



***Northridge West Neighborhood Council
Government Affairs Committee Meeting
November 29, 2011 Tuesday at 7PM
Coco's Restaurant***

**18521 Devonshire St. Northridge, CA 91324
NWNC not paying for dinner.**

Please RSVP to glenw@dslextreme.com if you're going to the meeting so I have idea of how many seats to save a table for.

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Public Meeting Agenda

The Agenda is posted for public review at the following Northridge locations:
Northridge Fashion Center (Information Desk);
The Discovery Shop, 9719 Reseda Blvd.;
Beckford Avenue Elementary School, 19130 Tulsa Ave.;
Albertsons Market, 18555 Devonshire St.;
Gelson's Market, 19500 Plummer St.;
Shell Service Station (was Alliance) 8900 Corbin Ave.;
and the North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, 9401 Reseda Blvd.

For information about the Council, and Your Community see our website:
www.NorthridgeWest.org. Call Glen Wilson (818) 886-3534 about Government Affairs meeting plus also for NWNC general information.

Government Affairs Committee agenda – Chair – Glen Wilson

1. Roll Call
2. Non Agenda Public Comments
3. NWNC Government Affairs items that may be on NWNC Dec.13, 2011 agenda as motions or resolutions are:
 - a. NC Election Alternatives Survey for NWNC board & stakeholders and want to recommend for the wording on agenda item for NWNC board survey at NWNC Dec. 13, 2011 meeting to vote on.

Main questions about NWNC Elections are:

- 1) Does NWNC want to do NWNC Election in 2012?

Option A

If no NWNC Elections in 2012 means current terms ending 2012 which is nine (9) will go to 2014 and the other four (4) terms ending in 2014 will go to 2016.

OR Option B

If NWNC does NWNC Elections in 2012 means current four (4) termed for 2014 will go to 2014 and other nine (9) termed & appointed persons ending 2012 will be a) six (6) if voted to 2016 & b) the other three (3) which are one current vacant rent seat and two appointed seats if voted to 2014 will fill the last two years of four years terms seats as NWNC board members.

- 2) **Want will it cost NWNC to do NC Election in 2012? NWNC cost maybe about \$4,000 to \$7,000 with one or two mailers for a 2012 NWNC Election.**
- 3) **Selections are not in NWNC Bylaws but Elections and appoints are in NWNC Bylaws.**
- 4) **Other items and questions that are in City Clerk NC Election Alternatives Survey.**
- 5) **Also look at #3c on City Draft ordinance if no 2012 NC's Elections is passed by City Council maybe about Dec. 2011 or later?**

City Clerk has been instructed by the City Council to perform a study on alternative methods for conducting NC Elections. The purpose of this study is to ascertain what each NC's true preferences are for conducting elections in the near and long-term future, and to lay out all options for the City Council and Mayor to review. This survey must be completed and submitted to the City Clerk no later than Friday, January 6, 2012 in order to ensure its inclusion in the final report to the Mayor and City Council. To ensure that your NC Board has enough time to discuss, complete and approve this survey before this deadline, we respectfully request that you place this survey on the next available General Board Meeting Agenda. Main possible NC's Elections Alternatives at this time is for 2014 NC's Elections are Independent Election Administrators (IEA's), Vote-By-Mail (VBM) Elections, Town Hall Elections, Internet/Telephone Voting and other Election Methods or hybrids of it.

2012 Neighborhood Council Election Study is below:

Main NC Elections information link is:

<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/website.pdf>

NC Stakeholder Election Alternatives Survey NEW is below:

[http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/Stakeholder Election Alternatives Survey 10.27.pdf](http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/Stakeholder_Election_Alternatives_Survey_10.27.pdf)

NC Board Election Alternatives Survey NEW is below:

[http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/NC Board Election Alternatives Survey 10.26.pdf](http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/NC_Board_Election_Alternatives_Survey_10.26.pdf)

NC Election Study Timeline REVISED is below:

[http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/NC Elections Study Timeline.pdf](http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/NC_Elections_Study_Timeline.pdf)

NC Board Member Election Alternative Study PowerPoint Handout is below:

[http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/2011 REGIONAL Mtgs.pdf](http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/2011_REGIONAL_Mtgs.pdf)

NC Election Alternatives Educational Workshop PowerPoint Handout NEW is below:

[http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/NC Educational Workshop Handout.pdf](http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/NC_Educational_Workshop_Handout.pdf)

NC Election Alternatives Factsheet NEW is below:

[http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/Alternative Summary Fact Sheet 10.27.pdf](http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/Alternative_Summary_Fact_Sheet_10.27.pdf)

NC Elections Common Processes and Cost Variables NEW is below:

<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/Costs&Commonalities.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions About the Study NEW is below:

http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/2012_FAQs_Update.pdf

- b. **Discussion about NC Election motions at VANC & NC Election Task Force meetings as resolutions to City Council and want to put on NWNC Dec. 13, 2011 as agenda items from below.**

From Two VANC NC Elections Motions and Resolutions that Passed on Nov. 10, 2011 are:

A. Motion approved by VANC for neighborhood councils to have the **OPTION either** to have an election or selection process in 2012, or to “opt-out” (no election) and have an election in 2014.

B. Resolution regarding City Clerk Conduct of NC Elections

Be it resolved that the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC), in order to preserve the right of neighborhood councils to conduct elections in 2012 and years following, requests the City Council to adopt a resolution or ordinance as follows:

“The City Clerk is directed to allow neighborhood councils to conduct elections in 2012 and years following with or without the assistance of the City Clerk. The procedures should set forth in broad terms that neighborhood council elections will be conducted in a fair and transparent manner and in accordance with the approved bylaws and election procedures of each neighborhood council, the Plan and the Administrative Code. The procedures should encourage neighborhood councils to join together on a regional basis in order to lend assistance to one another in outreach and the conduct of elections.

As an Alternative, rescind the city ordinance authorizing the City Clerk to administer neighborhood council elections and authorize DONE, in partnership with neighborhood councils, to oversee elections going forward.”

Handouts notes from NC Election Task Force meeting Sat. Nov. 12, 2011.

Note see also City Watch LA article dated Nov. 14, 2011 on “NC’S to the city well do our own elections thank you” from VANC and NC Election Task motions with the link below:
<http://citywatchla.com/component/content/article/318-4box-right/2479-ncs-to-the-city-well-do-our-own-elections-thank-you?format=pdf>

- c. **Discussion or/and motion on (City Attorney Report) Draft ordinance amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code regarding NC elections will be heard at Arts, Parks and Neighborhoods Committee chaired by Councilmember Krekorion on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2011 at 3PM at City Hall (downtown) in room ____.** Note the correct Council File number is 11-1912. CD12 does not know when it will get to the full City Council.
City Attorney Report is http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2011/11-1912_rpt_atty_11-9-11.pdf

- d. **Discussion about Smart Meters and LADWP items.**

4. **Brainstorm ideas for Government Affairs Committee.**
5. **Next NWNC Government Affairs Meeting date to be determined later.**
6. **Adjournment.**
7. **Next NWNC Public General Meeting is Tuesday Dec. 13, 2011 at 7PM
Beckford Avenue Elementary School - Auditorium 19130 Tulsa Street, Northridge, CA
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