

## A Message to our Readers



This issue is a mini report in place of our September issue of the North Valley Reporter (NVR) which has been put together for the NVR website only because we will not be delivering printed copies this month. We have now been publishing the NVR for four years and we decided to take a break. However, we know how important the monthly "Calendar" and "You Should Know" section is to you, so we want to honor our commitment to keep you informed by publishing this small issue online for your convenience.

Please help us by passing this information on to all of your contacts. We will be back with our regular issue at the end of this month. Our deadline for

ads and event information for our October issue is September 17. NVR in October will feature a Candidates Forum for those running in November elections and who will affect the North Valley. Also a feature on Community Development Agency (CRA) projects in the North Valley.

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*Nina Royal*  
Publisher/Editor

## Assembly Bill 1581 Goes Down...for Now

By Nina Royal

Sacramento - California State Assembly Bill 1581 in the morning of Tuesday, August 31, appeared to give a green light to developers of big box retail stores in any area of their choosing, and they would be able to by-pass many CEQA requirements as well as eliminate input from affected communities. According to Assemblymember Cameron Smyth's office on Tuesday morning, the entire Assembly had passed that bill, but it had also been sent back to committee to refine environmental issues. Smyth's office said Smyth supported it because it creates jobs. His office referenced the Costco and Best Buy Stores that are in the former Price Pfister Manufacturing plant, which is in an industrial area in Pacoima, not a commercial/residential neighborhood that many of these types of big box stores prefer. They reported that the bill would be moving on to the Senate in about a week for their ratification.

According to Abby Diamond, Secretary of the Sunland-Tujunga Alliance that specializes in land use issues, her understanding is this amendment to the original AB 1581 would have completely erased the original intent of the bill and eliminate any public review for large retail projects. She said, "That is a terrifying last minute back door move to erode CEQA. Jobs should follow good planning, which is based on existing land use and zone regulations. Jobs should not be the basis for changing land use zoning. According to Jim Summers, Past President of Granada Hills South

Neighborhood Council and Old Granada Hills Residents Group, "big box stores do not necessarily bring in good jobs compared to other types of businesses. This Bill's amendment seems to reek of special developer influence versus quality of life in neighborhoods. There is no reason that developers and community members cannot work together with a little effort. What this really would really do is circumvent community input to local projects that permanently affect the quality of life in our neighborhoods."

The following email was received Tuesday afternoon from Assemblymember Smyth in answer to an email sent to him on August 30. "AB 1581 originally dealt with Recycling Market Development Zones when it was in the Assembly, where it passed with a unanimous vote. A few weeks ago the author gutted the contents of the bill and replaced it with the new language you are opposed to dealing with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). At this time I have not yet had the opportunity to vote on AB 1581 in its new form.

The legislation will come back to the Assembly for concurrence, giving me the opportunity to vote on the new language. I understand your concerns and opposition to AB 1581, and will take them into consideration as I decide how to cast my vote. Along with your views, I will also consider the needs of the economy throughout my district as well as the entire state in deciding whether this policy would be beneficial."

However, a stunning unexpected change of events took place in the Legislature late Tuesday night when the bill was killed, as reported by Karen de Sá with Mercury News.

"Perhaps no defeat was more surprising than the fate of a bill crafted and pushed by lobbyists for Wal-Mart. The bill, which would have waived environmental review for retailers moving into vacant stores, appeared on Monday to be headed for passage.

Several legislative sources said the defeat of AB 1581 came after the Mercury News reported on the bill Monday as another example of how private interests have hijacked lawmaking in California. The paper earlier this summer reported that more than one-third of all bills in Sacramento have outside "sponsors" and that bills with private-interest sponsors are twice as likely to pass as those written by lawmakers and their staff. But attorney Doug Carstens, a Santa Monica environmental law expert, was reluctant to declare victory after the defeat of the Wal-Mart bill, which backers had said would get businesses up and running faster in a recession-heavy state." It just means that this time the public won," Carstens said. But the next time - who knows?"

State Senator George Runner, responding to an inquiry from Sunland-Tujunga Land Use Committee member Elaine Brown, said "since the bill failed to pass the Legislature, it would not be eligible to be introduced again until January 2011."



Councilmember Krekorian spoke to the NV Planning Commission in August and successfully opposed the proposed Propane Station in Sunland-Tujunga



Approximately 50 people attend the Bureau of Sanitation for a hearing in the North Valley held in Sunland-Tujunga regarding Septic Tank requirements.



L.A. City Attorney Carmen Trutanich was one of the featured guest speakers at the LA Clean Sweep Seminar which had a full house on Sunday, August 29, at the Mayflower in North Hollywood. They held community activist training in the morning and Candidate training in the afternoon.



