Consideration of Neighborhood Purposes Grant Application from the Southern California Preparedness Foundation in support of [LAFD Community Emergency Response Team CERT](#) class being held at California State University, Northridge (CSUN), March 13 to April 24, 2025; amount requested \$2,500.

Public Comment: **Lionel Mares recently graduated from CERT. He supports the motion.**

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 6.e. Motion to approve the Neighborhood Purposes Grant Application from the Southern California Preparedness Foundation in support of LAFD Community Emergency Response Team CERT class being held at California State University, Northridge (CSUN), March 13 to April 24, 2025; amount requested \$2,500.				
Moved: Diamond Seconded: Nitkin				
Yes-09	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-03
Bailey, Diamond, Jackson, Mistry, Nitkin, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux Alternate: Fordyce	None	None	Avendano	Laird, Mills, Alternate: Meredith

- 7. Announcements/Presentations/Guest Speakers-Reviewed Items a-c.
 - a. Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count: San Fernando Valley 2/18/2025 - [details and registration](#)
 - b. LA City Parks Needs Assessment - upcoming meetings and surveys - [sign up](#)- No meeting in CD-12
 - c. Neighborhood Council Election 2025 - Vote by Mail Only: NENC Seats open in 2025 are: *At-Large (1); *Property Owner (1); *Resident (3) - *Four-year terms **Business Owner and Employee (1); **Resident (3); **Youth (1) - **Two-year terms (**Alternate (3) are filled by the top three runner-up candidates) Candidate filing January 17 to March 3, 2025. Voter registration for Vote by Mail Ballot March 21 to May 11, 2025. Ballots must be returned (postmarked) by May 20, 2024 (Region 2 [Election Day](#)). [Regional timelines](#) and further details are in the [2025 Neighborhood Council Election Handbook](#) City Clerk [NC Elections webpage](#): <https://clerk.lacity.gov/clerk-services/elections/neighborhood-council-elections> Region 2 NC Election Information Session held 1/13/2025; [link to recording](#) City Clerk NC Election Administrator for NENC: Musa Khan - musa.khan@lacity.org
- 8. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC’s subject matter jurisdiction
 - a. Lionel Mares- This was discussed today at the Public Safety Committee CF-25-0123 Mc Osker/ Blumenfield a motion relative to the current total number of Los Angeles Fire Department firefighters and personnel, and the current number of firefighters and personnel that live outside the State of California and the off-duty firefighters that were recalled on or immediately after January 7, 2025. Fire response times have increased,
- 9. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials (please email report in advance of meeting) (up to three minutes each unless arrangement for additional time is made at least six days in advance):
 - a. [CD 12](#) Myrka Martinez-**introduced Erich King, he is the Councilman’s Deputy Chief of Staff. He oversees all of the district’s operations. The last of the License Plate Reading Cameras have been installed, there are now 100 in District 12. He thanked community members that helped in the Homeless Count. Many of the CD-12 staff and community members participated in the homeless count. It was a great success. He thanked everyone who participated. He also wanted for everyone to be aware that fire dirt ash, and debris from the fires will be dumped in the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. The lead agency is the County of Los Angeles. Councilmember Lee is very involved on this issue and has requested a Temporary Restraining Order. Council District 12 has a new contract with the Conservation Corps for weed abatement. On February 28, 2025 at Shepherd Church parking lot in Porter Ranch LAPD Traffic Division is holding a Car Seat**

Installation event. LAPD Devonshire Division has its Pancake fundraiser on April 26, 2025. Lionel Mares asked about the license plate readers and if they can be used to invade people's privacy. Mr. King responded that they do not take pictures of people, just license plates, and there are policies that are followed. Pat Lopresti asked if they still have a stump removal program. Mr. King is working on the issue. Thomas Baker is concerned about the two large affordable housing projects. Mr. King will refer him to Dan Rosales who works as the Planning Director. Mr. Bailey received a notice from David Bright about an upcoming meeting with the Mayor.

- b. City Controller Mejia: Budget & Finance Town Halls - [questions and be notified](#) **Reviewed**

10. Comments/Updates/Announcements by Representatives of City Departments such as [LAPD/C-PAB](#)), [LAFD](#) (Batt. Chief John Ignatczyk), [DONE](#) (NEA Octaviano Rios octaviano.rios@lacity.org), [BONC](#) (North Valley [Commissioner Keren Waters](#)) and Representatives of [CSUN](#) and Other Public Agencies and NC-Related Entities (up to three minutes each unless arrangement for additional time is made at least six days in advance)

- a. **DONE and BONC updates: Octaviano Rios spoke earlier about the elections and Canva. He mentioned the Budget Advocacy session being put on in partnership with the Department. Mr. Rios reminded the Board about updating the Zoom account. A lot of the staff have not been available due to them working at the Westside Disaster Resource Center.**

