

	<p>Northridge East Neighborhood Council</p> <p>18401 Lassen St. Northridge, CA 91325 818-527-2913 Email: info@NENC-LA.org Website: www.nenc-la.org</p>
<p>NENC Board Meeting Draft Minutes April 16, 2025 7:22PM-9:58PM</p>	<p>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</p>

Boardmember	Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
Samuel Avendano	Present	No	Youth Boardmember
Glenn Bailey President	Present	Yes	At Large Stakeholder
Judy Diamond Treasurer	Absent/Excused	Yes	At Large Stakeholder
Todd Jackson	Absent	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Sean Laird	Present	Yes	Resident Boardmember
Stephanie Mills 1 st Vice President	Present	Yes	Property Owner
Shefali Mistry	Absent/Excused	Yes	CSUN Faculty
Barbara Nitkin	Absent/ Excused	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/Excused	Yes	Alternate 1
Garry Fordyce	Present	Yes	Alternate 2
Vacant			Alternate 3
Vacant			Business Owner or Employee
Vacant			Resident Boardmember
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TOTAL: 11 +02 Alternates	PRESENT 07-Absent 04+ 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 at 7:22PM. Stephanie Mills led the Pledge of the 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" **Avendano is ineligible to vote on funding. Quorum of eight was reached.**

NENC ITEM: 2 Roll Call		
Present-07+ 01 Alternate	Absent-01	Excused-04
Avendano, Bailey, Laird, Mills, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux Alternate: Fordyce	Jackson	Diamond, Mistry, Nitkin, Alternate Meredith

Garry Fordyce was seated in the Business Owner or Employee Seat

- 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 (term expiration is June 30th of year listed) - Three Resident seats (2027), one Business/Employee seat (2025) and one Alternate 3 (2025). Other seats will be able to be filled beginning July 1, 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)- **Reviewed**
4. Agenda Setting Meeting 4/4/2025 Participation: Diamond, Mills, Thiroux-**Reviewed**
5. Approval of Minutes – January 15, 2025, March 19, 2025 and any other earlier dates
 - a. Links to Zoom recordings of Board meetings are posted on NENC [Agendas and Minutes webpage](#)

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 5. Motion to approve The January 15,2025 Board meeting minutes. Moved: Bailey Seconded: Mills				
Yes-08	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Avendano, Bailey, Laird, Mills, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux Alternate: Fordyce	None	None	None	Diamond, Jackson, Mistry, Nitkin, Alternate Meredith

6. Financial Item(s) - Discussion and possible action:
 - a. Approval of March 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) - amount spent: \$3,478.31 (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: **Reviewed**. <https://www.nenc-la.org/committees/budget-and-finance-committee/>)

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 6.a. Motion to approve the March 2025 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) Moved: Thiroux Seconded: Mills				
Yes-06	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-05
Bailey, Laird, Mills, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux Alternate: Fordyce	None	None	Avendano	Diamond, Jackson, Mistry, Nitkin, Alternate Meredith

- b. Executive: MOTION (Diamond/Mills) to recommend that the NENC revise its Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget to increase the Neighborhood Purposes Grant Category by up to \$15,000 with \$10,000 from the Election Category and the balance from another Category(ies). (Passed 3-0-0 on 4/4/2025)

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 6.b. Motion to approve that the NENC revise its Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget to increase the Neighborhood Purposes Grant Category by \$15,000 with \$10,000 from the Election Category and the balance from CIP.

Moved: Bailey Seconded: Mills

Yes-05	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-05
Bailey, Laird, Mills, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux Alternate: Fordyce	None	None	Avendano	Diamond, Jackson, Mistry, Nitkin, Alternate Meredith

- c. Consideration of Neighborhood Purposes Grant Application submitted by Friends of Northridge Library in the amount of \$2,600 for the purchase of two tables, sound absorbing panels, etc. (no recommendation from Executive Committee)

Glenn Bailey and Garry Fordyce are and were members of the Friends of the Library. They do not vote in that capacity and do not need to recuse themselves.

Public Comment: Marcy Orkin from the Friends of the Library explained what the items would be used for and to answer any questions.

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 6.b. Motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant Application (NPG) submitted by Friends of Northridge Library in the amount of \$2,600 for the purchase of two display tables, sound absorbing panels, etc.

