

**Los Angeles Police Department  
Van Nuys Area  
Community Police Advisory Board Minutes  
May 8, 2025  
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**Attendees:**

Captain III Chris Zine  
Senior Lead Officer Mike Perez  
Senior Lead Officer Joel Gutierrez  
Senior Lead Officer Mariana Romo  
Senior Lead Officer Brian Franco  
Officer William Gutierrez  
Officer Akserelian

Co-Chair Penny Meyer  
Wendy Bernard  
Marilyn Bradbury  
Michael Browning  
Susan Collins  
Robert Couples  
Robert Danelen  
Carri Konjoyan

Don Lestrangle  
Andrew Mulkeen  
Ruth Nunez  
Paulina Alvarado (CD6)  
Rebecca Gurrola (CD6)  
Christopher Hernandez (CD6)

**Introductions:**

Co-Chair Penny Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and welcomed all those in attendance.

**Captain's Crime and Divisional Update:**

Captain Zine stated that the Van Nuys Officers had arrested the wanted murder suspect. He praised the Van Nuys Division Senior Lead Officers for their hard work and thanked the Community Relations Officers for distributing information over social media and within the community. Arrests have been made regarding the burglaries that have been occurring in the Van Nuys Division and throughout the city. He advised the members that we are still low in staffing and recruitment. The city is still working on the budget. Community members have been reaching out and asking about fires and the upcoming warmer weather. If personnel are available, volunteers and other resources will be deployed for extra patrols in the upcoming hot weather.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Blight Abatement:** Clean-up on May 10, 2025, around Van Nuys Police Station from Sylvan St. and Sylmar Ave. to Tyrone Ave., and Delano St.

**Teen CPAB:** Will assist Blight Abatement with clean-up on May 10, 2025.

**Events:** Van Nuys Division 2025 carnival was successful. There will be an ice cream cart purchased to use for Station Events.

### **SLO Reports:**

**Officer William Gutierrez** - Officer Gutierrez stated that there will be a Ross and an Urgent Care opening in the shopping center on Van Nuys Blvd. between Kittridge St. and Vanowen St. He advised members if they have been a victim of a crime, to file a report with the police department to get the crime documented and relay the information to their communities.

**Officer Franco** - Officer Franco advised members that Vice Officers have been working with ACTF to offset their patrolling in the Sepulveda Corridor. He has a clean-up set with LA County Sanitation for May 12, 2025, for cleaning the wash area on Keswick St. and Lull St.

**Officer Perez** - Officer Perez informed members that there had been a shooting due to graffiti in a nicer neighborhood in his area. He advised members the importance of reporting graffiti for clean up or any crime in their communities to minimize criminal activity. He also has a CARE+ clean-up on May 14, 2025.

**Officer Gutierrez** - Officer Gutierrez informed members that he has a community clean-up with Blight Abatement on May 10, 2025, around Van Nuys Police Station from Sylvan St, Sylmar Ave, Tyrone Ave, and Delano St. He presented Certificate of Appreciation to Salvador, who is a third party, contracted through the City of Los Angeles for graffiti removal.

**Officer Romo** - Officer Romo also emphasized to members the importance of documenting and reporting a crime. She explained how it helps detectives with their prosecution process.

### **New Business:**

None.

### **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

There will be National Night Out and Holiday Events. Van Nuys Division's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 5K will be held on September 14, 2025.

### **Government Representatives:**

**Rebecca Gurrola** - Rebecca (CD 6) along with Christopher Hernandez (CD6) presented the certification of appreciation to Salvador for all his hard work with helping with the graffiti removal.

**Paulina Alvarado** - Paulina (CD6) informed members that she is working with graffiti removal to clean up the empty property, which used to be the CVS on the corner of Sepulveda Blvd. and Erwin St. She advised that she is also working with lighting services to add more light posts along Sepulveda Blvd. CD6 has a clean-up scheduled for June 7, 2025, for the Valley Press Hospital area.

**Christopher Hernandez** - Christopher (CD6) had a clean-up on May 6, 2025, around Cedros Ave. and Bessemer St. He is also working on cleaning up the Civic Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

The next CPAB meeting will be on June 12, 2025. A notification will be sent to members and posted on social media.