



The Oak Tree Flyer

Greetings from the Encino Neighborhood Council! Introducing Our Inaugural Monthly Newsletter

We're thrilled to bring you the first edition of our monthly newsletter, a dedicated space to keep you well-informed about the vibrant happenings in Encino. This newsletter is your go-to source for updates on community events, insights into local government initiatives, and matters that directly impact you, the residents of Encino. Stay connected, stay informed, and let's make our community stronger together!

Encino Neighborhood Council Calendar:

<https://www.encinonc.org/calendar/index/2023-12>



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Alex Garay

Encino Neighborhood Council

President

As we turn the page to a new year, the Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) is preparing for an active year. Last year was our election and in July the new board was seated. Sadly, we said so long to a few board members and welcomed many new faces. With only a couple of meetings before our winter break it became apparent that our new board members brought a new energy and welcomed perspective to the board.

To better serve the community we merged our homelessness committee into our newly rejuvenated Public Safety Committee. Part of their mission statement is to address issues pertinent to the well-being of the Encino community, including disaster preparedness, crime prevention, and public health. Our Airport Committee will continue to be a champion for quieter skies over Encino and continue to advocate for our community with all matters pertaining to the airports. The Planning and Land Use Committee (PLU) seeks to notify stakeholders of important land use projects and permitting issues in the Encino community. Two state bills signed into law, meant to help the housing crisis, cleared the path to waived hearings and removes parking requirements for certain projects. We will continue to address the housing element while protecting our single-family areas. Our Traffic and Transportation Committee is tirelessly working to get the word out about a hillside traffic mitigation and traffic calming study that they have been fighting for years to have completed! Each and every one of our committees is dedicated to the wellbeing of the community. In fact, it is at the committee level where robust conversations take place, provide the opportunity to have longer discussions and allow more time to engage with committee members. We encourage you to attend or join one of our committees – each committee consists of members of the community and ENC Board Members. Several of our committees meet virtually, please visit our website to see a list of our committees and their schedules,

www.encino.org

Our regular board meetings usually take place on the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Encino Community Center. In addition to weighing in on committee recommendations, updates from the LAPD, Council Office and other elected officials are provided.

The ENC is an advisory board to our council member, other elected officials and city departments. We strive to remove politics from our discussions and recommendations to focus on the needs of the community. We are, essentially, a grassroots organization where groups of community members attempt to influence social or political issues at a very local level.

To learn more about the Encino Neighborhood Council, our committees, see the calendar of events, or to sign up to receive important community announcements, please visit our website: www.encinonc.org

Encino Neighborhood Council Board

The ENC General Council Meetings are usually held at 7:00pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month (with the exception of holiday schedules).

Meetings are typically held at the
Encino Community Center, located at
4935 Balboa Boulevard, Encino, CA 91316.

Light refreshments with a meet and greet begin at 6:30pm.

Please note the location + date/time are subject to change, and to check the website and/or agenda posted to verify location + date/time.

ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President: Alex Garay

Email: president@encinonc.org

Vice President: Victoria Miller

Email: vicepresident@encinonc.org

Treasurer: Patricia Bates

Email: batesenc@gmail.com

Secretary: Laure Stevens

Email: lstevensencino@gmail.com

Sergeant at Arms: Henry Eshelman

Email: heshelmanenc@gmail.com

THE CASE FOR LOCAL POLITICS

by Josh Sautter

I was born in Bloomington, Indiana on September 24, 1983. My mother was the City Attorney in Bloomington. Fun fact: she was the youngest woman to win a case in the Supreme Court. But on the day she went into labor, she was doing city business until the Chief of Police told her to go to the hospital because he didn't want to deliver a baby.

We moved to Washington DC when I was three, where I grew up around the corner from the bookshop Politics and Prose. My mom moved into corporate labor law (she's from Queens and claims that labor's always been the most exciting coming from a union town) and my dad, also a lawyer, is an election recount specialist.

