

**Los Angeles Police Department
Van Nuys Area
Community Police Advisory Board Minutes
January 9, 2025
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Attendees:

Captain III Chris Zine
Sergeant II Maria Pedroza
Senior Lead Officer Mike Perez
Senior Lead Officer Joel Gutierrez
Senior Lead Officer George Lara
Senior Lead Officer Jose Saldana
Senior Lead Officer Kristan Delatori
Senior Lead Officer Mariana Romo
Senior Lead Officer Brian Franco
Officer Evlin Akserelian

Co-Chair Penny Meyer
Zeferino Agraz
Michael Browning
Mirna Chavez
Don Lestrangle
Andrew Mulkeen

Ruth Nunez
Paulina Alvarado (CD6)
Leal Kathy (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 Department has been on a Tac Alert for the past 29 days, and immediately after, there were simultaneous Immigration protests throughout the city, including Van Nuys. There has been a big uptick in burglaries, 26 this past week. He advised CPAB members to make sure they are talking to their neighbors and friends about setting their home alarms and getting cameras installed. He advised members that the department is still low in personnel. He advised members that he conducted a ride along with CD4, Sgt. Pedroza and the Senior Lead Officers in the Sherman Oaks areas, which have been longtime problem areas. They discussed working with Inside Safe in helping the community. He discussed how 20%-30% of crimes are due to the homeless, motorhomes, and the accumulated garbage in the areas.

Committee Reports:

Blight Abatement: They had a Clean-up at Lutheran Church and surrounding area with Officer Perez.

Teen CPAB: Nothing to report.

Events: This year's carnival will be from May 2 through May 4, 2025.

SLO Reports:

Officer Franco - Officer Franco advised members that he is working on the Encampments in CD6. He has reached out to his resources to help work on the dual section, county, and city Clean-ups.

Officer Gutierrez - Officer Gutierrez thanked CD6 for helping him with setting up cameras on Delano St. for the uptick in gang activity. He advised that he has been in contact with Inside Safe for help in housing for the homeless in the area and they have advised him that they currently do not have enough housing available.

Officer Delatori - Officer Delatori advised members that starting February 21, 2025, the G-Line (Orange Line) will be shut down for the shift of the bus line. She advised members to get together and set up Neighborhood watches for their communities against the recent rise in 459s.

Officer Lara - Officer Lara advised members that traffic will be diverted to Oxnard Blvd. due to the construction that will be in effect for the bus line until 2027.

Officer Romo - Officer Romo reminded members that suspects are not only targeting houses but also apartment buildings, specifically the second floors and higher. She advised members to pass on the information and to advise their community members that even if they are in an apartment building, they can install surveillance cameras.

Officer Saldana - Officer Saldana has been working on cleaning up the encampments in the Sherman Oaks area. He has also cleaned up the Library Square area.

Officer Perez - Officer Perez advised members the reasoning behind a slower response time in phone calls and messages is due to them being deployed for the fires and protests. He also worked with the Blight Abatement in a clean up around Van Nuys Elementary.

New Business:

Provided members with 2025 Intent to Serve forms and 2025 CPAB ID stickers.

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

Van Nuys Division carnival will be from May 2 through May 4, 2025

Government Representatives:

Christopher Hernandez - Hernandez (CD 6) advised members that the Strike Team is set to clean up the Van Nuys Civic Center twice a month. They have been working on trimming the

overgrown trees throughout the city. Due to the weather, most of the Care+ clean-ups have been downgraded to spot clean-ups. He advised that it was beneficial for him to do a ride along and see the viewpoints of Officers.

Paulina Alvarado - Paulina (CD6) informed members that she conducts weekly field inspections and is monitoring the 311 requests. She is trying to set up more community events and educational opportunities for community members.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The next CPAB meeting will be on March 13, 2025. Notification will be sent to members and posted on social media.