- b. **CSUN reports and updates - Shefali Mistry and Keiry Saravia Shefali Mistry-CSUN is hosting the Valley Economic Alliances Annual Summit for the third time. It is scheduled on Monday at 8:00AM. It was postponed due to the fires. There is going to be a Wildfire Symposium on Friday March 7, 2025, it starts at 3:00PM. The first session is student focused. There will also be a job fair and a public panel. The Spring Semester is in full swing. Spring tends to be really busy for CSUN. It's, you know, graduation season in just a couple of months. One of the things we're dealing with every year. is the state budget? Unfortunately, because of the State's budget deficit, the CSUN as a system is looking at taking a hit of about \$400 million dollars. So, we are really advocating as much as we can to avoid those cuts .It will make a huge impact to the region. The Wildfire symposium is open to the public.**

Keiry Saravia- Most of our administration are preparing for the upcoming Associate Students Election. We are preparing for our upcoming Chess Conference, which stands for the California Higher Education Student Summit, which is where the Associated Student sends a delegation of CSUN students to go and lobby on behalf of the CSUN community. This year we are fortunate enough to take 14 students, and am really excited. We will be advocating for ten pieces of legislation.

- i. [Associated Students](#) update
 - ii. [CF 25-0050](#) Bureau of Engineering report, January 8, 2025, relative to initiating vacation proceedings to vacate certain segments of Etiwanda Avenue, Lindley Avenue, Garden Grove Avenue, Vincennes Street, Dearborn Street, Etiwanda Avenue, Bertrand Avenue, and Prairie Street; VAC - E1401458. City Council 2/4/2025 adopted report and directed the Bureau of Engineering to investigate and report regarding the feasibility of this vacation request. [NOTE: The previously approved application also included various covenants to protect the surrounding residential neighborhood.]-**Reviewed**
- c. **NC Budget Advocates: DONE "Empowering Communities: - Neighborhood Councils' Role in City Budget Advocacy" is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. - [registration](#). NCBA Monthly [Report to NC](#) (posted once released). Current Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Council File is [CF 24-0600](#). NENC City budget and service priorities. Budget Representatives (Glenn Bailey/Garry Fordyce). www.budgetadvocates.org/ -**Reviewed****

11. Committee Reports - Standing: Beautification and Weed Abatement (Baker); Education (Peterson); Executive (Bailey); Finance (Diamond); Homelessness (Ross); Outreach (Mills); Planning and Land Use (Diamond/Nitkin); Public Safety (Thiroux/Nitkin) and Sustainability (Bailey/Nitkin). Ad Hoc: Animal Welfare (Ross/Diamond); Bylaws (Bailey/Mills); Dearborn Park (Diamond/Nitkin); NC Election; Van Nuys Airport (Nitkin/Diamond) - Discussion and possible action:

- a. Establishment of new and/or dissolution of existing Ad Hoc committees-**No Action Taken**
- b. Appointment of Committee Chairs or Co-Chairs by President subject to confirmation by Board **No Action Taken**
- c. Approval of Committee members as requested by Committee Chair/Co-Chairs-**No Action Taken**
- d. Announcement of upcoming Committee meeting dates: Education 3/8/2025, 9:00 am; Executive 3/7/2025 (or date TBD), 4:00 pm (all dates/times subject to confirmation)-**Reviewed**
- e. Outreach: upcoming 2025 NC Election- **Reviewed**
- f. Beautification: **Thomas Baker worked cleaning planters, at the MTA stops and did weeding on Lassen from Reseda to Etiwanda.**
- g. Public Safety: Neighborhood Watch meetings posted on NENC website-**Reviewed**
- h. Dearborn Park update-**No Report**
- i. Planning: Update on new/pending or previously considered cases within/adjacent to NENC including but not limited to: (see Informational Items below)
 - i. Variance extension reportedly filed for 18175 Chatsworth Street (existing storage facility). Case No. ZA-2024-7832-ZV per Zimas (unable to find on City Planning website).-**No Action Taken**
- j. Reports by other Committees listed in item 11 above-**No Reports**

12. NENC President, NC Liaisons, and NC Alliances/Coalitions Reports including, but not limited to: (Discussion and possible action)

- a. President’s Report
 - i. Authorization for Mikkie Loi, volunteer assisting LAPD Devonshire Division, to submit related public safety meetings and events to NENC webmaster for posting on NENC website. – MOTION

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 12a.i. Motion to approve Mikkie Loi, volunteer assisting LAPD Devonshire Division, to submit related public safety meetings and events to NENC webmaster for posting on NENC website. Moved: Thiroux Seconded: Bailey				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Avendano, Bailey, Diamond, Jackson, Mistry, Nitkin, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux Alternate: Fordyce	None	None	None	Laird, Mills, Alternate: Meredith

- b. NC Liaisons Reports and approval of additional and/or replacement NENC Liaisons-No Report
- c. NC Alliance and Coalition Reports: **i-iv Reviewed**
 - i. LANCC 2/1/2025 meeting featured new LA County District Attorney - [link to video](#)
 - ii. VANC 2/13/2025 meeting featured Sepulveda Transit Corridor and Valley water supply - [link to recordings webpage](#).
 - iii. VANC supports the restoration of telephonic public comment at City Council and committee meetings - possible MOTION-