Moved: Mills Seconded: Thiroux

Yes-07	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-01	Absent-05
Bailey, Laird, Mills, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux Alternate: Fordyce	None	None	Avendano	Diamond, Jackson, Mistry, Nitkin, Alternate Meredith

7. Announcements/Presentations/Guest Speakers

- a. **Neighborhood Council Election 2025 Update** - The Board will be seated by Board Affirmation on July 1, 2025, or possibly at an earlier date to be determined.- **Reviewed**
- b. **City's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026** will be released by Mayor Bass on 4/21/2025 and will be posted to [Council File 25-0600](#) Impact of Federal funding reductions on City services- **Reviewed**
- c. **State Legislation that may affect City's Housing Element** as presented to the Valley Alliance of NCs on 3/13/2025 ([link to recording](#)) - (invited) Recommendation(s) to the City regarding [Senate Bill 79](#) (by Wiener, relating to transit-orientated development) and [Senate Bill 677](#) (by Wiener, relating to housing development streamlined approvals):
 - i. [CF 25-0002-S19](#) Resolution (Lee - Park) relative to including in the City's 2025-26 State Legislative Program a position on SB 79 (Wiener) which establishes new state zoning standards around train stations and major bus stops that allow for up to seven-story multifamily housing. - possible MOTION

Public Comment: Kathleen Edwards -supports the Council File to oppose.

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 7.c. Motion to support [CF 25-0002-S19](#) Resolution (Lee - Park) relative to including in the City's 2025-26 State Legislative Program a position on SB 79 (Wiener) which establishes new state zoning standards around train stations and major bus stops that allow for up to seven-story multifamily housing to which we are opposed.

Moved: Ross Seconded: Fordyce

Yes-07	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Avendano, Bailey, Laird, Mills, Ross, Saravia, Alternate: Fordyce	None	Thiroux	None	Diamond, Jackson, Mistry, Nitkin, Alternate Meredith

8. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC's subject matter jurisdiction (up to two minutes per speaker)
- John Hales-Mr. Hales spoke about the new 311 App. There were a lot of problems when it was released. To access 311 you need to download the new 311 app. They city is working on the issues.**
 - Michelle Hales-wants to speak to the State Representative in regards to the Balcony Bill. They are being charged \$4,500.00 by one of the condo complexes to weather proof and a simple fix to the rail.**
9. Comments/Reports from Representatives of Public Officials [CD 12](#), Deputy District Director, Myrka Martinez - **She will go over the community events first and thanked the Board for voting on funding for some of the upcoming events. They held a tax preparation workshop at PALS. The event at St. Baldrick's was held the same day. The following day was DAY of The Horse. There will be a community Climate Action Day on April 26, 2025 the same day as the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser and LAPD Devonshire Division Open House. There is a mural being painted on Lahey St. the same day in Granada Hills so it will be a busy Saturday. That is all of April. Upcoming in May we have our Making Movies that Matter and we also have AAPI day of service. We are also working to put together a defense class at Wilkinson. More details will be shared soon. Now on to Legislation. Ms. Martinez stated that Councilmember John Lee has several items. including a motion to work with the City Administrative Officer to identify a parcel of land for potential housing intervention. We know that you know that homelessness is still one of the biggest issues that our city is facing. We need to get more of the individuals inside. Councilmember Lee presented the motion to oppose SB79. One of the other motions is to raise the brush clearance boundary around homes from 500ft. to 700ft. Another was a resolution to oppose any weakening of the Hazardous Waste. Disposal Regulation. The county has ended its relationship with LAHASA, The Councilman is trying to figure out what the city needs to do next and to see if things need to be moved in house.**
- CD 12 Conversations with Councils 3/24/2025 report-She thanked everyone who attended the event and thanked the Northridge East Neighborhood Council for supplying the refreshments.**
 - City Controller Mejia: Budget Session 4/17/2025, 8 pm-Reviewed [RSVP](#); [questions and be notified](#)**
10. Comments/Updates/Announcements by Representatives of City Departments DONE and BONC updates-
No Updates
- CSUN reports and updates - Keiry Saravia-CSUN did have a big show at the end of March. This may be her last Northridge East Neighborhood Council meeting. Legislative and civic engagement, she has been prepping for her follow ups with the legislators. They are hoping they all get passed. The one thing on everyone's mind is the budget cuts. It is expected to be 8%. Ms. Saravia is hoping that they won't have to cut student resources.**

