



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, June 4, 2020 Time: 6:30 pm

Zoom Meeting Online or By Telephone

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE BOARD OF GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY. TO ACCESS DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO THIS MEETING GO TO GHSNC.ORG AND CLICK ON THE LINK IN THE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT.

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I. Call to order and instructions for participating in the virtual meeting

(Presiding officer and moderator)

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

III. Public Comment: The public is requested dial *9, when prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its

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attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

IV. Community Speakers

- A. Council District 12 (Matt Vallecilla)
- B. LAUSD District 3 (Tara Vahdani)
- C. DONE, (NEA Jose Galamenz)
- D. Budget Advocate (Brian Allen)
- E. Assembly District 38 (Ryan Valencia)
- F. Congressional District 25 (Osvaldo Ramirez)
- G. Congressional District 30 (Nikole Gonong)
- H. LAPD Senior Lead Officer or alternate rep (Lead Officer Sellers/Parker/Volunteer Richard Fisk)

V. Approval of May 7, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes.

VI. Budget Issues

- A. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for April 2020.
- B. Approval of 2019/2020 GHSNC Encumbrance Expense Form.

VII. Board Issues

- A. Discussion and possible action on a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) in the amount of \$5000 to North Valley Caring Services. Funding dedicated to PPE for staff, additional staff for expanded food pantry, non-perishable food items for pantry.
- B. Presentation by the Youth Committee project; "Civics Delivered" (Sarah Tran, Rachel Lee.
- C. Board approval of the appointment of Sally Kolstad and Abbey Ronquillo to the Youth Committee.
- D. Board approval of appointment of Rachel Lee to the Board, replacing Sarah Tran upon her resignation from the Board to attend college at the University of Pennsylvania.
- E. Discussion and possible action to approve an Alisio Canyon Community Advisory Group motion requesting Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles use any and all methods (including power of subpoena) to obtain from the Southern California Gas Company the full list of chemicals emitted from the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility during the SS-25 blowout; well kill attempts; ongoing operation and from any subsequent leaks. GHSNC requests that the list be made available and immediately accessible to our community and stake holders. GHSNC believes this information is essential and needs to be provided to all entities of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Aliso Canyon Health Study to ensure a thorough, accurate, concise and science-based health study is conducted. Our businesses, communities and stakeholders should have every chance to

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learn what health issues they may be faced with following the largest gas blowout in United States history.

- F. Discussion and possible action on a resolution (attached) asking the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission for an investigation (if they have not done so already) into Councilmember John Lee's participation in and subsequent actions following the June 2017 Las Vegas trip that resulted in indictment of and subsequent guilty plea by former Councilmember Mitch Englander.

VIII. Committee Reports and Motions

Outreach

Report

PLUM

Report

Cultural Affairs

Report

Public Safety

Report

Education

Report

Beautification

Report

Homelessness

Report

IX. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

X. Adjournment

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Resolution from GHSNC to the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission

Whereas, Former Councilmember Englander has pleaded guilty to charges resulting from a June 17, 2017 trip to Las Vegas wherein the Councilmember was provided with things of value by a businessperson (Businessman A) seeking introduction to local developers to improve his business income, and

Whereas, current Councilmember John Lee, who was at the time former Councilmember Englander's Chief of Staff (Staffer B), accompanied the Councilmember on the Las Vegas trip receiving some of the same things of value. and

Whereas, neither Englander or Lee promptly reimbursed Businessman A for those things of value, which included transportation, free rooms, meals, bottle service, gambling chips and cash, and

Whereas, Councilperson Lee was subsequently interviewed by the FBI as part of criminal investigation, and then allegedly advised then Councilmember Englander about the interview despite a FBI admonishment, and

Whereas, Councilmember Lee allegedly colluded with then Councilmember Englander to backdate checks to make it seem as they had both reimbursed Businessman A prior to Councilmember Lee's FBI interview, and

Whereas Councilmember Lee has never satisfactorily explained or addressed his role in this incident, and

Whereas, transparency and ethical behavior should be the cornerstone of public service; therefore be it resolved that the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council calls on the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission to investigate Councilmember Lee's involvement in this incident, determine if he violated ethics rules promulgated by the City of Los Angeles and produce a full public report.