



# Northridge West Neighborhood Council

## Public Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 7:00 PM**  
**Beckford Elementary School**  
**19130 Tulsa Street • Northridge, CA 91324**

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<p><b>Tom Johnson</b>  <i>President</i> – General Business-1(2014)</p> <p><b>Glen Wilson</b>  <i>VP Administration</i> - Community/Faith Based (2014)</p> <p><b>Juativa Spurlock</b>  <i>VP Communication &amp; Outreach</i> – Homeowner - 2 (2014)</p> <p><b>Pamela Bolin</b>  <i>Treasurer</i> – At-Large-2 (2014)</p> <p><b>JoAnn Phillips</b>          Open-At-Large (2012)</p> <p><b>Craig Michayluk</b>          Homeowner – 2 (2012)</p>	<p><b>Gerry Malais</b>          At-Large-1 (2012)</p> <p><b>Jerry Bloom</b>          Senior-1 (2012)</p> <p><b>Ken Futernick</b>          Senior-2 (2012)</p> <p><b>Vacant</b>          Northridge Fashion Center (2012)</p> <p><b>Vacant</b>          Renter (2012)</p> <p><b>Vacant</b>          General Business-2 (2012)</p> <p><b>Vacant</b>          Education (2012)</p>
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**PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS:** The public is requested to fill out a “Speaker Card” to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived or additionally restricted by the presiding officer of the Board.

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.; and the North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, 9401 Reseda Blvd.

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## **BASIC NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING RULES**

**ALL MEETINGS ARE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.** The basic council rules listed here are contained either in that act, the governing bylaws of this Council or in rules adopted by the Governing Board.

All Neighborhood Council meeting locations shall be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**DEFINITION OF STAKEHOLDER:** [Bylaws Article 3 (G)] STAKEHOLDER shall mean all persons who live, work, or own property in the neighborhood and also those who declare a stake in the neighborhood and affirm the factual basis for it. The affirmation may require verification of said stake. Furthermore, each stakeholder class within the NWNC's boundaries has the ability to vote and run for office on the board. The geographic area of this council is from the 118 - Simi Valley Freeway south to Nordhoff and Reseda west to Corbin with the centerline of each street as the boundary. (Bylaws Article 5)

**AGENDAS** – Unless otherwise posted, the Northridge West Neighborhood Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Beckford Avenue Elementary School Auditorium. The agendas for Neighborhood Council meetings contain a brief general description of those items to be considered at the meetings.

Items on the "Consent Agenda" may be voted on as a group unless a councilmember or stakeholder wishes to be heard on that item. In the event a councilmember or stakeholder wishes to be heard on an item, it will be called special and heard under the "Public Hearing" section of the agenda.

The presence of at least seven Council members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Council may consider an item not on the agenda only if it is determined by a two-thirds vote of the existing council that the need for action arose after the posting of an Agenda.

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at: 9401 Reseda Blvd. Ste. 100, Northridge, CA 91324, at our website by clicking on the following link: [www.northridgewest.org](http://www.northridgewest.org), or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Thomas Johnson at (818) 599-3435 or via email at: [johnsonsconstruct@hotmail.com](mailto:johnsonsconstruct@hotmail.com)

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND TIME LIMITS** – Council members requesting to address the Council will be recognized by the Council President in the order requested. A motion calling the "previous question" may be introduced by any member during a Council debate. If adopted, this motion will terminate debate and the Chair will instruct the Secretary to call the roll on the matter.

Other Board Rules will be put in place and this section will be updated as necessary.

### **Agenda Posting Locations:**

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The Discovery Shop 9719 Reseda Blvd.
Beckford Avenue Elementary School 19130 Tulsa St.
Albertsons Market 18555 Devonshire St.
Gelson's Market 19500 Plummer St.
Alliance Service Station 8900 Corbin Ave.
North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce 9401 Reseda Blvd.

The Council is always looking for volunteers to organize speakers, educate our stakeholders on new property developments, and discuss community issues. If you are interested in volunteering on a Committee, please contact: Tom Johnson (818) 599-3435 **OR email us at:** [johnsonsconstruct@hotmail.com](mailto:johnsonsconstruct@hotmail.com). Events and Calendar Postings should be sent to [johnsonsconstruct@hotmail.com](mailto:johnsonsconstruct@hotmail.com). **For information about the Council, and Your Community see our website:** [www.NorthridgeWest.org](http://www.NorthridgeWest.org). If you want something put on the agenda, make sure the request is submitted in writing to the board prior to the first of the month.