Having grown up in our nation's capital, I've seen both how shady political people can be, but I've also seen people working tirelessly at the federal level to do good things for people who live in small towns like Bloomington, Indiana.

But in today's day and age, I can understand the resistance many feel when they open their newspapers and see how polarizing and hopeless everything feels at the national level. It makes you want to disconnect from everything and binge watch Seinfeld for the 100th time. When I was campaigning for the Encino Neighborhood Council, many people told me they wouldn't vote for me because they stopped voting. Others asked: what's the Neighborhood Council? That exists?

If you asked someone at random in Encino Village: is there a Neighborhood Council here? They'd say yes, and that their representative is Josh Sautter. I've gone door to door many times, and probably will many more times. Have I been annoying? Yes. Has it borne results? Absolutely. Just ask anyone on Ostrom whose streetlights are working again.

The other weekend, my wife and I hosted an Oktoberfest Encino Village Block Party. Why? Not because I wanted to. (Though I ended up loving doing it and will happily do it again.) This was simply me fulfilling a campaign promise. People love our summer block party but wanted another in the fall. So we raised money and made it happen. We had a taco truck, face painter, family photographer, DJ, a costume contest judged by our City Councilmember Nithya Raman – and a pie eating competition for the ages.

Hundreds of our neighbors came out. Many of these people voted for me. But most didn't. Two days later on Halloween, I bumped into many of these people on Aldea Ave (which if you haven't seen, you should check out – it's the best place to Trick or Treat in LA). They thanked me for putting on the party, introduced themselves and asked: how can I get more involved?

When I got home that night, I stood outside handing out candy and thought how grateful I am to have run for Neighborhood Council. In my experience of, when you get involved, the case for local politics makes itself. Everyone wins, yourself included.

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ELECTED AREA REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES

Area Representatives are elected at general elections by stakeholders who live within each area's boundaries or are appointed by the ENC General Board at a General Board Meeting to fill a vacancy (scroll down to view ENC "Areas" Map)

-Area 1

Boundaries: Victory Boulevard, (N), Burbank Boulevard (S), Lindley Avenue (W), Balboa Boulevard (E)

Representative: Joshua Sautter -Email: joshsautter.enc@gmail.com

Alternate: Dana Frances Caruso -Email: dfc9412@gmail.com

-Area 2

Boundaries: Victory Boulevard (N), Ventura Boulevard (S), Balboa Boulevard (W), the 405 Freeway (E)

Representative: Vacant

Alternate: Vacant

-Area 3

Boundaries: Burbank Boulevard, (N), Ventura Boulevard (S), Lindley Avenue (W), White Oak Avenue (E)

Representative: Vacant

Alternate: Vacant

-Area 4

Boundaries: Burbank Boulevard (N), Ventura Boulevard (S), White Oak Avenue (W), Balboa Boulevard (E)

Representative: Robert Wenger -Email: Rwenger.enc@gmail.com

Alternate: Vacant

-Area 5

Boundaries: Ventura Boulevard (N), Mulholland Drive (S), Lindley Avenue to its terminus, extends southwest (around the terminus of Lake Encino Drive), then southwest following the 91356/91316 zip code boundary (where the Avenida Orienta fire road meet Mulholland Drive), (W) Louise Avenue to its terminus, then a line due south to Mulholland Drive (E)

Representative: Diane Rosen -Email: diane_rosen@sbcglobal.net

Alternate: Vacant

-Area 6

Boundaries: Louise Avenue to its terminus, then a line due south to Mulholland Drive (W), Libbit Avenue, Noeline Avenue, Darcia Place, Garvin Drive, Lanai Road, Hayvenhurst Drive, Ballina Drive, Ballina Canyon Road, Westfall Drive, Dellvale Place, Calneva Drive (E)

