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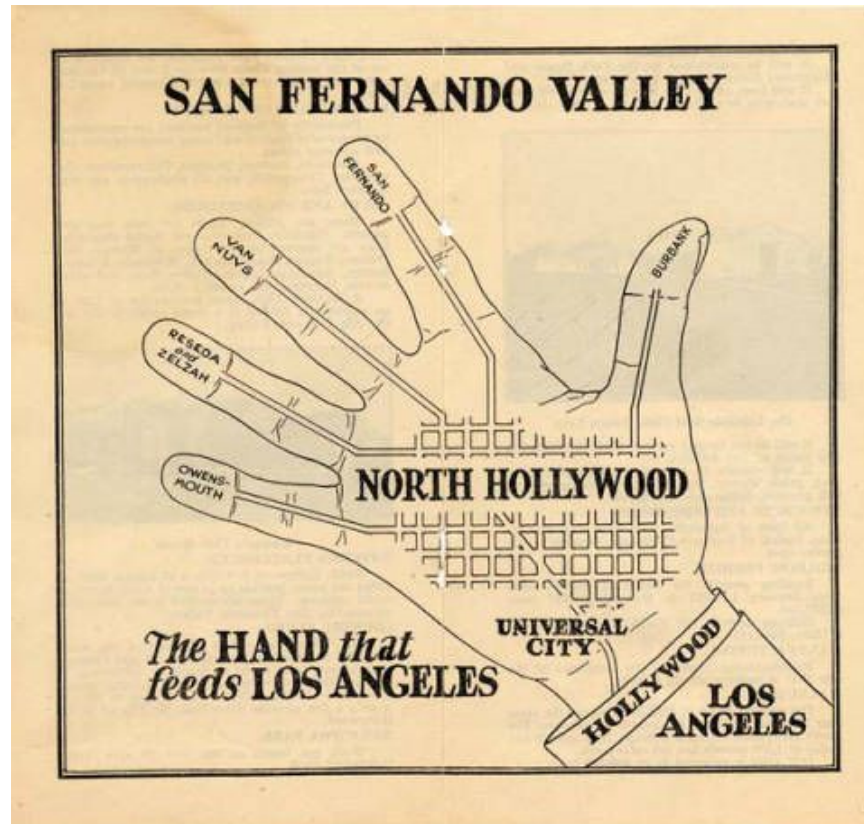
Proposal for Greater Resources for the East Valley Police Divisions of North Hollywood & Van Nuys

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The following proposal was developed in conjunction with members of the following organizations: Studio City Neighborhood Council Public Safety Committee, Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB), NoHo Neighborhood Council, Neighborhood Council Valley Village.



A 1920s illustration depicts an open-palmed hand with North Hollywood in the center, outstretched fingers showcase neighboring valley communities on its tips. Hollywood is pictured as the cuff and Los Angeles represented as the sleeve. The text surrounding the drawing proclaims, "San Fernando Valley -- the hand that feeds Los Angeles"

Nearly a century later, with a fast-rising population of 1.84 million -- enriched by a group of working-class families -- the importance of the San Fernando Valley within the Los Angeles ecosystem remains unparalleled. Whether the Valley truly feeds greater Los Angeles, or vice versa, can be debated on another occasion. However, today's Valley neighborhoods need greater support, need greater attention, need greater protection and in the area of public safety we now strongly need a greater hand from the city of Los Angeles.

**The East Valley communities, comprised of Studio City, Toluca Lake, North Hollywood, NoHo, Van Nuys, Valley Glen, Valley Village and Sherman Oaks -- under the police jurisdiction of North Hollywood and Van Nuys police divisions -- are requesting the following:**

- Additional overtime for current personnel serving the police divisions of North Hollywood and Van Nuys.
- 100 additional officers split evenly between the following police divisions: Van Nuys and North Hollywood.
- 100 Community Safety Officers, to supplement officers, split evenly between the following police divisions: Van Nuys and North Hollywood.
- 40 civilians to fill office positions and split evenly between the following police divisions: Van Nuys and North Hollywood.
- An addition of 12 patrol units split evenly between the following police divisions: Van Nuys and North Hollywood.
- 20 additional traffic officers split evenly between the following police divisions: Van Nuys and North Hollywood.
- 30 HOPE team officers split evenly between the following police divisions: Van Nuys and North Hollywood.

Using Los Angeles' 2018-2019 fiscal year, beginning July 1, as a framework recommendations for milestones of above requests are as follows:

**FY 2018-19 Q1:** Implement additional overtime for current personnel serving the North Hollywood and Van Nuys division, provide 20 additional officers for the North Hollywood division, provide 20 additional officers for Van Nuys division, provide 20 Community Safety Officers for the North Hollywood division, provide 20 Community Safety Officers for the Van Nuys division, provide 10 civilian positions to the North Hollywood division, provide 10 civilian positions to the Van Nuys division, implement 3 additional basic car patrols at the North Hollywood division, implement 3 additional basic car patrols at the Van Nuys division, provide 4 additional traffic officers to the North Hollywood division, provide 4 additional traffic officers for the Van Nuys division, assign 8 HOPE team officers to the North Hollywood division, and assign 8 Hope team officers to the Van Nuys division.

**FY 2018-19 Q2:** Continue additional overtime for current personnel serving the North Hollywood and Van Nuys division, provide 10 additional officers for the North Hollywood division, provide 10 additional officers for Van Nuys division, provide 10 Community Safety Officers for the North Hollywood division, provide 10 Community Safety Officers for the Van Nuys division, provide 5 civilian positions to the North Hollywood division, provide 5 civilian positions to the Van Nuys division, implement 1 additional basic car patrol at the North Hollywood division, implement 1 additional basic car patrol at the Van Nuys division, provide 3 additional traffic officers to the North Hollywood division, provide 3 additional traffic officers for the Van Nuys division, assign 5

HOPE team officers to the North Hollywood division, and assign 5 Hope team officers to the Van Nuys division.