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1. Call to order
2. Pack 911 local Cub Scout does a flag ceremony (pledge of allegiance)
3. Robert Torosian is now new NWNC Secretary (none voting NWNC person). Now Robert will take the Roll call and do determination of a Quorum.
4. Acceptance of minutes - Meeting held Aug. 10, 2010 and Special meeting Sept. 5, 2010.
5. Senior Lead Officer, LAPD Devonshire Division - Officer Kathy Bennett
6. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) - Thomas Soong
7. CD12 Councilman Greig Smith's Representative – Semee Park  
CD12 is planning to have a Clean Up Day Saturday October 9, 2010.
8. Guest Speakers –
  - a. Ana Haase Reed on CA High Speed Train project
  - b. LADWP speaker on Sylmar Ground Return Replacement Project (Power)
  - c. Debra Scott is the Senior Investigator for Investigations & Enforcement Division of Street Services.
  - d. Robert Scott, Director of Mulholland Institute for N/EW Vision presentation.
9. Treasurer's Report – Bolin
10. Committee Reports
  - Budget / Finance – Bolin
  - Bylaws – Glen Wilson
  - Education – Ken Futernick **Efforts to establish a science program at a local school.**
  - Elections – No report
  - Grievance – No grievances to report
  - Planning / Land Use / Zoning – Johnson
  - Community Outreach - Spurlock
  - ad hoc* Neighborhood Enhancement Committee/Beautification – Phillips
11. Public Comments-Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction.
12. Discussion and possible action items.
  - a. Appoint Chris Williams to be considered for the open General Business Rep seat. This seat will be up for reelection 2012.
  - b. Lorraine Zitlin & Sherrill Frank will do presentation from Jewish Women's International (JWI) on and about NWNC funding support for Salute to Northridge Volunteer Organizations for (As part of the Northridge Centennial Celebration) an event for the community on Thursday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
  - c. Johnson – Update and need NWNC support funding of food up to \$250 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair October 2, 2010 at Fire Station 87.
  - d. Juativa Spurlock - Funding request and presentation by Joel Lipin for Fall Senior Fair Oct. 2, 2010 and put on by Senior Services Business Council of NVRCC.
  - e. Wilson – Motion to support the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils event Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010 at 6PM with NWNC to support funds up to \$200 for VANC Planning Forum "Planning in LA: the next 12 months" and at CBS Studio's.
  - f. Craig Michayluk – Motion to have Northridge Fashion Center match funds with Northridge West Neighborhood Council on doing NWNC Tampa Ave. Median project.
  - g. Chris Williams and Tom Johnson provide status of permissions and permits for installing faux grass on a parkway at Tampa east side at Superior. Gerry Malais

**provide status of obtaining a quote for the installation work. If contractor labor is too expensive, this labor might need to be done by NWNC volunteers due to inadequate NWNC budget allocated for this extremely important project.**

- h. **Spurlock – Discussion and Status on the date, time and location of Clean and Green accomplishments lunch for cleaning up Tampa Ave and one spot on Reseda Blvd.!**
- i. Johnson – Status on Northridge West NC Tee Shirts ordered for NWNC Outreach for 12 small, 12 medium and 12 large sizes.
- j. Wilson – Create Neighborhood Council Ambassadors with Northridge East NC and Northridge South NC for all of Northridge to report back to NWNC want NENC and NSNC are doing. Need volunteers for Representatives and Alternate Representatives for Northridge East NC and Northridge South NC.
- k. Johnson – Status of weekly clean-up days every Saturday 7-10 am.
- l. Status of Motion presented by Spurlock last July to write letters to the bench companies.
- m. Requests for volunteers to fill vacancies on the NWNC board.
  - i. The following positions are currently vacant are one Renters Representative, one Education Representative, and one Northridge Fashion Center Representative. All of these seats will be up for election in 2012. We are processing a request to convert these to two At Large and one Homeowner Reps, but in the mean time if there are volunteers, consider filling any of these vacancies. To do so, send your request to the NWNC Secretary at [secretary@northridgewest.org](mailto:secretary@northridgewest.org) and copy to the President at [president@northridgewest.org](mailto:president@northridgewest.org).
  - ii. To be appointed you must be able to prove that you are qualified for that seat on the board. The documents those are acceptable as proofs of eligibility for a specific seat on the board are listed on pages 8-18 of City Clerk NWNC Candidate Filling Form which is [http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/ANWNC\\_CANDIDATE%20FILING%20PACKET\\_FINAL.pdf](http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/ANWNC_CANDIDATE%20FILING%20PACKET_FINAL.pdf) or/ & NWNC Bylaws on [http://www.northridgewest.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/NWNC-Final\\_Approved\\_Bylaws\\_3-6-08.pdf](http://www.northridgewest.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/NWNC-Final_Approved_Bylaws_3-6-08.pdf) . Main NWNC website is [www.NorthridgeWest.org](http://www.NorthridgeWest.org)
- n. Motion by Wilson: Need volunteers for 1) LANCC alternate rep., 2) LA DWP/MOU & DWP Committee alternate rep. and 3) Plancheck NC alternate representative.
- o. Wilson - Updates, comments and possible motion about Street Resurfacing for Wilbur Ave. between **Chatsworth St.** & Nordhoff St. and changes 1) Now one lane south & one lane north with painted bike path lanes & parking on must both sides of the street 2) New type of crosswalks at Wilbur Ave. & Superior St. and Wilbur Ave. & Praire St. and 3) Now have space in center to make left turns for side streets.
- p. Johnson – Establish a date within the next 3 weeks to hold an executive committee meeting for charting a direction and schedule for the various committees on Northridge West Neighborhood Council.
- q. Johnson – Ethics Training – Inform all board members of the need to complete ethic training ASAP (Gerry to take Ethics course) and new board members.
- r. Wilson - Need volunteers for NWNC Committees like Bylaws for now and in the future.
- s. Wilson - Resolution regarding an updated funding system for NCs - Resolved that the Northridge West Neighborhood Council supports the adoption of a system that allows neighborhood councils to pay bills other than by the use of a credit card or by the issuance of a warrant. Originally from Tarzana NC meeting Tuesday, August 24, 2010.
- t. Wilson - Resolution regarding notification of action on request for issuance warrants – Resolved that the Northridge West Neighborhood Council request that DONE adopt a policy of promptly notifying neighborhood councils of the issuance of or refusal to issue a warrant. Originally from Tarzana NC meeting Tuesday, August 24, 2010.
- u. Wilson - Resolution regarding submission of warrant requests – Resolved that the Northridge West Neighborhood Council request that DONE adopt a policy of acknowledging the submission of requests the issuance of warrants and the submission of other items required by DONE. Originally from Tarzana NC meeting Tuesday, August 24, 2010.
- v. Wilson – Resolution regarding to support Ratepayers Advocate Preliminary Term Sheet about LADWP. Was at DWP committee and LANCC meeting Sept. 4, 2010. Will have complete handout at NWNC meeting.