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 12.c.iii. Motion to approve the restoration of telephonic public comment at City Council and committee meetings				
Moved: Ross Seconded: Bailey				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Avendano, Bailey, Diamond, Jackson, Mistry, Nitkin, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux Alternate: Fordyce	None	None	None	Laird, Mills, Alternate: Meredith

- iv. Northridge South NC Sober Living Homes & Facilities in Residential Areas Town Hall
1/22/2025 **Reviewed**

13. Council Files (CF) and City Council Motions - Community Impact Statements (CIS) - Discussion and possible action:

- a. [CF 25-0030](#) (Acting) [Mayor's Declaration of Local Emergency](#), dated January 7, 2025, relative to the existence of a local emergency as the City of Los Angeles is impacted by windstorms and an extreme fire weather system. **No Action Taken**

14. Informational Items/Announcements **Items a-n Reviewed**

- a. CD 12: Weekly newsletter with community updates: <https://cd12.org/>
- b. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners [upcoming meetings](#)
- c. LAFD: [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#) classes
- d. LAPD: Neighborhood Watch meetings via Zoom (see NENC [website](#) for details); there are four [Basic Cars/Senior Lead Officers](#) who cover portions of NENC: 17A95 (SLO Knopp), 17A67 (SLO Zamora), 17A35 (SLO Parker), and 17A49 (SLO Andrachick); Homeless Coordinator & Special Projects (SLO Taylor).- Email: DevonshireSLO@lapd.online
- e. LAPL Northridge Library: [upcoming events](#)
- f. Recreation and Parks: [Board of Commissioners upcoming meetings](#); next Valley meeting 3/6/2025 (Granada Hills); Park Needs Assessment 2/27/2025, 1:30 pm via [Zoom](#) - [RSVP](#)
- g. Sanitation: North Valley [S.A.F.E. \(Solvents/Automotive/Flammables/Electronics\) Center](#) collection site, 10241 Balboa Boulevard, Northridge, open every weekend 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for residents to drop off their household hazardous waste and electronic waste.
- h. Northridge Vision met 1/8/2025; next virtual meeting 3/12/2025, 2 pm
- i. Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study: [UCLA website](#), including study overview, research timeline, and information about the study team is now live. Also, Environmental Health Research is a related non-profit organization; its [website](#) includes newsletter sign-up
- j. Planning: Update on previously considered or new/pending cases within/adjacent to NENC including but not limited to:
 - i. Case No. [PAR-2023-4028-AHRF-ED1](#) located at 17829 Halsted St - New construction of a 230 (255?) unit 100% affordable housing project, measuring 7-stories in height with a total residential floor area of 158,817 square feet. (Informational item - no hearing date set yet) [NOTE: Related [article posted by Urbanize LA on 3/11/2024](#)]
 - ii. Case No. [CPC-2024-8146-DB-VHCA](#) located at located at 17715-17719 Kinzie Street.- Five-story, 230-unit apartment building on a 35,786 square-foot lot_ [NOTE: Related [article posted by Urbanize LA on 12/20/2024](#)]
 - iii. [Northridge Community Plan](#) was last updated in 1995.
- k. Planning: Department liaisons email: Planning.Liaison@lacity.org.

- l. NC Liaisons Reports: Animal Services (Ross/Diamond); Data (Kaiser/Bailey); Emergency Preparedness; Film (Dagort); Homelessness (Diamond/Laird/Ross/Bailey); Public Works (Bailey); Purposeful Aging (Thiroux); Resilience (Lundquist)
- m. NC Alliance and Coalition Meetings/Reports: [Valley Alliance of NCs](#) (VANC) (next meeting 3/13/2025, 6:30 pm); [DWP MOU/Advocacy Committees](#) (next meeting 3/1/2025, 8:30 am); [LA NC Coalition](#) (LANCC) (next meeting 3/1/2025, 10 am); [PlanCheckNC](#) (next meeting 3/8/2025, 10 am); NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance (next meeting 2/22/2025, 10 am); [NC Sustainability Alliance](#) (next meeting 2/23/2025, 6:30 pm) and NCSA Trees Committee (next meeting TBA (likely March), 1:30 pm via [Zoom](#))
 - i. NCSA Youth Environmental Action Council **Reviewed- [sign up](#)**
- n. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events:

15. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC's subject matter jurisdiction (continued from item 8; up to two minutes per speaker) **No Public Comments**

16. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items/reconsideration of any motion
- a. **Glenn Bailey-spoke about staff changes at LAPD Devonshire Division**
 - b. **Ken Ross-spoke about LAUSD and their programs relating to immigration and ICE**
 - c. **Shefali Mistry-spoke about the red cards being given at CSUN in regards to ICE**
 - d. **Todd Jackson-is a Federal Employee and wants people to pay attention to what is happening Federally.**

17. Adjournment (by 10:00 p.m.) **The meeting was adjourned at 9:53PM**

Next NENC Board regular meeting (third Wednesday): March 19, 2025 (virtual)
Subsequent Board regular meetings: April 16, 2025 (virtual) and May 21, 2025 (TBD)