**FY 2018-19 Q3:** Continue additional overtime for current personnel serving the North Hollywood and Van Nuys division, provide 10 additional officers for the North Hollywood division, provide 10 additional officers for Van Nuys division, provide 10 Community Safety Officers for the North Hollywood division, provide 10 Community Safety Officers for the Van Nuys division, provide 3 civilian positions to the North Hollywood division, provide 3 civilian positions to the Van Nuys division, implement 1 additional basic car patrol at the North Hollywood division, implement 1 additional basic car patrol at the Van Nuys division, provide 2 additional traffic officers to the North Hollywood division, provide 2 additional traffic officers for the Van Nuys division, assign 3 HOPE team officers to the North Hollywood division, and assign 3 Hope team officers to the Van Nuys division.

**FY 2018-19 Q4:** Continue additional overtime for current personnel serving the North Hollywood and Van Nuys division, provide 10 additional officers for the North Hollywood division, provide 10 additional officers for Van Nuys division, provide 10 Community Safety Officers for the North Hollywood division, provide 10 Community Safety Officers for the Van Nuys division, provide 2 civilian positions to the North Hollywood division, provide 2 civilian positions to the Van Nuys division, implement 1 additional basic car patrol at the North Hollywood division, implement 1 additional basic car patrol at the Van Nuys division, provide 1 additional traffic officer to the North Hollywood division, provide 1 additional traffic officer for the Van Nuys division.

**For reference, please find population growth between 2000 and 2008 of East Valley communities. With most recent population data unavailable, the strong assumption is further growth has taken place; officer resources and allocations need to properly reflect this continued population rise:**

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2008</b>	
<b>Studio City</b>	34,034	37,201	+9.3%
<b>North Hollywood</b>	77,848	87,241	+12%
<b>Sherman Oaks</b>	61,166	65,436	+7%
<b>Van Nuys</b>	103,770	110,747	+6.7%
<b>Toluca Lake</b>	7,782	8,563	+10%
<b>Valley Village</b>	24,190	25,665	+6%
<b>Valley Glen</b>	59,230	62,846	+6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>368,020</b>	<b>397,699</b>	<b>+8%</b>

## Year-to-Date Key Crime Statistics (1/1/18 - 6/16/18 vs 1/1/17 - 6/16/17)

The North Hollywood division is ranked #1 among Valley divisions and #5 out of 21 city wide divisions for Total Part I Crimes which encompasses both property and violent crimes. North Hollywood's placement, totaling 3060 YTD reported Part 1 crimes, ranks only behind South Bureau's 77th Street (3887), Southwest (3666), West Bureau's Pacific division (3166), and Central Bureau's Central division (3078).

Among Part I Property Crimes, YTD the North Hollywood division currently ranks #1 among Valley divisions and #4 out of 21 city wide divisions. Total Part 1 Property Crimes include Grand Theft Auto, Burglary Theft from Vehicle, Burglary and Theft. This placement, of 3060 reported Part I Property crimes, ranks only behind West Bureau's Pacific division (2808 property crimes), South Bureau's Southwest division (2653), and Central's Central division (2315).

Within the North Hollywood division violent crimes, encompassing aggravated assault, homicide, rape and robbery rose from 441 reported incidents, during the comparable period in 2017, to 463 YTD 2018. This increase of +5% marks 1 of only 8 (of 21) divisions to see an increase of violent crime over prior period. Meanwhile, total violent crime city wide declined -2.7%

Among reported burglary theft from vehicle (BTFV) incidents, the North Hollywood division ranks #1 out of 21 city wide police divisions -- with 1084 incidents this is +28% greater than #2 ranked division with 848 (West Bureau's Olympic). The North Hollywood division however has seen a -6.8% decrease in GTA over same period.

Though aggravated assault has seen a -1% decrease across the city over first 6 months of 2017, North Hollywood has seen a 10% increase while Van Nuys has seen a 15% increase over the same period.

Please note: Feedback from community stakeholders indicate possible under reporting of above stated figures for North Hollywood division. Crime statistics may be even higher than reported due to community inability to properly file a crime report. Due to understaffed police stations, unanswered phone lines, and difficulty in filling, we believe are resulting in the strong possibility that stakeholders are failing to properly file police reports and thus impacting statistics.

## LAPD Valley Bureau Part I Crime Rates (2017) vs Population & Area Size

- In addition, North Hollywood and Van Nuys divisions have the highest 2017 Part I crime rate per 1,000 population, per street mile, and per square mile among all LAPD Valley Bureau Divisions.

	<u>Per 1,000 Population</u>	<u>Per Street Mile</u>	<u>Per Square Mile</u>
Devonshire	26.9	8.5	120.6
Foothill	20.8	8.9	87.6
Mission	21.5	13.7	209.6
<b>No. Hollywood</b>	<b>31.6 #1T</b>	<b>15.4 #2</b>	<b>283.8 #2</b>
Topanga	30.0	10.9	177.4
<b>Van Nuys</b>	<b>31.6 #1T</b>	<b>17.8 #1</b>	<b>320.4 #1</b>
West Valley	25.6	10.3	147.9

*Above figures were calculated the following way: 2017 year-end Part I crime statistics for LAPD Valley Bureau and calculated the Part I crime rate per 1,000 population, per street mile, and per square mile.*

### LAPD Valley Bureau Calls for Service

Per the L.A. city data portal, "This dataset reflects calls for service incidents in the City of Los Angeles in the year 2018." Each row in the dataset is a call for service. Tags include 911, LAPD, and calls, so our understanding is this dataset is a combination of 911 calls, service calls the division makes, and calls to station (that get through).

Most frequent call type in NoHo in 2018 YTD is Code 6 (when conducting a field investigation and no assistance is anticipated - 12.5% of all calls YTD in NoHo). Other top call type codes are Trespass Suspect (5.1% of calls), Code 30 Ringer (ringing burglar alarm) (4.6%), Suspect Now (3.2%), Party (2.7%), and Domestic Violence (2.2%).