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**LABOR DAY**

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7:00 pm 818-951-7411  
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**FTDNC Land Use**  
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7:00 pm

**Wednesday, Sept 8**

**LAPD Chief Charlie Beck**  
Town Hall Meeting-all communities  
PNC-Broadous-Duncan  
Multi purpose Senior Center  
11300 Glenoaks, Pac  
5:30 - 7:30 pm

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Nat'l Park Service  
Public Meeting

**Mason Rec. Center**  
10500 Mason, Chats.  
7 pm 323-441-9307

**Wednesday, Sept.15**  
**SVACC Breakfast Mixer**  
CRA/LA Business Stakeholder  
Industrial Metal Supply  
8300 San Fernando, SV  
8:00 am 818-729-3333

**Thursday, Sept 16**

**FTDNC Gen. Meeting**  
www.ftdnc.org for location  
7:00 pm

**SNC Gen. Meet**  
Sylmar Elementary  
13291 Phillippi, Syl  
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

**Northridge East NC**  
Northridge Academy  
9601 Zelzah Nr

**Saturday, Sept 18**

**NHNE NC Gen Meet**  
Strathern Elem. School  
7639 St.Clair Ave. No Ho.  
7:00 pm 818-765-2202

**Harvest Moon**  
Valley View Vaulters  
Barn Yard Dinner Dance  
10330 McBroom, SH  
Fee 818-352-3634

**Sunday, Sept 19**

**Neighborhood Council Workshop**  
Braude Const. Center  
6262 Van Nuys, Room 6262, VN  
1 pm 213-473-7002

**LA Clean Sweep Comm.**  
Breakfast Meeting  
Denny's Restaurant  
San Fernando & Fletcher Dr.  
Glassell Park  
10:00 am

**Bolton Hall Museum**  
Presents "Water"  
10110 Commerce Ave., S-T  
Docent Tours  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 818-52-3420

**Community Benefit**  
Art Sale & Auction  
McGroarty Arts Center  
7570 McGroarty Terr. S-T  
3:00-6:00 pm

**Monday, Sept 20**

**Valley Vote**  
Galpin Ford  
15555 Roscoe, NH  
6:30 pm

**SNC Land Use Comm.**  
SNC Office Sylmar Park  
13109 Borden, Syl  
6:30 pm

**GHNNC Outreach & Pub.**  
11139 Woodley, GH  
7:00 pm

**Tuesday, Sept 21**  
**Arleta NC Gen. Meeting**  
Beachy Elem. School  
9757 Beachy, Arl.  
6:30 pm

**Bolton Hall Museum**  
Presents "Water"  
10110 Commerce Ave., S-T  
Docent Tours  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 818-52-3420

**LAPD-CPAB**  
Mission Division  
11121 Sepulveda Blvd., MH  
8:30 pm

**Rotary Club**  
Coco's Restaurant  
10521 Sunland Blvd., S-T  
7:00 pm 818-951-5299

**Pacoima NC**  
4:00 pm -Senior Advocate  
5:00 pm -Comm. Outreach  
6:30 pm -Gen. Meeting  
Pacoima Comm. Center  
11243 Glenoaks Blvd., Pac

**MHNC Quarter. Outreach**  
Mission Police Station  
11121 Sepulveda Blvd., MH  
7:30 pm

**Northridge East NC**  
Northridge Academ HS  
9601 Zelzah Ave., Nr  
7:00 pm

**Bingo Night**  
S-T Elks Lodge  
10137 Ave., S-T  
6:30 pm 352-2098

**NV City Hall**  
7747 Foothill Blvd., S-T  
6:45 pm -7:30 pm

**GHNNC Outreach & PR**  
11139 Woodley, HG  
7:00 pm

**Wednesday, Sept 22**

**Sidewalk Office**  
State Assemblymember  
Bob Blumenfield  
Northridge Farmers Markets  
9301 Tampa, NR  
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**Thursday, Sept 23**

**Northridge South NC**  
Northridge Middle School  
17960 Chase St., Nr  
7:00 pm

**SNC Board Mtng.**  
Sylmar Rec. Cntr,  
13109 Borden, Syl  
6:30 pm 8737

**Fernando Awards Dinner**  
Warner Center Marriott  
21850 Oxnard, WH  
\$125 6:30 pm

**NSNC Gen Meet.**  
Northridge Mid School  
17960 Chase, NR  
7:00 pm

**Sen. Buck McKeon's**  
Mobil Office  
NV City Hall  
7747 Foothill, ST  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

