

ENTERTAINMENT AND FACILITIES

MOTION

The Van Nuys Civic Center is a neighborhood icon becoming the Valley's satellite municipal center upon the construction of Van Nuys City Hall in 1932. The area is surrounded by many key government facilities including Fire Station 39, the Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center, Van Nuys Police Station, the Van Nuys Branch Library, and the Van Nuys Courthouse.

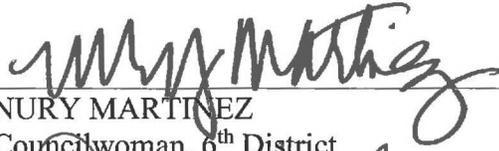
Van Nuys Boulevard, between Victory Boulevard and Oxnard Street was designated one of the city's "Great Streets" and is currently in the process of being studied for improvements including the addition of green infrastructure, as well as the creation of a business assistance loan program for businesses in this corridor. This area is ripe for improvements and revitalization. In the next decade, we plan on seeing some major changes occur with the addition of a new transit line along Van Nuys Boulevard.

Meanwhile, the Council office has been working diligently with local business owners to help bring down barriers reactivating the area to increase pedestrian activity by hosting summer Movie Nights and increasing parking availability in the area. However there is still much work to be done to help reactivate this space such as ensuring that all of the space at the Braude Center is fully leased, creating a public-friendly space that encourages activity and gathering, and creating after-hours activity that encourages patrons to visit the area after the government facilities are closed. The upcoming vacancy of Fire Station 39 will also create an opportunity to reuse and repurpose this historic structure to create new activity in the area.

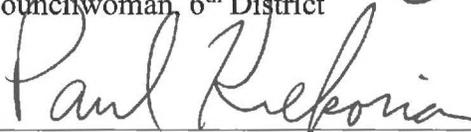
It would be appropriate to create a working group that would work towards creating a plan to reactivate the civic center. This group should be responsible for initiating any analysis that would be needed to coordinate remaining Van Nuys Civic Center redevelopment and revitalization opportunities.

I THEREFORE MOVE that a working group comprised of General Services Department, City Administrative Officer- Asset Management Strategic Planning Unit, Chief Legislative Analyst's Office, Bureau of Engineering and representatives from Council District 6 be formed to report back on the feasibility of initiating a Civic Center Revitalization Plan to assess and coordinate revitalization opportunities for the Van Nuys Civic Center.

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