

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

Sergeant II Maria Pedroza
Senior Lead Officer Mike Perez
Senior Lead Officer Joel Gutierrez
Senior Lead Officer Jose Saldana
Senior Lead Officer Brian Franco
Officer William Gutierrez
Officer Chase Lambert
Officer Evlin Akserelian

Co-Chair Penny Meyer
Wendy Bernard
Michael Browning
Susan Collins
Robert Couples
Robert Danelen
Penny Gilbert

Don LeStrange
Andrea Jones
Ruth Nunez
Paulina Alvarado (CD6)
Christopher Hernandez (CD6)
Ben Kwok (CD2)

Introductions:

Co-Chair Penny Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed all those in attendance.

Captain's Crime and Divisional Update:

Nothing to Report

Committee Reports:

Blight Abatement: Clean-up on July 12, 2025, around Van Nuys Elementary School with Senior Lead Officer Perez.

Teen CPAB: Will assist Blight Abatement with clean-up on July 12, 2025, around Van Nuys Elementary School.

Events: Van Nuys Division 3rd Annual 5K will be held on Sunday, September 14, 2025. An ice cream cart will be purchased for use at Station Events.

SLO Reports:

Officer Franco - Officer Franco informed members that he has had (1) Burglary from Motor Vehicle during the daytime hours and (2) Burglary from Motor Vehicles during the nighttime hours since the beginning of July. He stated, crime has been low in the area compared to this time in the past years. He thanked CD6 for helping with the clean-up of the encampment on Wyandotte St. He advised members regarding the Tow Bandit scams that have been occurring and the Search Warrant service that took place on July 9, 2025.

Officer Perez - Officer Perez will be having a clean-up with Blight Abatement and Teen CPAB on July 12, 2025, around Van Nuys Elementary School. They will meet at 9:00 am at the Bernardi Center. There was a robbery involving a transient that occurred on July 5, 2025, in which he is working with detectives to get the surveillance footage.

Officer Gutierrez - Officer Gutierrez informed members that he has been 3 Commercial Burglaries in the past week. He is also working with CD6 to clean up the encampments on Aetna St.

Officer Saldana - Officer Saldana informed members that he is having an ongoing issue with the transients around Ventura Blvd. and Stern Ave. There have been Burglaries reported in the area, in which case the suspects have been making entry onto the property through the backyard sliding doors or the second-floor balcony doors. He advised member to remain vigilant and remember to lock and secure their properties.

Officer William Gutierrez - Officer Gutierrez stated that there was a robbery that occurred in his area, in which the suspect was a transient. He advised members that there have also been reports of mail theft in the area. He advised them to stay up to date with their credit reports for any discrepancies.

Officer Lambert - Officer Lambert introduced himself to the members. He spoke to members regarding a robbery that occurred of a mail carrier at the Post Office, and an "Arrow keys," which give access to apartment complex mailboxes, were taken. He advised them to be cautious and continue to check their credit reports for any discrepancies.

New Business:

None.

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

National Night Out will be held on August 5, 2025, at the Van Nuys Police Station (front courtyard). Van Nuys Division's 3rd Annual 5K will be held on Sunday, September 14, 2025.

Government Representatives:

Paulina Alvarado - Paulina (CD6) will be hosting summer night movies at the Delano Recreation Center. They will be updating community members regarding the details.

Christopher Hernandez - Christopher (CD6) had a clean-up around Valley Press Hospital in June. He advised that there will be fewer scheduled clean-ups due to City Sanitation being limited on funding. He stated that CD6 is working with the SLOs to schedule more clean-ups if possible.

Ben Kwok - Ben (CD2) informed members that NOHO Summer Nights at North Hollywood Park every Saturday will start on July 26, 2025, and last until August 16, 2025. CD2 is also allocating approximately \$300,000.00 of overtime funding for Van Nuys and North Hollywood Divisions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

The next CPAB meeting will be on August 14, 2025. A notification will be sent to members and posted on social media.