LAPD Valley Bureau Calls for Service (1/1 - 6/16/2018 YTD):

**Among all LAPD Valley divisions, year to date, North Hollywood ranks #1 in service incident calls (28,465). In addition, North Hollywood ranks #1 in increase of 6,101 calls and #1 in percentage increase (+27.3%) over same period in 2017.**

	<u>Prior YTD 1/1 – 6/16/17</u>	<u>Current YTD 1/1 – 6/16/18</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>%</u>
Devonshire	19,043	22,777	+3,734	+19.6%
Foothill	18,059	21,968	+3,909	+21.6%
Mission	22,607	27,648	+5,041	+22.3%
<b>No. Hollywood</b>	22,364	<b>28,465 #1</b>	<b>+6,101 #1</b>	<b>+27.3% #1</b>
Topanga	18,741	22,793	+4,052	+21.6%
<b>Van Nuys</b>	21,203	<b>25,970 #3</b>	<b>+4,767</b>	<b>+22.5% #3</b>
West Valley	19,200	24,182	+4,982	+25.9%

Valley Bureau	141,217	173,803	+32,586	+23.1%
LAPD Citywide	456,686	574,506	+117,820	+25.8%

## Stakeholder Feedback

The stakeholders of the East Valley communities -- including Studio City, Toluca Lake, North Hollywood, NoHo, Van Nuys, Valley Glen, Valley Village and Sherman Oaks -- are fed up with the lack of resources and support towards our Valley police divisions. To illustrate the concerns of said communities, please find stakeholder feedback collected from a number of public safety surveys completed in Q1 2018:

### I. Studio City Public Safety Survey

- **Poll:** Created using Google Form Survey
- **Survey taken between 12/19/17 thru 1/19/18**
- **Results were collected from 305 responses to the survey**
- **Results:**

95% of participants in survey stated that they live in Studio City whereas 5% consider themselves a business owner, employee or stakeholder of Studio City

75% of the residents have lived in Studio City for more than 5 years with 23% a part of the community between 1-5 years.

Among the most crucial findings: 79% of residents feel that public safety has declined over the last 12 months. While 18% believe things have remained the same. And less than 4% have stated things improved or are new to area and had no opinion.

Most disturbing, is more than a quarter of residents (27%) stated they have been a victim of a crime of the last 12 months

Among these victims, the following crimes were most often cited:

- Theft, with emphasis on car break ins made up a majority of the responses
- Mail and package theft were also high among the answers
- Break-ins to properties included condos, garages and homes
- There has been vandalism and tagging of property
- Though named less frequent the most serious crimes included an attempted carjacking, an armed robbery at gun point, assault, and a blown up mail box

1/3 of all individuals surveyed have requested the assistance of LAPD over the last 12 months. Of that group, responses were similarly divided when asked if they were satisfied with response time -- choices ranged from a scale of 1 as "least satisfied" to 5 as "most satisfied" (1 & 2 = 41% / 4 & 5 = 34%)

Nearly a 1/3 of those surveyed utilize a private security patrol for an added level of protection. Of that set, 45% have requested the assistance of their private security company over the last 12 months. 72% choose 4 & 5 when when asked if they were satisfied with response time -- choices ranged from a scale of 1 as "least satisfied" to 5 as "most satisfied"

Survey participants were asked to write-in their biggest concern in the area of public safety. Responses included the following keywords were often mentioned of areas of concern: "burglaries" (named 47 times), "robbery" (34 times), and "theft" (38 times):

- Lack of "police patrol / presence" is cited as a major area of concern
- There is an overall worry of feeling "not safe" within the community
- The river walk is an area of concern for many
- In a keyword search of responses, homeless / transient was mentioned as a key concern over 200 times as many individuals worried about the increase population.
- Excessive speeding, traffic increase and running of stop signs also factored into responses
- Drug activity -- and prevalence of it being done in the open -- is also a major concern
- There is numerous mentions of the fear of "walking alone" in the neighborhood
- Safety in shopping centers is a concern of survey participants -- specifically at the Ralphs shopping center on Ventura/Vineland
- A few mention the lack of proper lighting in the neighborhood

Among individuals who define themselves as a stakeholder of the neighborhood -- 89% said things have worsened in area of public safety over last 12 months. 38% of these stakeholders participating have been a victim of a crime over the last 12 months.

Finally, all participants were asked for additional feedback. Below is a sampling of the tone of responses:

- *"Very simple - we need more police patrol officers and we need to know police will come when called"*
- *"Studio City seems to have been identified as an easy target for criminals, with slow response and underwhelming patrols/presence. The existing police work very hard but can't keep this community safe at current levels."*
- *"we need more police force, improved response time, and stricter rules on crime and transient/homeless encampments"*

- *"PLEASE HELP! We are paying huge property taxes for zero deterrent and protection. I have seen police on my street twice in 20 years. To think 6 cars can cover the North Hollywood precinct is a joke, but I am not laughing. I am genuinely concerned for my family's well being."*
- *"Police dept phone response time is too long to be of help."*
- *"The existing police work very hard but can't keep this community safe at current levels."*
- *"I just don't feel like I see a cop presence in the area. Studio City is small. We should see them driving around or patrolling more than I feel like we do."*
- *"trash left behind by homeless, encampments, pan-handling and harassment at shopping areas, graffiti"*
- *"Police dept phone response time is too long to be of help."*
- *"Please help us to keep our children and homes safe"*
- *"Shawn Smith is doing an incredible job for Studio City..."*
- *"Neighborhood Watch is under utilized. Getting to know your neighbors and being proactive in watching for unusual activity is far more effective than employing expensive private security patrolling services."*
- *"Studio City is still amazing, but it's just a sitting duck for criminals and opportunists"*
- *"If there were more street lights, everyone would feel safer as well as having a visible police presence -- I never see a police car or policeman in the area"*
- *"Increasing incidents of homeless being aggressive towards people going about their daily business."*
- *"Scary that it is now dangerous to take an evening walk in the summertime."*
- *"I am the chair of Carpenter School's safety committee. We are working on several fronts to make the area around our campus safer. Top on our list is getting a crossing guard on Ventura and Carpenter Ave. The city determined we were eligible, but they have no one to staff it."*
- *"I love Studio City and welcome anything we can do to continue to make it a safe place to live."*

## **II. NoHo Public Safety Survey**

- **Poll:** Created using Google Form Survey
- **Survey taken February 2018**
- **Results were collected from 247 responses to the survey**
- **Results:**

The NoHo Neighborhood Council sent out a public survey to its stakeholders.