**Friday Sept 24-26**

**Feast of LA-Italian**  
I Feast of San Gennaro  
1651 N. Highland, Holly.  
www.feastofla.org

**Saturday, Sept 25**

**SHPOA Annual Yard Sale**  
Shadow Hills Presby. Church  
Sunland & Johanna, SH  
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Sunday, Sept 26**

**Bolton Hall Museum**  
Presents "Water"  
10110 Commerce Ave., S-T  
Docent Tours  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 818-52-3420

**Open Poetry Reading**  
The Village Poets  
Bolton Hall Museum  
10110 Commerce, S-T  
4:30 pm dskiles@ca.rr.com

**Monday, Sept 27**

**GHNNC Gen. Meeting**  
Van Gogh Elem. School,  
17160 Van Gogh, GH  
6:30 pm

**Tuesday, Sept 28**

**Bolton Hall Museum**  
Presents "Water"  
10110 Commerce Ave., S-T  
Docent Tours  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 818-52-3420

**Saturday Oct 2**

**Friends of GH Library**  
10640 Petit Ave., GH  
10:30 am 818-368-568

**LADWPMOU Comm.**  
Hollywood Com. Center  
6501 Fountain, Holly.  
8:45 am

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**GH Rotary Blood Drive**  
Granada Hills Rec. Center  
Petit & Chatsworth and  
NV Youth Sports Complex  
Woody & Balboa, GH  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

### Monday, Oct 4

**STNC/Land Use Comm.**  
North Valley City Hall  
7747 Foothill, S-T  
7:00 pm 818-951-7411  
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Coco's Restaurant  
10521 Sunland Blvd., S-T  
7:00 pm 818-951-5299

**NHWNC Gen. Meeting**  
Holy Martyrs Armenian School  
1667 Parthenia St., NH  
7:00 pm

**Bingo**  
S-T Elks Lodge  
11037 Commerce Ave., S-T  
6:30 pm 818-352-5504

**MHNC Safety Com**  
Mission Police Station  
11212 Sepulveda, MH  
6:30 PM

### Thursday, Oct 7

**PCNC Land Use**  
Mission Comm. Hospital  
14860 Roscoe Blvd., PC  
6:30 pm 818-894-7841

**S. V. Rotary**  
Mandarin Terrace  
8815 Sunland Blvd., SV  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm  
818-768-9888

**PCNC-Commerce Com**  
Wells Fargo Bank  
8548 Van Nuys Blvd., PC  
2:00 pm

**Sunshine Canyon Advisory Comm**  
Knollwood Country Club, GH  
12040 Balboa Blvd. GH  
3:00 pm-5:00 pm

**S-T League of Women Voters**  
North Valley City Hall  
7747 Foothill Blvd., S-T  
1:30 pm 818-782-4236

**Kagel Cyn Civic Assoc.**  
Dexter Park, KC  
11053 No. Trail Rd. KC  
7:30 pm

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By Nina Royal

**The Foothill Division and 911 Communications** - is sponsoring the 2010 LAPD Community Carnival to raise funds for their programs. Among them is the Cadet Service Program. Enjoy the rides, games, food, and many other attractions starting **Friday, September 3**, through Monday, **September 6**. Streets will be closed between at Glenoaks Blvd., between Van Nuys Blvd. and Louvre. For Vendor information and pre-sale tickets call the Community Relations Office, 818-756-8866.

**LAPD Chief Beck** - will hold a North Valley Town Hall meeting to be hosted by the Pacoima Neighborhood Council on **Wednesday, September 8**, at the Broadous, Duncan Multi-Purpose Senior Center, at 11300 Glenoaks Blvd., Pacoima, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend. For further information, call 818-756-8866

**Water** - Learn about the Sunland-Tujunga-Shadow Hills connection to Los Angeles politics and the DWP in the 1900's through the 1920's. on Saturday, September 11, 1:00 pm at Bolton Hall Museum, 10110 Commerce Ave. in Tujunga. Also learn about the history of the water distribution systems in Sunland-Tujunga. The guest speaker is Lynn Lowry, a local resident and a third generation engineer in the Foothills area. Admission is free.

**CRA coming to Stonehurst?** - A possible expansion of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) into their rural area will be the topic of discussion at the Shadow Hills Property Owners Association General Meeting on **Tuesday, September 14**, at 7:00 pm. A CRA Representative will be the guest speaker.