Representative: Laure Stevens -Email: lstevensencino@gmail.com

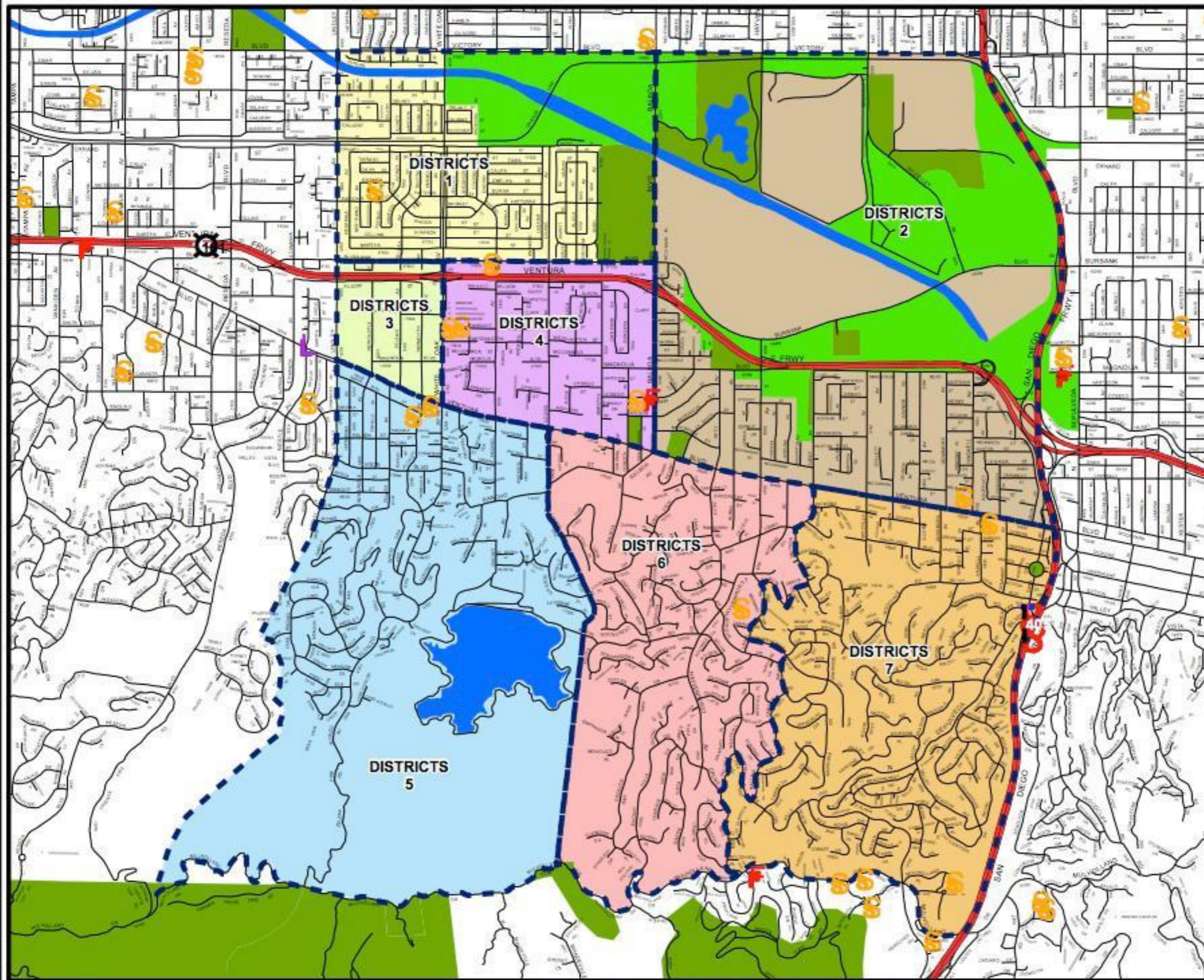
Alternate: Roy Nwaiser -Email: roy-enc@outlook.com

-Area 7

Boundaries: Ventura Boulevard (N), Mulholland Drive (S), Libbit Avenue, Noeline Avenue, Darcia Place, Garvin Drive, Lanai Road, Hayvenhurst Drive, Ballina Drive, Ballina Canyon Road, Westfall Drive, Dellvale Place, Calneva Drive (W), the 405 Freeway (E)