- w. Wilson - Discussion and action on a request and draft resolution for Northridge West Neighborhood Council reaffirmation of support for the NC-DWP MOU and for the Oversight Committee, and for naming MOU Representatives and Alternates.

Now that every neighborhood council in the city has been reelected, the MOU Oversight Committee needs updated names and contact information for the representatives from each council. This is both essential for communication with councils and a requirement of our MOU.

Each council can determine how it selects an MOU Representative (for example, by Board vote or by appointment of the Board President). There is no requirement that the Representative must be a member of the council's Board. Although the MOU refers to a single Representative, the Oversight Committee suggests that Alternates be named to assure a council participation in the Committee's formal votes. For more information, see Section 5 in the full MOU:

[http://www.ladwpneighborhoodnews.com/posted/1643/5\\_year\\_MOU\\_2007.358206.pdf](http://www.ladwpneighborhoodnews.com/posted/1643/5_year_MOU_2007.358206.pdf)

"The Northridge West Neighborhood Council reaffirms its participation in the April 2007 Five-Year Memorandum of Understanding between neighborhood councils and the Los Angeles Department of Water And Power, reaffirms its participation in the MOU Oversight Committee, and appoints Glen Wilson as its regular MOU Representative, \_\_\_\_\_ as Alternate Representative 1 and \_\_\_\_\_ as Alternate Representative 2. The Board instructs the Secretary to promptly send this resolution, together with telephone and email contact information for the council's representative and Alternates, to both the MOU Oversight Committee and the LADWP, and to send the names and contact information for the council's newly elected Board members to both the MOU Oversight Committee and the LADWP when that information is available."

- x. Juativa – Propose Welcome packages bags- Outreach partner with Beautification to notify stakeholders to keep up there parkways.
- y. Juativa - Outreach proposes a food drive for the month of October, drop offs and pickups to be determined.
- z. Discussion about Gerry Malais (At-Large-1 2012) on absences from NWNC board meetings. NWNC Bylaws as Amended on February 12, 2008 and Approved March 1 1, 2008 are {**ARTICLE VII RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS** under #B2b about (Unexcused absence at two (2) consecutive council meetings, or three (3) council meetings cumulatively in a fiscal year. The council shall adopt rules to define an excused absence.)}
- aa. Wilson – Motion on what is an excused absence for NWNC Board Members?