- i. Federal funding reductions and impacts to CSUN
- ii. [Associated Students](#) update-**The elections were completed last week. The new Administration are prepping for their transitions. They will be sworn in June. We did table for Managers Day. We got a lot of Freshmen interested in Associated Students, and are hoping this helps with student engagement. She is the new President and will appoint her replacement to the NENC.**
- iii. [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](#), [Exhibit A](#) and [Application](#), 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.]
- b. City Clerk NC Funding Program Workgroup will convene every two weeks 4/21/2025 through 6/20/2025; submit comments to region 2 members [Glenn Bailey](#) (NENC), Brian Allen (GHNNC) and Jason Hector (PRNC)-**Reviewed**
- c. Recreation and Parks: Park Needs Assessment - take a survey: [short version](#) & [long version](#)
 - i. NCs may submit comments specific to parks in their area by 6/2/2025 – **No Action Taken**
- d. NC Budget Advocates: “Thoughts on the City Budget” Town Hall Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. NCBA Monthly [Report to NC](#) (posted once released). New Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Council File will be [CF 25-0600](#). NENC City budget and service priorities. Budget Representatives (Glenn Bailey/Garry Fordyce). -**Reviewed** www.budgetadvocates.org/

11. Committee Reports - Standing: Beautification and Weed Abatement (Baker); Education (Peterson);

- a. Executive (Bailey); Finance (Diamond); Homelessness (Ross); **Outreach (Mills); She needs volunteers for the Salute to Education, where the Neighborhood Council will be tabling. It will be a good opportunity to find people to fill the empty Board positions. Help is needed for May 17th and 18th.**
- b. Planning and Land Use (Diamond/Nitkin); **Public Safety (Thiroux/Nitkin)-Bailey -We have four Senior Lead Officers that cover Northridge East. If you have issues, you can reach out to them directly. Thiroux-She received a newsletter from PALS thanking volunteers and officers from Devonshire Division for their support during the Palisades Fire. It also mentions the upcoming Devonshire Division Open House/All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on April 26, 2025 from 8:00AM to 11:00PM. There will be a Cigar Night in June, no details yet.**
- c. Sustainability (Bailey/Nitkin). **No report.**
- d. Ad Hoc: **Animal Welfare (Ross/Diamond); There will be a movie screening for a movie about dog meat and some heroes getting many of the dogs released. He will get more information.**
- e. Bylaws (Bailey/Mills); Dearborn Park (Diamond/Nitkin); NC Election; Van Nuys Airport (Nitkin/Diamond) - Discussion and possible action:
- f. Establishment of new and/or dissolution of existing Ad Hoc committees
 - i. Executive: MOTION (Diamond/Thiroux) to recommend that the Ad Hoc NC Election Committee be dissolved. (Passed 3-0-0 on 4/4/2025)

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 11.a. Motion to approve the dissolution of the existing AD Hoc Election Committee				
Moved: Mills Seconded: Thiroux				
Yes-08	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Avendano, Bailey, Laird, Mills, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux Alternate: Fordyce	None	None	None	Diamond, Jackson, Mistry, Nitkin, Alternate Meredith

- b. Appointment of Committee Chairs or Co-Chairs by President subject to confirmation by Board: Judy Diamond as Co-Chair of Education Committee (existing Chair Carl Petersen will continue)

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 11.b. Motion to approve Judy Diamond the Co-Chair of the Education Committee				
Moved: Mills Seconded: Thiroux				
Yes-08	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Avendano, Bailey, Laird, Mills, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux Alternate: Fordyce	None	None	None	Diamond, Jackson, Mistry, Nitkin, Alternate Meredith

- c. Approval of Committee members as requested by Committee Chair/Co-Chairs-**No Action Taken**
d. Announcement of upcoming Committee meeting dates: Education 5/10/2025, 9:00 am; Executive 5/2 or 9/2025, 4:00 pm (all dates/times subject to confirmation) -**Reviewed**
e. Executive: MOTION (Diamond/Thiroux) to recommend the nomination of Barbara Nitkin as the NENC Outstanding Senior for 2025. (Passed 3-0-0 on 4/4/2025)

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 11.e. Motion to approve Barbara Nitkin as the NENC Outstanding Senior for 2025.				
Moved: Mills Seconded: Thiroux				
Yes-08	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Avendano, Bailey, Laird, Mills, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux Alternate: Fordyce	None	None	None	Diamond, Jackson, Mistry, Nitkin, Alternate Meredith

- f. Outreach: **No Report**
g. Beautification: **No Report**
h. Public Safety: Neighborhood Watch meetings posted on NENC website -**Reviewed**
i. Dearborn Park **No Report**
j. 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 Report**
k. Reports by other Committees listed in item 11 above **No Report**

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

a President's Report

- i. Update on [CF 24-0867](#), a City Council motion concerning NC Youth seats, term limits and amending NC Bylaws. [Committee report](#) approved by City Council on 3/19/2025.-
Reviewed
- ii. UCLA Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study has requested NENC endorse its [Resident Health Survey](#), which will study the health effects of the 2015-2016 Aliso Canyon disaster. - possible MOTION- **Reviewed**

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 12.a.ii. Motion to approve the NENC endorse its Resident Health Survey, which will study the health effects of the 2015-2016 Aliso Canyon disaster.