Representative: Andrew Zucker -Email: andrewzuckerencino@gmail.com

Alternate: Vacant



SOUTH VALLEY AREA

COUNCIL DISTRICT 3, 5 & 6

ENCINO NC

Certified: 10/08/2002

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
(213) 978-1551 or dial 311
www.EmpowerLA.org

- School
- Library
- Fire Station
- Police Station
- Water
- Park
- Street
- Freeway
- LA City Boundary

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MAYOR

ENCINO DISTRICTS

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES



GARY LEE MOORE, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

(22 Total Seats)

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES

The following positions are elected by eligible stakeholders during general elections or appointed by the ENC General Board at a General Board Meeting to fill a vacancy

-Apartment/Condo

Representative: Alex Garay -Email: president@encinonc.org

Alternate: Vacant

-At-Large (2 Seats)

Representative 1: Henry Eshelman -Email: heshelmanenc@gmail.com

Representative 2: Heather Michaels -Email: silvernightinc@aol.com

Alternate 1: Lissa Morrow -Email: astrolaw05@yahoo.com

Alternate 2: Vacant

-Business (2 Seats)

Representative 1: Victoria Miller -Email: vmiller.enc@gmail.com

Representative 2: Kelvin Tolbert -Email: kelvintolbertENC@gmail.com

Alternate 1: Daniel Kashani -Email: dkashanienc@gmail.com

Alternate 2: Vacant

-Education

Representative: Toyia Jackson -Email: toyialjackson@gmail.com

Alternate: Vacant

-Park Advocate/Environment

Representative: Glenn Bailey -Email: glennbaileyenc@yahoo.com

Alternate: Vacant

-Planning and Land Use

Representative: Matthew May -Email: matthew@mra.la

Alternate: Athena Novak -Email: AHNencinonc@gmail.com

-Public Safety

Representative: Samuel Apikyan -Email: sapikyan@gmail.com

Alternate: Vacant

-Religious Organization/Institution

Representative: Anni Keusseyan -Email: anni.keusseyan@yahoo.com

Alternate: Vacant

-Volunteer

Representative: Patricia Bates -Email: batesenc@gmail.com

Alternate: Vacant

***-Youth (Non-Voting)**

*The Youth Representative must be aged between 14-17 years old, and live in Encino. The Youth Representative is appointed by a majority vote of the ENC General Board at a General Board Meeting. The individual serving in this role does not count toward the quorum, nor vote tally.

Note there is no Alternate seat for this position

Representative: Vacant

APPOINTED SELECTED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES

Per the ENC Bylaws there are three selected organizations (Encino Chamber of Commerce, Encino Property Owners Association, Homeowners of Encino) who retain permanent seats for a representative + alternate on the ENC. The following positions are elected and appointed by the Board of each organization, and are NOT elected during the general elections, nor appointed by the ENC Board

-Encino Chamber of Commerce

Representative: TBA

Alternate: TBA

-Encino Property Owners Association (EPOA)

Representative: Laurie Kelson -Email: pkelsondds@aol.com

Alternate: TBA

-Homeowners of Encino (HOME)