94% of participants in survey stated that they live in NoHo leaving the remainder of the survey takers being business owners or stakeholders of NoHo.



76.8% of the residents have lived in NoHo for more than 5 years while 18.9% have lived in NoHo between 1 and 5 years.

Among the most crucial findings: 54% of residents feel that public safety has declined over the last 12 months. While 35% believe that things have remained the same. The remainder have stated things improved or are new to area and had no opinion.

Most disturbing, is nearly a third of stakeholders surveyed (32%) stated they have been a victim of a crime of the last 12 months

Among these victims, the following crimes were most often cited:

- Theft, with emphasis on car, mail and property made up a majority of the responses.
- Vandalism was a common response among those surveyed
- Assaults in various forms including sexual and use of weapons were cited as responses
- Break-ins to properties included condos, garages and homes
- Robbery at gunpoint are among the responses
- Though named less frequent the most serious crimes mentioned include rape, an armed robbery and assault with a deadly weapon.

58% of individuals surveyed have requested the assistance of LAPD over the last 12 months. Of that group, responses were divided when asked if they were satisfied with response time -- choices ranged from a scale of 1 as "least satisfied" to 5 as "most satisfied"

- 1 = 30% (least satisfied)
- 2 = 16%
- 3 = 30%
- 4 = 12%
- 5 = 13% (most satisfied)

Many of stakeholders who live in our NoHo Business Improvement District area have praised the feeling of safety while the safety ambassadors are on duty.

Survey participants were asked to write-in their biggest concern in the area of public safety. The following keywords were often mentioned of areas of concern: homeless (named 60 times), drugs / drug addicts (21 times), gang (6 times), theft (17 times), traffic & speeding (14 times). Below are additional comments in regards to areas of concern:

- Lack of Police response, hours sometimes days to respond. I've been told I'm on my own by the Police they don't have the resources. Last week my storefront windows were shot out, yes by gunfire. It took two days for the Police to show up, then the report was written up as vandalism. Apparently there is a directive not to report crime or to minimize the crime on the report. Considering relocating my

business to a safer community. This place needs three times the amount of Police. No one is safe. I have lived here my whole life since childhood. This is the worst I have ever seen it.

- Addicts, homeless, gang violence, and the idiot policies our state and city government sta behind. Prop 47, 57, ab109, (3)
- Theft
- Drug addicts loitering in alleys and drug dealing taking place in “tobacco” shops
- Break ins & graffiti
- Loitering all over the place.
- I work at NHHS, and Ive heard students tell me about getting harassed to and from school. I advocate for anything that makes students safer on their walks home.
- Car/home break-ins
- Homeless and apt garage break ins
- Oversight on residential streets - especially those that lack driveways
- Unattended construction sites at night, vagrants blocking alleyway entrance doors from apartments, organized crime targeting vehicles parked on the street, vagrants gaining access to apartment buildings and setting up camp in stairwells and rooftops, gang activity, drug dealers
- Property Crimes remain our biggest problem; our secured garage has had multiple petty thefts in the past few months, especially since implementation of RecyclA - the new vendors will often leave the building unsecured. homeless, fireworks out of cars, drugs, armed robberies in the past few months
- crimes of opportunity—people smashing and grabbing from cars, or stealing things off porches or from garages as they pass
- Car break ins
- Erratic behavior of homeless and motorhomes parked near sidewalks.
- Biggest concern is the increase of mentally ill homeless people. I do not feel safe walking around.
- Theft and drug use
- Not feeling safe walking in the area at night, homlesness, theft. Two yers ago we were robbed as we were in our house, in the middle of the day.
- Drug sales/use partnered with auto theft and break-ins.
- I’ve had a bike stolen off my fenced yard, heard police chases (on foot and by car), and know where/when not to go to places. I don’t feel insecure, but know I can feel more secure in my neighborhood. A big concern for me is maintaining EVERY part of noho. Keep all of noho clean because just a few streets over people throw stuff on sidewalks as if it were a local dump. If people feel like they are afforded the same beautification that the ritsy parts of noho are given, they will maintain it.
- Increased theft and trespassing on private property (our homes)
- Cars speeding on small streets, too many young people w/o jobs, making trouble.
- Vandalism

- Homeless encampments and local gangs
- Trespassing to loiter/case houses and cars
- theft, drugs, gangs
- Thieves breaking into cars in the night and stealing belongings (happened to the guy across the street from me TWICE), hookers & johns having sex behind trees on my property, reckless young men blowing off fireworks weeks before the 4th and weeks afterwards...bomb-like sounds as if it's ww3...entire neighborhood assaulted by this noise and police do not come out when called. There's more but I'll leave it at that.
- Burglary, assault
- Burglaries and cars being broken into.
- I worry about my home or car broken into.
- The increase in gun violence over the past couple years at the Hesby and NOHO 7 now the AVA.
- There has also been an increase in traffic on Otsego between Lankershim and Tujunga. Many of these vehicles fail to obey stop signs and often times speed putting pedestrians and other motorists in danger.
- random petty theft, home and auto breakins, homeless issues
- Noticeable uptick in crime, vagrancy. Very little police response or patrol.
- Thefts from motor vehicles. Threatening actions of vagrants / homeless drug users.
- Crime increasing, police aid decreased
- Drug sales in public places. Not enough safe affordable housing for seniors.
- Homeless people who appear unstable and loitering around the Red Line Metro stops
- Home or car theft/break ins
- Huge surge in homeless, crime, fires, trash, drugs and feces from homeless camps.
- Not feeling safe in my neighborhood due to Homeless encampments /motor homes
- Lankershim Blvd & tujunga Blvd (prostitution, homelessness and drug activity).
- People being held up at gunpoint
- Criminals can trespass and do break-ins with no consequences! I think the police should be more authoritative with suspicious people.
- Slow response times.
- house break-ins
- Robberies
- institutional racism in the police force
- Transients, transients, transients
- High-end drug dealing. Buildings like the Hesby in Noho that allow unregulated sublets and airbnb, allowing shady characters to set up shop in the neighborhood who otherwise wouldn't be approved on leases. 2. Dangerous intersections and left turns. Such as the intersection of Vineland x Lankershim x Camarillo lovingly