**Certification Hearing** - for the new North Hills East Neighborhood Council (NHENC) will be held on **September 14**, 7:00 pm in the Penny Lane Centers' Rainbow Room, 15314 Rayen St. The NHENC will be presenting its Neighborhood Council application and proposal for certification to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC). A group of local stakeholders who established the Forming Committee, worked tirelessly for over two years to get a Neighborhood Council for their area certified. The event is open to the public and they would like their neighboring communities to attend to show support for their efforts.

**Neighborhood Council Workshop** - to discuss the future of local empowerment, mission of DONE, funding, etc., sponsored by Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Chairman of the L.A. City Education & Neighborhoods Committee, **Sunday, September 19**, 1 - 5 pm, M. Braude Constituent. Center, Conference Room B, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd, Van Nuys. RSVP asap, space is limited. Call 213-473-7002.

**Art Sale** - Art donated for the benefit of the Sunland-Tujunga community will be on sale **Sunday, September 19**, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at McGroarty Arts Center, 7570 McGroarty Terrace, Tujunga. Close to 70 pieces of artwork are professionally framed pictures and suitable for immediate hanging. Many Local artists are also donating their art for this benefit. Proceeds from the sale will be distributed to Little Landers Historical Society, McGroarty Arts

Center, and the Sunland-Tujunga Alliance to help them further their work benefiting the community.

**Casino Night** - to help the Boys and Girls Club of the San Fernando Valley will be held on **Saturday, September 25**, in Pacoima at 11251 Glenoaks Blvd. Sponsors are needed. For more information call 818-896-5261 or visit [www.fbcsv.org](http://www.fbcsv.org).

**Calling all Poets** - The Village Poets of Sunland-Tujunga invite you to an open poetry reading on **Sunday, September 26**. See the Calendar Section for details. Bring your own poetry! Admission is free! The featured poet is Deborah Marlowe, a local poet. Several of her poems were included in an anthology of poems published by the Altadena Library District in 2009. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact [dkiles@ca.rr.com](mailto:dkiles@ca.rr.com) or <http://www.villagepoets.org>

**The Rim of the Valley Corridor** "special resource study" - is being conducted by the National Park Service for the mountains and hills surrounding the San Fernando, La Crescenta, Santa Clarita, Simi, and Conejo Valleys in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties of Southern California. The purpose is to study areas that are eligible to be designated as a unit of the national park system, or added to an existing national park such as the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. They will also explore ways that private or governmental entities can protect resources and provide more outdoor recreation opportunities. Interested parties can register for email alerts on their website to receive notices of upcoming meetings and current newsletters. The comment period has opened and will extend through October 29, 2010. For more information visit [www.nps.gov/pwo/rimofthevalley/studyarea.htm](http://www.nps.gov/pwo/rimofthevalley/studyarea.htm)

**Watering Days Expanded** - Changes to the City of Los Angeles' Water Conservation Ordinance are now in effect for Los Angeles City residents and businesses. Customers with sprinklers can water three days per week. Customers whose street addresses end with an odd number can use their sprinkler systems on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Customers with addresses ending in even numbers can water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Addresses ending in fractions are treated as whole numbers and observe the same day restrictions as others on their same side of the street, (i.e.: 4321 \_ is regarded as 4321, an odd-numbered address. For further rules and regulations call 1-800-DIAL DWP, or email [waterconservation-team@ladwp.com](mailto:waterconservation-team@ladwp.com).

**L.A. City Planning Department** - has a new Planning Director. Michael LoGrande has been confirmed by the City Council. LoGrande, the previous Chief Zoning Administrator for the City, officially takes office on Sept. 1. He plans to attend several upcoming community meetings in the near future. The Department has released a staff report and proposed ordinance regarding Core Findings. This document is intended to update common findings for conditional uses, adjustments, and other quasi-judicial land use approvals to provide better framework for analyzing the merits of proposed development projects and eliminate redundancy in case processing. Neighborhood Council Land Use Committees will be reviewing these proposed changes and providing feedback

to the city. City Planning has also released Citywide Urban Design Guidelines for Commercial, Residential (Multi-Family) and Industrial uses. The guidelines are expected to be "just guidelines". Get involved in your neighborhood council to learn more about these initiatives for your community. For more info visit [PlanCheckNCLA.org](http://PlanCheckNCLA.org). The City Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for October 14, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

**Development proposed for Mission Hills** - at 10635 Woodman Ave. St. Ephraim Syriac Orthodox Church is proposing and requesting a Conditional Use permit to construct a church compound with multi level buildings ranging from 26 feet to a 55 foot bell tower consisting of a two story church; chapel; fellowship hall; multi-purpose room; offices; administration rooms; library and a Bishop's residence. They are also requesting a Zone Variance to allow for a two story, 23,000 square foot apartment building for senior citizen residents with 28 one bedroom rental units. Total proposed developed floor area: 72,250 square feet. Off street parking will be in accordance with the Los Angeles Municipal Code and will provide 288 parking spaces. Reference Case No. ZA-2009-4028-ZV-CU-ZAA. To participate in this proposal you can fill out a survey for the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council at: [www.mhnconline.org](http://www.mhnconline.org).

