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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMAN GREIG SMITH

Councilman Smith's Legislation to Bring City Council Meetings to the Valley

Los Angeles – City Council unanimously approved a motion by Councilman Greig Smith Fri. March 10, to hold complete City Council meetings at the Valley Municipal Building (Van Nuys City Hall) once a month to allow Valley residents easier access to hear and comment on issues before City Council.

“I’m a big believer in improving access to and transparency in government,” Councilman Smith said. “Residents of the Northwest Valley should not have to drive all the way downtown through heavy traffic to make their voices heard on government issues that directly affect them. Holding City Council meetings at Van Nuys City Hall will bring government to the public.”

The motion was part of Councilman Smith’s persistent efforts to make the Valley’s voice heard in City Hall and make City government more accessible and transparent for Valley residents. In 2005, Councilman Smith also introduced legislation to use videoconferencing technology that now allows residents to hear and make public comments on issues before City Council from Van Nuys City Hall.

The City’s Information Technology Agency will also implement an advanced system that would allow technicians at City Hall remotely control video camera equipment to film the City Council in Van Nuys for broadcast on City Channel 35.

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