dubbed "the intersection of death" by many of my friends and coworkers and Lankershim x Hesby green arrow where both left turning cars will collide. I've nearly been in accidents multiple times in both intersections and witnessed half a dozen over 2 years.

- Lack of street lights in neighborhoods
- Homeless population committing property crimes and increase in armed robberies
- The robbery occur during the time, we were on vacation. The public safety issue has to do with the homeless encampments along the freeway and park. I use the park for walking and running, there are too many homeless people and encampments around the park which is intimidating for women.
- 1 - Homeless drug addicts 2 - People living in campers leaving trash in the neighborhood and getting angrily aggressive when you bring it to their attention 3 - Car thefts have become more common
- Theft. Rarely see police up or down my street. Elderly rely on neighbors.
- Break ins, car theft, homeless everywhere, neighbors have been robbed at gunpoint
- Massive increase of burglaries. I have been a crime victim but 15 months ago.
- Lack of patrols through side streets, 45 minute to hour long response times to emergency calls.

Finally, all NoHo participants were asked for additional feedback. Below is a sampling of the tone of responses:

- *I'm afraid.*
- *We need more patrol officers in our area. I am worried about response time.*
- *Concerned about the recent shootings in the neighborhood. Also, general safety in regards to dealing with vagrants.*
- *We need more patrols after 11pm.*
- *We need more police patrolling our streets and more lights*
- *We need police to patrol more often*
- *More police patrol*
- *Seems there is an increase in petty theft and vehicle break ins.*
- *Seems like the police don't respond to investigating or following up on "lower level" crimes*
- *Bike patrol officers have been a nice way to make the neighborhood feel safe in a friendly way (unlike patrol cars)*
- *City is very dirty. We are moving out soon.*
- *I like seeing the NoHo safety patrol on their bicycles. It gives me some sense of security.*
- *Lack of financial support for the LAPD and LAFD. Our politicians have decided we don't deserve better protection and are not sufficiently funding our local public service agencies.*

- *I personally will not be voting for Paul Krekorian or Eric Garcetti again. The only recourse for citizens is to vote out those in power creating the problems.*
- *Way too much trash around our neighborhood and around the cvs at oxnard and lankershim...no one does anything to prevent the dumping....anywhere in our neighborhood really*
- *I am very happy to see the bike ambassador riding around NOHO.*
- *I'm very nervous living near homeless encampments along the 170 fwy where outdoor stoves are used and can start wildfires.*
- *Need more bike cops down to Cahuenga & Magnolia*
- *Not enough police officers*
- *Crime is worse now than ever. 20 years here and safety is #1 concern*
- *Cars doing excessive speed in the bike lane on Vineland. Again there is no enforcement. Cars regularly drive at freeway speeds in the bike lane to pass on the right. Totally dangerous environment. People complain that there is lack of use by cyclist there is a reason for that. Get some Motor Cops out here to enforce a safe bike lane on Vineland ave between Camarillo and Magnolia.*
- *Not enough police patrolling the streets like in other safe neighborhoods, i.e. Burbank*
- *I do see patrol cars and helicopters patrolling area but not enough.*
- *The mayor doesn't care about Valley residents*
- *The area of Lankershim and Tehungha is now scary with RV community and that old sculpture creates urban plight*
- *I'd like the officers at the front desk of the station be more welcoming. I've reported a few incidents in person and I walk out regretting it. The cops don't make me feel welcomed.*
- *Police do not return calls regarding safety of neighbor. Extremely long response times from police.*
- *Additional protection for the traffic island at the southwest intersection of Lankershim Blvd./ Burbank Blvd / Tujunga Ave. with guard rail, flashing warning lights an better signage on Tujunga Ave for traffic flow to Lankershim Blvd. ( Northbound) to be located at the intersection of Tujunga Ave. And Cumpston St.*
- *More police presence - and also more presence at the shopping center at Vineland and Magnolia for sure - a lot of the crime in this neighborhood seems to begin there*
- *There are blighted and nuisance properties in the area of Riverton & Magnolia that need to be dealt with by the City Attorney's Office, such as the "Econo Inn & Suites."*

### **Valley Village Public Safety Survey**

- **Poll:** Created using Google Form Survey
- **Survey taken February 2018**
- **Results were collected from 90 responses to the survey**
- **Results:**

The Neighborhood Council Valley Village sent out a public survey to its stakeholders. 99% of participants in survey stated that they live in Valley Village.

83% of the residents surveyed have lived in Valley Village for more than 5 years while 16% have lived in Valley Village between 1 and 5 years.

56% of Valley Village residents feel that public safety has declined over the last 12 months. While 35% believe that things have remained the same. The remainder have stated things improved or are new to area and had no opinion.

21% of Valley Village stakeholders surveyed stated they have been a victim of a crime of the last 12 months. Among these victims, theft and car break-ins were the crimes were most often cited. Additionally, home burglary was included in responses.

31% of Valley Village residents surveyed have requested the assistance of LAPD over the last 12 months. Of that group, responses were divided when asked if they were satisfied with response time -- choices ranged from a scale of 1 as "least satisfied" to 5 as "most satisfied":

- 1 = 29% (least satisfied)
- 2 = 18%
- 3 = 21%
- 4 = 21%
- 5 = 11% (most satisfied)

Nearly a 1/3 of those surveyed (31%) utilize a private security patrol for an added level of protection. Of that set, 7% have requested the assistance of their private security company over the last 12 months.