Representative: TBA

Alternate: TBA

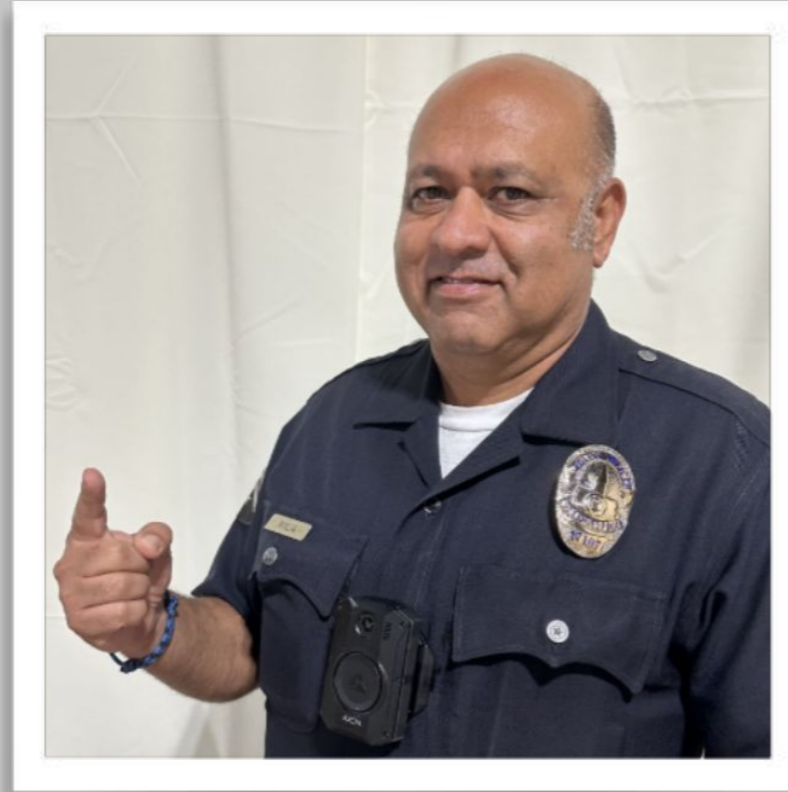


NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CALENDAR

< January 2024 >

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Mon 1 Happy 2024 Encino!	Tue 2 Sepulveda Basin Vision Plan Public Comment Deadline	Wed 3	Thu 4	Fri 5 Bylaws Committee Meeting 11:30am	Sat 6
Sun 7	Mon 8 Outreach Committee Meeting 6:30pm	Tue 9 Planning & Land Use Meeting 7:00pm Encino/Tarzana Neighborhood Watch! 1/9/2024 @7PM	Wed 10	Thu 11	Fri 12 Bylaws Committee Meeting 11:30am	Sat 13
Sun 14	Mon 15 Martin Luther King Jr Day 🇺🇸	Tue 16 ENC Executive Committee 6:30pm - 8:00pm	Wed 17	Thu 18	Fri 19	Sat 20
Sun 21	Mon 22	Tue 23 2024 Homeless Count - volunteer now!	Wed 24 ENC General Board Meeting 7:00pm - 9:00pm	Thu 25	Fri 26	Sat 27 Holocaust Remembrance Day
Sun 28	Mon 29	Tue 30	Wed 31			

Meet our LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Pravind Walia, Encino Area, LAPD West Valley



Join us at our regular ENC monthly board meetings to connect with Officer Walia, who provides insightful monthly crime reports for Encino and a wealth of safety tips for your household and personal security. Each month, we'll feature a standout tip from Officer Walia!

January Safety Tip: *Ring in the New Year Safely—Avoid Scams!*

As January unfolds, many of us are decluttering our homes, making space for the wonderful gifts received in December. When selling items online or using giveaway apps, Officer Walia strongly advises arranging a secure location for transactions, such as your local police station. These stations are always open, offering well-lit parking and continuous video monitoring for your safety.

Remember, it's not safe to have strangers come to your home for item pickups!

To Reach LAPD on Non Emergency Items Please Call 1-877-ASK-LAPD

<https://www.lapdonline.org>

Council District 4 Includes Encino!

SHERMAN OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

DON'T MISS THE
SHERMAN OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL DISTRICT 4
PRIMARY ELECTION DEBATE

THE INCUMBENT
Nithya Raman

VS

THE CHALLENGER
Ethan Weaver



OUR FUTURE IS IN THEIR HANDS

- Which candidate do you want advocating for us in City Hall?
- Be informed and join us for this critical debate.
- Either could win outright with a majority March 6th Primary win.