Moved: Bailey Seconded: Mills

Yes-08	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Avendano, Bailey, Laird, Mills, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux Alternate: Fordyce	None	None	None	Diamond, Jackson, Mistry, Nitkin, Alternate Meredith

b. NC Liaisons Reports and approval of additional and/or replacement NENC Liaisons

c. NC Alliance and Coalition Reports:

- i. LANCC 4/5/2025 meeting featured -**Reviewed** [Park Needs Assessment](#) - [video links](#)
- ii. VANC 4/10/2025 meeting featured housing; school police -**Reviewed** [video links](#)

13. Council Files (CF) and City Council Motions - Community Impact Statements (CIS) - Discussion and possible action: also see item 7c(i) above.

- a CF [25-0002-S13 Resolution](#) (Padilla - Blumenfield) relative to including in the City's 2025-26 State Legislative Program a position on [AB 467 \(Fong\)](#), which would extend the authorization for Neighborhood Councils to use alternate teleconferencing provisions to conduct meetings remotely until January 1, 2031. Chief Legislative Analyst [report, dated April 8, 2025](#), relative to a [Resolution](#) in support of [AB 467 \(Fong\)](#), Open meetings: Teleconferences: Neighborhood Councils.

Public Comment: No comment

Motion: Passed

NENC ITEM 13.a. Motion to approve support for a CF 25-0002-S13 Resolution (Padilla - Blumenfield) relative to including in the City's 2025-26 State Legislative Program a position on AB 467 (Fong), with the following amendments- It be stated that once quorum is reached you are eligible for ZOOM Meetings when 2/3 of those voting yes, the boundaries be extended to be Statewide in which a Board member be able to participate, and lastly Neighborhood Councils should be able to hold in person meetings and be able to have some Boardmembers join by computer. This would extend the authorization for Neighborhood Councils to use alternate teleconferencing provisions to conduct meetings remotely until January 1, 2031. Chief Legislative Analyst report, dated April 8, 2025, relative to a Resolution in support of AB 467 (Fong), Open meetings: Teleconferences: Neighborhood Councils.

Moved: Bailey Seconded: Mills

Yes-08	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-05
Avendano, Bailey, Laird, Mills, Ross, Saravia, Thiroux Alternate: Fordyce	None	None	None	Diamond, Jackson, Mistry, Nitkin, Alternate Meredith

14. Informational Items/Announcements-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 6/5/2025 (Lake View Terrace); LA City Parks Needs Assessment - upcoming meetings and surveys - [sign up](#); Salute to Recreation Family Festival May 16-18, 2025 at Northridge Park with [Senior Dance](#) on May 16 at 5 pm
- 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 4/9/2025; next virtual meeting 5/14/2025, 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)
 - i. **Homelessness Liaisons meeting Wednesday, 4/30/2025 at 6 pm via Zoom - [register](#)**
- m. NC Alliance and Coalition Meetings/Reports: [Valley Alliance of NCs](#) (VANC) (next meeting 5/8/2025, 6:30 pm); [DWP MOU/Advocacy Committees](#) (next meeting 5/3/2025, 8:30 am); [LA NC Coalition](#) (LANCC) (next meeting 5/3/2025, 10 am); [PlanCheckNC](#) (next meeting 5/10/2025, 10 am); NC Emergency Preparedness Alliance (next meeting 4/26/2025, 10 am); [NC Sustainability Alliance](#) (next meeting 5/11/2025, 6:30 pm) and NCSA Trees Committee (next meeting TBA (likely May), 1:30 pm via [Zoom](#))
 - i. NCSA Youth Environmental Action Council - [sign up](#)
- n. Upcoming NC or NENC Co-sponsored Events: **No Report**

15. Public comments on non-agenda items within the NENC's subject matter jurisdiction (continued from item 8; up to two minutes per speaker)

- a. Lionel Mares-**spoke about the Parks Assessment and wanting to see more participation at City Hall by the Neighborhood Councils.**

16. Board Member announcements and requests for future agenda items/reconsideration of any motion.
- a **Ken Ross-Wants to do more outreach in regards to state bills.**
 - b **Glenn Bailey Thanked Keiry Saravia for her win as President of the Associated Students at CSUN and thanked her for her service. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58PM**

17. Adjournment (by 10:00 p.m.)

Next NENC Board regular meeting (third Wednesday): May 21, 2025 (TBD)
Subsequent Board regular meetings: June 18, 2025 (virtual) and July 16, 2025 (in-person)