Survey participants were asked to write-in their biggest concern in the area of public safety. The following keywords were often mentioned of areas of concern: homeless (named 30 times), car break-ins and theft (25 times), burglaries (12 times), theft (17 times), traffic & speeding (20 times). Below are additional comments in regards to biggest areas of concern about Valley Village stakeholders:

- Car break-ins, drug dealing and use, transients sleeping in autos and trashing neighborhood.
- Increase in break-ins to both property and cars.
- Theft, trespassing
- We never see any police on patrol. Also, homeless have taken over public property.

- Growing number of drug use and homeless near park on Westpark Dr.
- Lack of patrols along Hortense St where it runs along the 101
- Rash of burglaries, auto thefts and theft FROM autos, homeless encampments, break in and opportunistic theft
- Aggressive people sifting through trash on private properties.
- Knock knock robberies
- The manager called the authorities in the past and nothing was solved, that's why now he doesn't call again car and house burglary
- Burglary
- Drug dealing
- Burglary and theft
- Break ins, we had an attempted break in a few years ago
- Car theft/damage, homeless
- personal safety and break ins
- Robbery and drug use
- Safe public transit. Traffic Safety. Pedestrian Safety. Theft in Apartment Buildings. More LAPD foot patrols.
- Speeding and running stop signs in residential neighborhoods (notably between Laurel Canyon, Whittset, Magnolia and Riverside. Also many car break ins on the streets.
- drug dealing; prostitution; robberies
- People stealing packages left at front doors, loitering after school, cars being broken into
- People who violate traffic laws. It's too dangerous on the streets, with drivers speeding and running red lights. I bet that hit and run and traffic accidents are up.
- Personal Safety, Property Security
- We own a house in Valley Village and have two young children. We have lived here for over 10 years now. We here about crime nearby all the time from our neighbors. It is really terrible and makes me want to move to a safer neighborhood. We need major improvements in our safety and security. Home and car break-ins
- Gangs with no car license plates breaking into homes and cars and fireworks being used everywhere and the drug dealing on the streets
- Burglaries
- Homeless (mentally ill and criminals). Thefts (cars and mail). Unable to walk our streets at night. Traffic and speeding. Not enough police on the street and long response times!
- More drug and gang activity. More homeless people exhibiting severe mental illness.
- Burglaries, personal confrontations
- Breaking into cars and home robbery.
- Home burglary
- People loitering and cars loitering near the park next to freeway

- Car breakins, Home breakins, drug deals,
- Speeding cars through residential streets
- Speeding cars, reckless driving around schools,, car break ins, burglary
- Burglary, auto theft
- Theft: Car and mail
- traffic, parking, overcrowding
- We have had many robberies from outsiders entering our apartment complex lately
- Vehicles that speed on Magnolia Blvd., between the blocks West of Laurel Canyon and East of Whitsett. A significant number of residents (many elders) walk to access Jon's Market, the Dollar Store, Bank of America, the Post Office, etc. High power vehicles with inconsiderate drivers race through the intersection (Laurel Canyon/ Magnolia) and down Magnolia especially at rush hour. Traffic enforcement needs to step in, please.
- Stolen goods/Break ins

Finally, all Valley Village participants were asked for additional feedback. Below is a sampling of the tone of responses:

- *I would like to see more police presence*
- *We recently installed fencing across our property to discourage crime against our property*
- *We never see the police in our neighborhood!*
- *A bicycle was stolen from my backyard -- it was the ppl dealing drugs right in block they knew we weren't home at the time.*
- *It would be very helpful to have patrol cars driving through our neighborhood and ticketing speeding and stop sign violations. Also would be helpful if the non-emergency police line had separate numbers for hearing and impaired hearing callers...the loud beeping is very hard on the ears.*
- *People are jumping over our electric security gates*
- *Painting "STOP" on streets in this neighborhood!! Or making stop signs more visible!*
- *Very much appreciate the involvement and commitment to our neighborhoods by Acting SLO John Antonioli*
- *We need more police presence on the streets and in the parks. We need laws to protect the police so they can protect us.*
- *I am especially concerned for my 12 year old daughter. I'm afraid to let her walk alone for even 1 block.*
- *I think the LAPD is doing a very good job concerning crime in our area.*



- *We've lived in VV for 30 years. We used to see LAPD patrol cars patrolling the neighborhood every day. I'd like to see that again.*
- *SW corner of Laurel/Chandler suspicious action, drugs, people sleeping in Laundromat, hanging out on bus stop but not taking bus. The parking lot of the convenience store is home to significant questionable behavior and transients.*

## Press Coverage

**Over the last year, the East Valley communities have been making headlines for the wrong reasons. A selection of high-profile, news making crimes -- and major traffic incidents -- for each neighborhood are denoted below.:**

Please note: In most cases multiple news outlets covered crime story. A single news story is clickable for each example. The Valley police divisions overseeing the cases have acted exemplary in their investigations and working with the victims. These high-profile examples are to illustrate the overall troubling crimes our communities, our businesses, our residents are facing on a consistent basis:

### **Studio City**

- [Caught on Video: Man Attempts to Break into Studio City Home](#) (Aug 2018)
- [String of Burglaries in Studio City](#) (May 2018)
- [Studio City jewelry store owner with gun deters robbers armed with hammers](#) (May 2018)
- [Additional Victims Sought After Man Caught Masturbating While Watching Young Girls at Studio City Restaurant: LAPD](#) (May 2018)
- [Man Charged With Murder in Music Studio Fire That Killed 2, Severely Injured 2 in Studio City](#) (Apr 2018)
- [Studio City: Violent Crimes Are Up Significantly](#) (Mar 2018)
- [Studio City Woman Recovers From Brutal Home Invasion Robbery](#) (Feb 2018)
- [Late Night Burglars Have Been Targeting Studio City Restaurants](#) (Feb 2018)
- [Student Struck By Car Outside Studio City School](#) (Feb 2018)
- [Shots fired at Studio City Petco, police say](#) (Jan 2018)
- [Two Dead After Car Plows Into Studio City Shopping Plaza](#) (Jan 2018)
- [Bad Santa: Man in Santa Hat Breaks Into Studio City Homes](#) (Dec 2017)
- [Elderly woman beaten in Studio City home during knock-knock burglary attempt](#) (June 2017)
- [Police Seeking Man Wanted For 7 Smash-And-Grab Burglaries In Studio City](#) (Aug 2017)
- [Two Injured During Shooting at Event in Studio City, Event Hosted San Fernando Valley Artists](#) (Aug 2017)
- [2 men, 1 juvenile arrested in 'knock-knock' burglary attempt](#) (March 2017)

## **Sherman Oaks**

- [Former UCLA Star Found Dead After 11-Hour Standoff In Sherman Oaks; Shots Fired](#) (July 2018)
- [Armed robbery suspect surrenders after hours-long barricade in Sherman Oaks motel](#) (June 2018)
- [LAPD Seeks Suspects in Series of Brazen Sherman Oaks Home Burglaries](#) (June 2018)
- [16-Year-Old Girl Rescued, 6 Arrested in Sherman Oaks Human Trafficking Bust: LAPD](#) (June 2018)
- [Suspect in Sherman Oaks, West LA burglaries may have targeted victims away at funerals](#) (March 2018)
- [Communities On High Alert After Spate Of Brazen Burglaries Caught On Camera](#) (March 2018)
- [Man Ran 'House of Horrors' Where Women Were Drugged, Raped; More Victims Urged to Come Forward: LAPD](#) (March 2018)
- [Sherman Oaks Burglar Hits 2 Houses In One Morning](#) (March 2018)
- [Man Shot In Sherman Oaks Home Invasion In What Neighbors Call 'Party House'](#) (Feb 2018)
- [Violent Carjacking Was Followed by Random Attack on Sisters Getting Mani-Pedi at Sherman Oaks Nail Salon: LAPD](#) (Feb 2018)
- [Over a Dozen Vehicles Targeted in Sherman Oaks Burglaries, Property Left in Plain Sight](#) (Nov 2017)
- [Armed robbers cause chaos at Macy's in Sherman Oaks, make off with jewelry](#) (Nov 2017)
- [Caught On Camera: Bumbling Vespa Thieves Steal Scooter In Broad Daylight, Hobble Down Sidewalk](#) (Nov 2017)
- [Professional SFV Burglary Crew Caught On Camera](#) (Nov 2017)
- [Sherman Oaks man accused of stabbing wife to death in front of 12-year-old son to appear in court](#) (Aug 2017)
- [Police shoot man wielding steak knife during Sherman Oaks domestic violence call](#) (June 2017)
- [Sherman Oaks knock-knock burglars caught on video](#) (Apr 2017)
- [Sherman Oaks Not Immune from Gang Violence, City Leaders Acknowledge](#) (Apr 2017)
- [84-year-old man killed in Sherman Oaks hit-and-run](#) (March 2017)
- [Jaime Pressly's Sherman Oaks Home Burglarized](#) (Feb 2017)
- [1 dead, another injured in Sherman Oaks shooting](#) (Feb 2017)
- [Pedestrian struck, killed in Sherman Oaks](#) (Feb 2017)
- [2 men suspected of carjacking man, burglarizing his Sherman Oaks home arrested](#) (Dec 2016)

## **Valley Village**

- [Man Fatally Stabbed at Park in North Hollywood](#) (June 2018)
- [Valley Village burglary suspect apprehended after trying to cut officer, LAPD says](#) (May 2018)
- [Grand theft auto/kidnapping suspect in Valley Village taken into custody](#) (Apr 2018)
- [Man pleads no contest to stabbing of good Samaritan in Valley Village](#) (Nov 2017)
- [4 Vehicles Erupt In Flames In Valley Village Carport](#) (Oct 2017)
- [Homeless man dies after shooting in Valley Village; suspect sought](#) (Aug 2017)
- [Passenger dies after car crash in North Hollywood](#) (Oct 2017)
- [2 Injured After Shooting Erupts Outside Valley Village Bar: LAPD](#) (Aug 2017)
- [1 person in 'grave condition' after accident involving garbage truck in Valley Village](#) (Jun 2017)
- [Cops nab suspected 'knock-knock' burglars breaking into San Fernando Valley home](#) (March 2017)
- [3 Knock-Knock Burglary Suspects Caught In Valley Village](#) (March 2017)
- [Valley Village 7-Eleven clerk injured in stabbing did not follow policy, owner claims](#) (Apr 2016)

## **North Hollywood**

- [Landmark Roman Catholic Church Vandalized in North Hollywood](#) (July 2018)
- [Man stabbed to death at North Hollywood park](#) (June 2018)
- [Man killed in North Hollywood hit-and-run](#) (May 2018)
- [1 injured in shooting during robbery attempt outside North Hollywood movie theater](#) (April 2018)
- [Former 'Jerry Springer' producer put deaf sister, 3 dogs in garage and set it on fire, cops say](#) (April 2018)
- [Employee at North Hollywood auto parts store fatally shoots suspected burglar](#) (March 2018)
- [Homeless man killed, allegedly by 7-Eleven customer he was yelling at](#) (Jan 2018)
- [Man Allegedly Stabs Panhandler To Death In North Hollywood](#) (Jan 2018)
- [Burbank-North Hollywood armed robbery suspect arrested outside motel](#) (Dec 2017)
- [2 men, 2 women use rifle, handguns to rob marijuana dispensary in North Hollywood, police say](#) (Nov 2017)
- [Swindlers Trick Elderly North Hollywood Woman Out Of \\$45K](#) (Jan 2018)
- [Man shot, wounded while walking in North Hollywood](#) (Nov 2017)
- [Arson suspected in 4 North Hollywood tree fires](#) (Oct 2017)
- [Police warn residents about 2 burglars who pose as maintenance workers in North Hollywood](#) (Sept 2017)
- [North Hollywood traffic collision involves person claiming to be shot by gun, LAPD says](#) (Nov 2017)