SOHA January 17th Community Meeting
7:15 pm – Social Hour at 6:15 pm
Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd, Sherman Oaks 91403
Also streamed on Zoom

**THIS MIGHT BE THE MOST IMPORTANT
ELECTION FOR SHERMAN OAKS FOR YEARS**

Click the link below to join the Zoom meeting: <https://www.zoom.us/>
Meeting ID: 829 0999 3182
Passcode: SOHA914

Encino Hills Traffic Calming Study

Due to the ongoing issue of commuter traffic increasingly using the residential streets of Encino Hills as shortcuts to the Westside, City Council member Nithya Raman, in collaboration with the Department of Transportation (DOT), is actively engaging with the Encino Hills community. This partnership aims to develop strategies to mitigate traffic, particularly on streets like Hayvenhurst and Calneva Avenues.

Make your voice heard and complete the [Traffic Mitigation Survey!](#)



LADOT

★ ENCINO HILLS TRAFFIC CALMING PUBLIC NOTICE ★

Dear Neighbor,

The City of Los Angeles is working together with local community groups to survey local Encino Hills residents on issues pertaining to traffic volume and speed and to propose attainable solutions.

In order to respond to high levels of traffic volume from commuters cutting through the neighborhood, LADOT is exploring reducing some of the traffic volume on Hayvenhurst Ave./Calneva Dr. while acknowledging its role as a "Collector" route (a route of 2,000 – 10,000 vehicles per day). Potential additional efforts could include attempts to reduce traffic volume on local streets that lead to Hayvenhurst Ave./Calneva Dr., and to Sepulveda Blvd.

Responding to concerns about speeding and unsafe driving, potential solutions include adding select features to slow traffic on local streets like speed humps/tables, gateway treatments (similar to those at Escalon/Hayvenhurst), medians, and other treatments.

Following the completion of the survey element, LADOT will use the information gathered from the survey results, collected data, and observations from the field to propose a suite of traffic volume and speed mitigation and traffic calming features in the Encino Hills area. After presentation to the community, any turn restrictions will then be installed and evaluated over six months in a "tactical trial" model, which will include another survey and outreach element, before recommending additions, removals, or alterations. Speed mitigation and traffic calming features will be installed on a permanent basis.

To participate in the survey, please visit the link — OR — SCAN BELOW!

bit.ly/encinohillssurvey



Please also share this survey with your neighbors! Thank you!

For any questions, please email encinohillstraffic@lacity.org

Airport Committee Information - VNY Flights bugging you?

A note from ENC Vice President and Co-Chair of the ENC Airport Committee, Victoria Miller:

As the co-chair of the ENC Airport Committee, we have been working hard for over 5 years to fight the flight path changes, and also the uncharted growth of private jets at VNY. We are always looking for interested committee members, and attendees at our meetings:

<https://www.encinonc.org/committees/viewCommittee/airport-committee>

To report air noise:

-You can make Noise Comments in a number of ways, either using a downloadable Mobile App, a noise complaint form on WebTrak website, or by calling (800) 560-0010 to leave a voicemail message. To learn more and access these option, go to:

<https://www.lawa.org/lawa-environment/noise-management/van-nuys/vny-noise-comments>

Airport noise complaints can often be frustrating to file, but you can use <https://airnoise.io/> to make complaints quickly (free for the first 30 complaints, and for unlimited complaints there is a small \$5 monthly fee). This service works nationwide and is a private company that will quickly inform you of the specifics on the aircraft and report your complaint instantly to the appropriate airport noise complaint office.

In addition, the VNY Citizen's Advisory Council meets monthly the first Tuesday of the month, and this is another channel to voice air noise concerns:

<https://www.iflyvny.com/community-information/citizens-advisory-council>

2024 Homeless Count - volunteer now!

Posted on 12/26/2023

The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count for the entire San Fernando Valley including Encino will take place Tuesday, 1/23/2024 from 8 pm to 11:59 PM.

The Sherman Oaks/Encino Chamber of Commerce has graciously agreed to participate as the Encino Deployment Site (DS) for the third year in a row - they are at 4933 Balboa Blvd. adjacent to the Encino Community Center. There will be parking at the Encino Community Center, 4935 Balboa Blvd.

