

**Los Angeles Police Department
Van Nuys Area
Community Police Advisory Board Minutes
April 10, 2025
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Attendees:

Captain III Chris Zine
Sergeant II Maria Pedroza
Senior Lead Officer Jose Saldana
Officer William Gutierrez
Officer Frank De Jesus

Co-Chair Penny Meyer
Wendy Bernard
Susan Collins
Andrea Jones
Don Lestrangle

Andrew Mulkeen
Paulina Alvarado (CD6)
Rebecca Gurrola (CD6)

Introductions:

Co-Chair Penny Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm and welcomed all those in attendance.

Captain's Crime and Divisional Update:

Captain Zine stated that the Van Nuys Division's Inspection and Wellness Day went well, with LAPD Chief McDonald and Deputy Chief Cho in attendance. He stated Van Nuys got a pass from Compstat due to reduced crime. He advised members that LAPD personnel is low, and that also applies to law enforcement nationwide. One of our goals for 2025 is to have more community engagement. He advised that the South American and touring groups are casing homes, driving luxury vehicles to blend in. There will be foot beats conducted at the Westfield Fashion Square Mall due to the recent Robbery that occurred on April 10, 2025. There have been 3 commercial burglary arrests and 2 arrests that have closed out 10 reports. He advised members that MTA overtime Officers have been enforcing busway violations on Sepulveda Blvd. Van Nuys Vice Unit is making arrests and decreasing prostitution activities. They are also working on obtaining a court order, restricting prostitutes from returning to the same area.

Committee Reports:

Blight Abatement: Clean-up on April 26, 2025, on Van Nuys Blvd between Hamlin St. and Gilmore St. Blight Abatement had a successful neighborhood watch meeting in March.

Teen CPAB: Nothing to report.

Events: Van Nuys Division 2025 carnival will be from May 2 through May 4, 2025. Michael Browning will be sending out an email to members with information.

SLO Reports:

Officer Saldana - Officer Saldana stated that there has been a burglary reported at the Vintage Clothing store on Ventura Blvd. He discussed the robbery that occurred on April 10, 2025, at the Westfield Fashion Square Mall. He advised that 4 (Male/Black) suspects entered Westfield Mall, walked over to “Kristof’s Jewelers” as they opened for business. They took the items and pepper-sprayed the store manager. The suspects left the location in a silver Audi A6 with covered plates.

Officer Gutierrez - Officer William Gutierrez introduced himself and advised members that he would be covering for Officer Lara. He advised members of a robbery incident that occurred on 6100 Sepulveda Blvd. Gypsy theft suspects took jewelry from an elderly victim by pretending they needed assistance with directions. They pretended to be nice, then took the victim's jewelry and left the location. He advised members to be aware of such scams.

Sergeant Pedroza - Sergeant Pedroza advised members that the Van Nuys Division carnival hours will be as follows: Friday, May 2, 2025, 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 2:00 pm to 11:00 pm and Sunday, May 3, 2025, from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Van Nuys Division Detectives, Community Relations Officers, and Senior Lead Officers will be assisting.

New Business:

Provided members with 2025 CPAB ID stickers.

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

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Government Representatives:

Rebecca Gurrola - Rebecca (CD 6) has a scheduled clean-up with Officer Gutierrez. On April 15, 2025, there will be 5 Care+ clean-ups in CD6. There has been a request generated to power wash the sidewalks of Van Nuys Blvd. and Vose St. She will also work on getting Van Nuys Blvd. between Victory Blvd. and Kittridge St. power-washed for the carnival.

Paulina Alvarado - Paulina (CD6) informed members on April 26, 2025, there will be an Armenian Heritage Day event at the Van Nuys City Hall from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

The next CPAB meeting will be on May 8, 2025. A notification will be sent to members and posted on social media.