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Save the date - next NWNA MEETING

March 28, 2018 - 7:00 PM (No February meeting)

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church - Nolte Hall

11555 National Blvd., 90064

**Guest Speaker: Suja Lowenthal, the new airport advisor
to the SM City Manager (With Q&A)**

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Minutes for January 24, 2018 - by Joan Winters - NWNA Secretary

*Called to order: 7:00 PM Attendance: Approximately 35 Approval of October 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes
Welcoming by NWNA president Martin Rubin Announcements, Public Comment. - None*

Guest Speakers:

Adrian Acosta, SLO, LAPD - Officer Acosta spoke at our first NWNA meeting of this year. He discussed homelessness and the homeless count taking place that he would be participating in later in the evening, as well as crime updates. He reported that more officers will be deployed to the Pacific Division. There was a lengthy Q & A session where neighbors brought up their concerns. Officer Acosta mentioned when needing to call 911 not to be talked into being switched over to the non-emergency police number if you are observing a crime in progress. He invited people to sign up for a Sunday walk with him through their neighborhood. On the walk, he will point out any vulnerabilities that exist for crimes of opportunity, such as storing one's trash containers alongside their gates, allowing for easier access.

Krista Kline, Councilmember Mike Bonin's new Director of Land Use and Planning conducted a Q & A session. Neighbors had concerns, including the development on National Blvd. near Barrington. She mentioned, as of this date, the Department of Transportation (DOT) had not yet issued the developer a permit regarding traffic impacts from the development. Other near-by developments were brought up as to how they affect traffic congestion, cut-through traffic, quality of life, and the overall integrity of our neighborhood and other neighborhoods. Krista said that she would like to be invited back after she gets her sea legs at this new position.

Damien Newton, MVCC Zone 2 Director (North Westdale) announced that electronic recycling will be taking place at St. Andrews on Saturday, February 3. He reported that the MVCC voted at the last Board meeting to allocate funds for Neighborhood Watch signs.

President's report and SM airport report: **Martin Rubin** mentioned the next scheduled March 28 NWNA meeting with guest speaker Suja Lowenthal, Santa Monica's new airport advisor to their City Manager. He also spoke about the airport runway shortening, and that the number and size of jets using the runway is still in transition. He said we should have a better idea in another six months. He warned that helicopter shuttle flights from SMO to venues like Staples might be on the horizon, as well as charter jet flights to locations such as Las Vegas, Santa Barbara, and other popular locations for those who are able to afford this method of traveling in style.

Adjournment: 8:40 PM

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