To volunteer for the count, register at

<https://www.theycountwillyou.org/volunteer>

If you wish to participate in the Encino count enter 91316 in the zip code/city box, and an orange 'Encino' box should pop up.

Click on "Choose This Site", fill in your information, and click on "Submit my RSVP".

You will receive a confirmation email with instructions including how to access training videos.

Volunteers will be needed to survey each of the Census Tracts in Encino by car in teams of 2-3 people using a mobile phone app.

Training to use the app will be done online and people should sign up as soon as possible so they have time to prepare.

We can also use some people at the DS to help with paperwork.

On the night of the count, all volunteers must check in at the DS to receive their assignments, and all must return to the DS to check out.

**CALLING ALL ENCINO BIRD
WATCHERS AND NATURE
ENTHUSIASTS!**



**San Fernando Valley
Audubon Society**

**Did you know Encino has several wild life
areas that are great for bird
Watching. Get some fresh air, exercise,
and see some wonderful migrating birds!**

**FREE Guided Sepulveda Basin
Wildlife Reserve Tour
Saturday, January 13, 2024
9AM to 10:30AM
And
Saturday Feb 10, 2024 (same time)**

**San Fernando Valley Audubon invites you to guided
tours of the reserve on Second Saturdays. The walks
will include the many birds, other wildlife, habitat,
and recovery from the devastating fire of September
2020. The emphasis of each tour will vary with
participants' interests**

EVENT LOCATION :

Sepulveda Basin Wild Life Area <https://maps.app.goo.gl/r1YrAXHh7rR7Dwi38>

**Upcoming Audubon Events
<https://www.sfvaudubon.org/events/>**



ONEgeneration

ENCINO FARMERS MARKET

Open Every Sunday, 8am to 1pm

Every dollar you spend at this weekly farmers market supports the programs and services

ONEgeneration provides seniors and at-risk youth in the community.

Plenty of FREE Parking!

17400 Victory Blvd. (between Balboa/White Oak)

Encino Farmers Market - Monthly Highlights

Celebrate Citrus Season in January! Discover the remarkable array of California's citrus fruits and winter produce. Our selection includes juicy navel oranges, blood oranges, sweet tangerines, grapefruit, large pommelos, exotic cherimoya, apples, root vegetables, broccoli, kale, chard, and mushrooms.



Encino, did you know that you have a community paper?



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NEWS IN BRIEF



"Catch and Release" for Urban Coyotes

As complaints mount about "urban coyotes" attacking and killing family pets, Councilman Mitch Englander has called on the city to take a more proactive response on how to manage the predators. He has called for trapping and relocating them to the wild, but so-called "catch and release" is illegal under California's wildlife laws. Coyote researcher Niamh Quinn says the "relocation could result in the death of that coyote. It would ultimately be more humane to euthanize the coyote." Currently the city approach is benign, educating residents about how to protect their pets and property. The problem is that generations of pups have gotten used

Commuters Finding "Waze" to Disrupt the Neighborhood

"The streets of Encino used to be a secret," says LAPD's Tim Walia.

"There were always those who knew the back way to make the trek over the hill from Ventura Boulevard to the westside. But now, with all the different apps, every smart car gives you directions using resi-

much as we are in them.

With the ever-dominant dependence on our vehicles, naturally comes the influx of traffic...and the need to avoid it. Whether it be Waze or the navigation systems built directly into cars, drivers are constantly

to these apps, had never routinely ventured down these streets.

"Once the app tells them a shortcut, they remember it and use it on a regular basis," said Walia. "So new 'wazers' quickly become regulars on Hayvenhurst and other Encino

streets that lead to Mulholland and beyond." Local residents continue to be



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Community Clean Up Events

If you are interested in getting involved with community clean ups check out Volunteers Cleaning Communities. They have regular cleans-ups in Encino bi-monthly.



<https://volunteerscleaningcommunities.com/schedule-of-events>



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www.volunteerscleaningcommunities.org