**13. Report on Meetings – Each month the Rep summarizes the meeting they attend and provides it to Johnson and Bolin for posting on the NWNC website.**

- a. NE/W Vision Committee – Steve Harris/Glen Wilson  
Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00PM maybe at the NWNC Office
- b. LA DWP MOU or DWP Committee – Glen Wilson  
Meets the first Saturday of month at 8:45AM with location TBD
- c. Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) – Glen Wilson  
Meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:30PM at the Sherman Oaks Hospital.  
There was no VANC September meeting.
- d. Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) – Glen Wilson  
Meets the first Saturday of month at 10:00AM with location TBD
- e. Valley Vote – Glen Wilson  
Meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30PM at Galpin Ford  
Was no August meeting for Valley Vote.
- f. BONC meetings - Glen Wilson  
About Neighborhood Councils and about future DONE NC Bylaws changes
- g. Oakridge Estate Park Advisory Board - Steve Harris  
Meets the fourth Thursday of month at 3PM at Fire Station #87 at 10124 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills in the Community Room

- h. North Valley Disaster Preparedness Team – Tom Johnson  
Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 3:30PM at the Northridge CD 12 Office.
  - i. PlanCheckNC  
Meets the second Saturday of the month at Historic Downtown Outreach Center, 114 W. 5th Street Los Angeles, CA 90013
  - j. Neighborhood Watch Basic Car Meetings  
At Calahan St. Elementary School - Last Wednesday of month  
18722 KNAPP St. Northridge  
At other locations in NWNC area look under  
[http://www.lapdonline.org/devonshire\\_community\\_police\\_station](http://www.lapdonline.org/devonshire_community_police_station) ,  
[www.LAPDonline.org](http://www.LAPDonline.org) or [www.NorthridgeWest.org](http://www.NorthridgeWest.org) website.
- 14. Board Member Comments - Comments from the Board on subject matters within the Board's jurisdiction.**
- a. Request for items to be placed on the agenda must be made in writing to the Secretary ([secretary@northridgewest.org](mailto:secretary@northridgewest.org)) no later than October 1, 2010.
- 15. NWNC Agenda items for NWNC Oct. 12, 2010 meeting**
- a. **Mitch Englander (Greig Smith's chief of staff) will speak at our NWNC meeting in October.**
- 16. Adjournment**
- 17. Take new photo of NWNC members for website**
- 18. Up Coming Events**

- a. The City of Los Angeles will be conducting a four Open House/Public Hearings and one Public Hearing via webinar to kick off the public adoption process for the **2010 Bicycle Plan**.

The Public Hearings will take place September 25, 29, 30, and October 2. The webinar will be conducted during the day on September 29. Registration information will be posted on the project website when it is finalized. Comments on the Bicycle Plan will be accepted until October 8. Subsequently, the City Planning Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 4, 2010.

Glen will have copies that contains the times and locations for the meetings above.

- b. City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department requests your participation update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.  
Please visit <http://www.piersystem.com/go/survey/2511/4511> and take the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan 2010 Questionnaire. All responses must be submitted by Tuesday, 9/28/10.  
Together we can make a ReadyLA!
- c. LADWP 2010 Draft Power Integrated Resource Plan  
Public Workshop for West Valley  
Wednesday, September 22, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Holiday Inn – Warner Center  
21101 Ventura Boulevard, Woodland Hills 91364  
For more information and to register, please visit [www.LaPowerPlan.org](http://www.LaPowerPlan.org)
- d. On Sunday, September 19, join concerned residents throughout Los Angeles for the first Neighborhood Council Workshop to discuss the future of local empowerment. The workshop will take place in the Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center, Conference Room 1B, 6262 Van Nuys, Blvd., Van Nuys.  
From 1 to 5 p.m., you will have the chance to hear from Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment General Manager Bong-Hwan Kim and others. In addition, you will get to have your own say during a series of break-out sessions to talk about neighborhood council funding, the mission of DONE, ethics training and much more. You will also have the opportunity to present your own vision on the future of neighborhood councils. Because of time constraints, each presentation will be limited to five minutes and

we must be notified of each one by September 12. For more information, call us at (213) 473-7002

To RSVP, please send your name, phone number and the neighborhood council you represent, and if you are interested in presenting your vision, to [Daniel.Lopez@lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Lopez@lacity.org) . Space is limited, please RSVP as soon as possible and check [www.CD2Policy.wordpress.com](http://www.CD2Policy.wordpress.com) for more information.

- e. Mayor's Budget Day is Sat. Oct. 16, 2010 at Downtown City Hall and time will be later. No Congress of Neighborhoods event this fall.
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Process for Reconsideration – The Board may reconsider and amend actions listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: 1) make a Motion to Reconsider and, if approved, 2) hear the matter and take an action. If the Motion to Reconsider is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: 1) a Motion to Reconsider on the described matter and, 2) a Proposed] Action should the Motion to Reconsider be approved. A Motion-to-Reconsider can only be made by a Board Member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action. If a Motion-to-Reconsider is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board Member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall be in compliance with the Brown Act.