**Bill to aid Community College Students is passing** - Senate Bill 1440, authored by State Senator Alex Padilla, is waiting for the Governor's signature and, according to Padilla, it will prohibit community colleges from requiring students to complete more credits than is required by Cal State Universities to receive transfer degrees. It will guarantee students with a transfer degree CSU admission and junior status by creating a clear and concise pathway for Community College students seeking to transfer to a four-year university. He also said it will better align our higher education system, saving students time, money and freeing up state resources to serve more students. SB 1440 would require California's Community Colleges to create degrees for transfer to a California State University (CSU). The bill would preclude community colleges from requiring additional courses for this degree. Those barriers frustrated and discouraged students and added expense to students as well as inefficiency to the college system.

**A Lawsuit against Lopez Canyon Truck Driving Academy** - has the blessing of County Supervisor Michael Antonovich. He says, "Operating a trucking school where diesel tractor rigs will be spewing exhaust on property that is designated as open space is wrong. He is in favor of the lawsuit filed by community and resident groups to reverse the City of Los Angeles approval of a truck-driving academy in Lopez Canyon. The Los Angeles City Council -- rejecting a dozen more suitable locations suggested by residents, unanimously approved the site ignoring massive opposition from more than a dozen civic associations, environmental organizations, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, It's not real planning.

## "Lock It, Hide It, Keep It"



Commander James Cancler  
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On Tuesday, August 3, 2010, Operations-Valley Bureau kicked off the "Lock It, Hide It, Keep It" campaign from its Headquarters at 7870 Nollan Place in Panorama City. Deputy Chief Kirk Albanese provided statistics from the first six months

of 2010, that clearly identified Burglary Theft from Vehicle (BTFV) and Burglary from Motor Vehicle (BFMV) as a problem in the San Fernando Valley. "The irony is that if folks would take a few extra seconds to properly store their belongings, this crime could be eliminated. There is no good reason to be the victim of a BTFV or BFMV," said Albanese. The average cost of a BTFV to each victim is roughly \$1,885.00.

In February 2010, Deputy Chief Albanese recognized the high incidents of property crimes

throughout the San Fernando Valley and directed crime reduction strategies on those crimes. One of the most effective strategies in apprehending criminals involved in auto related crimes is the use of the Valley Crime Task Force Bait Car. A Video taken during actual Bait Car Sting Operations were shown at the news conference and can be viewed on the Department's website at [www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org). The video is evidence that objects left in plain sight, in unlocked vehicles, are a crime of opportunity for many criminals.

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## Neighborhood Needs Must be Considered



*Paul Krekorian  
Councilmember District 2  
Los Angeles City Council*

Earlier this month, I stood before the North Valley Area Planning Commission and urged them to oppose plans for a propane filling station on Foothill Boulevard. I was very pleased when the commission agreed with me – and the community – that the proposal would be out of place for the neighborhood and potentially dangerous for the community.

In the end, the commission sharply reduced the size of the proposed propane tank to a mere shadow of its original size: from 25 feet by five feet to just five feet by five feet, a whopping 80% reduction.

We need jobs and business development in the North Valley and, as vice-chair of the committee that is charged with stimulating the economy; I take that role very seriously. However, while the lot in question could potentially be an important center of commerce on a thoroughfare in need of robust economic development, these plans were not right for Sunland-Tujunga and would not contribute to the badly needed revitalization of Foothill Boulevard. I did not come to this opinion quickly. My office attended numerous community meetings and weighed the merits of each side, as I do with all proposals that cross my desk.

I also considered the existing regulations that govern development along Foothill Boulevard. According to the Foothill Corridor Specific Plan, all projects must “create a vibrant commercial environment along Foothill Boulevard... by encouraging appropriate uses” that compliment the surrounding community. As I testified to the commission, this project is wholly incompatible with the stated intent of the specific plan to create a vibrant, community-oriented commercial corridor. That is why, after extensive outreach and careful deliberation, I unequivocally offered my full support to the Sunland-Tujunga Alliance and joined them and others in the community in opposition to this project. I congratulate all those who worked so hard on this issue and I look forward to working with the community in encouraging more economic development in Sunland-Tujunga and the rest of the City of Los Angeles.

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