



**Northridge West Neighborhood Council
Government Affairs Committee Meeting
November 1, 2011 Tuesday at 7PM
California Pizza Kitchen**

**9301 Tampa Ave. Northridge, CA 91324
North End, Next to Macy's in Northridge Fashion Center**

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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. Comments from the Government Affairs Committee.
3. New Business: NWNC Government Affairs items that may be on NWNC Nov. 8, 2011 agenda as motions or resolutions are:
 - A. Discussion, wording and updated on “RESOLUTION or MOTION TO SUPPORT THE VALLEY-WESTSIDE RAIL TUNNEL FOR THE I-405 CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT” and about adding LA Community Mission College to North-South Valley line in sturdy as stop. Here are links to Metro's announcement of the public hearings, as well as slides on the Valley segment and a description of the Sepulveda Pass segment:
Hearings: http://www.metro.net/news/simple_pr/Community-Meetings-to-Discuss-Start-of-Van-Nuys-Co/
North-South Valley:
http://www.metro.net/board/Items/2011/10_October/20111005OtherSectorSFVItem7.pdf
Sepulveda Pass: <http://www.metro.net/projects/sfv-405/>
Information from The Transit Coalition is www.transitcoalition.org or call (818) 367-1661
See NWNC draft motion #A below.
 - B. Discussion about what Smart Meters are and will LADWP be putting Smart Meters where LADWP is local power company. Note residents throughout Los Angeles and Orange County have organized a “Southern California Smart Meter Public Forum” on Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Glendale Moose Lodge, 357 West Arden Avenue, Glendale 91203. For

more information, contact Burbank Action at 818-641-5042, e-mail BurbankAction@aol.com or website www.BurbankAction.com for this event. For more info, go to: www.BurbankAction.com , www.StopOCSmartMeters.com , www.StopSmartMeters.org , www.EMFSafetyNetwork.org , www.SmartMeterDangers.org , www.ThePeoplesInitiative.org , and www.eon3EMFblog.net

C. NWNC to discussion and/or do a NWNC resolution on want alternative method(s) that NWNC wants on next NWNC NC Elections. 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 (IERs), Vote-By-Mail (VBM) Elections, Town Hall Elections, Internet/Telephone Voting and other Election Methods.

http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/NC_Board_Election_Alternatives_Survey_10.26.pdf

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 Nov. 8, 2011 at 7PM

Beckford Avenue Elementary School – Auditorium 19130 Tulsa Street, Northridge, CA 91326

NWNC draft motion #A below.

This motion is modeled after one passed by the Sylmar Neighborhood Council. The record of the motion being approved is on their website at <http://www.sylmarneighborhoodcouncil.org/minutes.htm>

MOTION TO SUPPORT THE VALLEY-WESTSIDE RAIL TUNNEL FOR THE I-405 CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT.

Whereas, the I-405 Freeway has the highest amount of average annual daily traffic (374,000 trips) of any highway in the nation (Source: U.S. Department of Transportation);

Whereas, congestion on the I-405 Freeway takes a heavy toll on commuters, with 580,000 hours of delay for vehicles passing Getty Center Drive (Source: Caltrans);

Whereas, San Fernando Valley stakeholders need a fast and reliable alternative to getting stuck in traffic on the I-405 Freeway;

Whereas, currently there is no effective alternative corridor or transit line for the Sepulveda Pass for people going to and from the San Fernando Valley and the Westside, as shown by pleas from elected officials to "stay home" while the I-405 Freeway was closed in July 2011;

Whereas, the Metro Red Line subway has reduced the growth of congestion on the 101 Freeway between the San Fernando Valley and downtown by carrying over 144,000 passengers daily (Source: Los Angeles County

Metropolitan Transportation Authority, "Metro");

Whereas, other regions of the County, such as the Westside, South Central LA, and the San Gabriel Valley, are lobbying hard to get more funds and to push their transit projects forward;

Whereas, Measure R has set aside \$1 billion for a transit project to connect the San Fernando Valley with the Westside, plus additional funds to connect the north and south San Fernando Valley;

Whereas, the federal government has provided a 60% match in funding for another Measure R rail transit project;

Whereas, Metro has yet to define the type of project, such as rail, bus, or toll lane / auto toll tunnel;

Whereas, the I-405 Transit Project is the final project in the Measure R timeline;

Be it therefore resolved that,

1. The Northridge West Neighborhood Council supports the development of a contiguous rail transit line from the Sylmar Metrolink Station to the Expo Line, and eventually to LAX as the plan for the I-405 Transit Corridor;
2. The Measure R Sepulveda Pass and Van Nuys transit projects should be studied and developed together as one integrated project, rather than two disjointed projects;
3. Further, the Northridge West Neighborhood Council supports a rail tunnel from Sherman Oaks to UCLA and Westwood as the mode of transit, versus the use of project funds for busways or conversion of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to toll lanes for this project;
4. Finally, the Northridge West Neighborhood Council calls upon the Mayor, the City Council, the County Board of Supervisors, legislators, Members of Congress, and Metro to take action to accelerate the timeline and obtain federal matching funds for this project so that San Fernando Valley stakeholders can enjoy its benefits as soon as possible.