- [2 Killed, 2 Wounded in Shootout Outside North Hollywood Apartment Building](#) (Aug 2017)
- [2 men killed in North Hollywood gun battle identified](#) (Aug 2017)
- [2 arrested in 'park tax' shakedown of LA homeless man who was shot with converted paintball gun](#) (Sept 2017)
- [North Hollywood's Circus Liquor robbed at gunpoint](#) (May 2017)
- [Uber driver charged with raping unconscious passenger at North Hollywood motel](#) (Jun 2017)
- [North Hollywood gang-related shooting wounds man and woman](#) (Jun 2017)

### **Valley Glen**

- [Pedestrian critical in Valley Glen hit-and-run](#) (June 2018)
- [Man Shot During Robbery Attempt in Parking Lot of North Hollywood Area Movie Theater](#) (April 2018)
- [2 shot, 1 fatally, in Valley Glen area of LA](#) (Mar 2018)
- [Police investigate a fatal shooting of a man outside his Valley Glen home](#) (Oct 2017)
- [Woman Sexually Assaulted While Out for Jog in Valley Glen; Attacker Sought](#) (Oct 2017)
- [Person fatally shot in Valley Glen area](#) (Aug 2017)
- [Car crashes into Valley Glen Starbucks for 2nd time in 3 weeks](#) (Aug 2017)
- [Man found shot to death in Valley Glen after reports of gunfire](#) (Aug 2017)
- [Pair of sexual assault, battery cases in Valley may be connected, LAPD says](#) (Nov 2017)
- [Driver in Head-on Crash in Valley Glen That Resulted in Newborn Girl's Death Had Prior DUI Offenses: DA's Office](#) (June 2017)
- [Man Sets Valley Glen Apartment on Fire After Barricading Himself For Hours: LAPD](#) (Apr 2017)
- [Man arrested on suspicion of slashing tires in Valley Glen](#) (Feb 2017)

### **Van Nuys**

- [Van Nuys stabbing suspect shot, killed by police](#) (June 2018)
- [Man waving gun in Lake Balboa wounded during officer-involved shooting](#) (July 2018)
- [Baby found alone hours after car was stolen with him inside](#) (Apr 2018)
- [Man arrested after firing shots at Van Nuys workplace, police chase](#) (Mar 2018)
- [Van Nuys 'knock-knock' burglary suspects arrested after chase](#) (Mar 2018)
- [SWAT Arrests Man With Knife Barricaded Inside Van Nuys Denny's Restaurant](#) (Apr 2018)
- [Woman Dies 2 Days After Being Shot In Van Nuys Car-To-Car Shooting](#) (Feb 2018)

- [Man Caught Watching Porn After Burglarizing Van Nuys Home Business, Family Says](#) (Feb 2018)
- [Search For Possibly Armed Man Locks Down Van Nuys School](#) (Jan 2018)
- [Man shot near Kester Avenue and Victory Boulevard in Van Nuys](#) (Dec 2017)
- [Man pleads no contest to raping hairstylist at Van Nuys salon](#) (Nov 2017)
- [Police search for suspects who burglarized 3 Van Nuys businesses](#) (Oct 2017)
- [Panorama City man dies in gang-related shooting in Van Nuys](#) (Oct 2017)
- [Double stabbing during Van Nuys birthday party injures 2](#) (Oct 2017)
- [Suspect Cuffed For Van Nuys Rape Attempt](#) (Sept 2017)
- [Beloved Father Killed in Random Shooting Outside Van Nuys Bar](#) (Sept 2017)
- [Man Killed In Van Nuys Double Shooting](#) (Sept 2017)
- [Man attempted to sexually assault woman in Van Nuys while witnesses did nothing, police say](#) (Aug 2017)
- [2 suspects with matching sweatshirts rob Van Nuys convenience store](#) (Aug 2017)
- [Man killed in Van Nuys drug deal gone bad](#) (Aug 2017)
- [Man arrested in fatal stabbing of his wife in front of 12-year-old son in Van Nuys](#) (Aug 2017)
- [Woman in stolen car rams police cruiser, injures officer in wild Van Nuys chase, authorities say](#) (July 2017)

### **Toluca Lake**

- [Police Searching For Burglar Hitting Homes In Burbank, Toluca Lake](#) (Apr 2018)
- [Viola Davis sent burglars running after attempted break-in, report says](#) (Apr 2018)
- [SUV plunges off side to 134 Freeway onramp in Toluca Lake, CHP says](#) (Mar 2018)
- [Suspected Burglar in Custody After Standoff With LAPD at Toluca Lake Home](#) (July 2017)
- [‘Shaken’ Patys restaurant fires employee after hidden camera found in bathroom of Valley favorite](#) (Nov 2017)
- [Burglars steal \\$50K of fashions from Rachel Bilson’s LA home](#) (Oct 2017)
- [Thieves use post office master key to break into Toluca Lake complex twice](#) (Apr 2017)

### **Police Officer LAPD Valley Traffic “Vehicle vs Pedestrian collisions”**

Among all Valley divisions, Van Nuys and North Hollywood are each in Top 3 of “Vehicle vs Pedestrian collisions” year to date.

- West Valley 44 Peds
- North Hollywood 37 Peds
- Van Nuys 35 Peds
- Devonshire 34 Peds

- Foothill 26 Peds
- Mission 24 Peds
- Topanga 18 Peds
  
- TOTAL = 218 Pedestrians

*Source: Police Officer LAPD Valley Traffic CAD, Los Angeles Police Department AGENCY (Jan 1 - Apr 11, 2018)*

**Thank you for your time reading through the above proposal. I hope this collection of data, insight, news articles -- and most importantly deep feedback from stakeholder across multiple Valley communities -- will help ito greenlight much needed support for our East Valley police divisions.**

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