



CITY OF LOS ANGELES

GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, August 6, 2020 Time: 6:30 pm

Zoom meeting by telephone (audio only) or online (audio and video)

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I. Call to order, flag salute and instructions for participating in the virtual meeting (Presiding officer and moderator)

II. Roll Call (Secretary)

III. Public Comment: The public is requested to dial *9 if calling in or use the raise hand function on the Zoom screen when prompted by the presiding officer to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes 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 matters that are not appearing on the agenda and 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 attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the

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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 Serena)
- 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 July 2, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes.

VI. Budget Issues

- A. Approval of Budget report and Monthly Expenditures for June, 2020.

VII. Board Issues

- A. Appointment and confirmation of pending Board Member Rachel Lee to the Education Committee.
- B. Discussion and possible action to establish a moratorium on non-essential NPGs through 2020. Committee with jurisdiction to be given the authority to determine whether an NPG is essential.
- C. Discussion and possible action to support Northridge West NC virtual debate for the LAUSD District 3 election that will be held on November 3.

VIII. Committee Reports and Motions

Cultural Affairs

- A. Motion from Committee: Discussion and possible action to approve the following resolution: “The Cultural Affairs Committee recommends GHSNC support the Neighborhood Council Commission (BONC) in including Implicit Bias Training as part of the mandatory training program for all Neighborhood Council Board members. Implicit Bias identifies ways in which the conscious patterns people inevitably develop to organize information actually affects individual’s actions, thus creating real-world implications, even though individuals may not be aware that those biases exist within themselves. As leaders within the community, it is imperative that all board members are adequately trained to engage successfully with members of the community who may be different from them.
- B. Motion from Committee: Discussion and possible action to approve the following resolution: “As elected officials in the City of Los Angeles, we, the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council, took an oath to ‘work to honor diversity’ and ‘build community’. In the current environment, we need to continue to uphold our oath by supporting the California Department of

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Education's decision to not include antisemitic curriculum in the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum. Jewish students learning in the Los Angeles Unified School District deserve to grow up in a safe environment free from discrimination of religion and culture; the inclusion of antisemitic curriculum is contrary to that value and can make Jewish students feel unsafe and unsupported in their communities.”

Outreach

- C. Recommendations for the Board Retreat; whether it will be virtual or in person, a date, and the agenda items for the retreat.
- D. Recommendation to host a virtual town hall with other community leaders to discuss the current state of affairs in our country regarding racial equality (motion originally from Cultural Affairs Committee).
- E. Recommendation to host a virtual town hall with minority business owners within the community to discuss the impact COVID 19 has had on their businesses (motion originally from Cultural Affairs Committee).

PLUM

No report

Public Safety/Homelessness

- F. Motion from Committee: Recommendation to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) requesting Los Angeles City, Council District 12 and Supervisor Barger take action regarding the homeless encampments near Granada Hills Park and in other areas of Granada Hills. Full text of CIS attached. This item was referred to the joint committees at the July 2, 2020 regular meeting.

Education

Report from July 18, 2020 meeting.

Youth

Report on Civics Delivered project.

Beautification

No report.

Seniors

No report.

IX. Board Member comments and submission of agenda items.

X. Adjournment

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[Final Draft]

July 29, 2020

To: Los Angeles City Council, Mayor Garcetti, Councilmember John Lee, Supervisor Katherine Barger,

From: Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council

Re. Community Impact Statement

The Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council requests that the Los Angeles City Council address the use of Los Angeles City Parks as emergency homeless shelters. On May 18th 2020 the Mayor of Los Angeles Eric Garcetti announced that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the City of Los Angeles would begin using Los Angeles Recreation Centers as Emergency Homeless Shelters.

The Mayor's announcement appeared to be devoid of an exit strategy with the use of Recreation Centers as Emergency Homeless Shelters. The Mayor's announcement did not provide a template or plan for Neighborhood Councils or the Public to follow with regard to Sanitation, Public Safety, Emergency Services or a conduit for the Public to report issues with the Emergency Homeless Shelter program.

Currently the residents of Granada Hills have witnessed an unacceptable increase in homeless encampments at and beyond the Granada Hills Recreation Center (Petit Park). Persons experiencing homelessness have moved beyond Petit Park and can now be found living throughout the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council's boundaries.

WHEREAS Granada Hills (Petit) Park that is located within the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council's boundaries is important for the wellbeing of over 53,000 residents of Granada Hills.

WHEREAS Residents of our part of Los Angeles, including persons experiencing homelessness the city has transferred to Granada Hills Park, deserve dignity and a safe community environment.

WHEREAS The City of Los Angeles has physically transferred numerous Angelinos experiencing homelessness to Granada Hills and, due to that transfer, the City of Los Angeles is now directly responsible for the lives of those Angelinos experiencing homelessness.

WHEREAS, Using our City Park – Granada Hills Park has resulted in increased encampments in and around the park at an unacceptable level, including impeding access to the Public Library located at the Southeast corner of Chatsworth Street and Petit Avenue.

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WHEREAS The City of Los Angeles must provide a written strategy and the results of that strategy for providing, Safety, Sanitation and Services for the individuals experiencing homelessness and to the neighborhoods they have moved into.

WHEREAS The City of Los Angeles has transferred Los Angeles Residents that are experiencing homelessness to Granada Hills and therefore must provide a safe environment for those persons 24 hours a day 7 days a week. This includes persons that have moved beyond Petit Park. The LAPD has provided security at Petit Park and must seek out and help safeguard the lives of the homeless at and beyond the Park.

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council strongly requests

1. The City of Los Angeles should provide our community with an accounting of how many Angelinos experiencing homelessness have been transferred to the Granada Hills Recreation Center.
2. The City of Los Angeles must ensure that all persons experiencing homelessness that have been placed at Granada Hills Park are provided with services to ensure successful placement in other housing once the facility is no longer available as a shelter.
3. The City and County of Los Angeles must ensure that all persons experiencing homelessness in the community surrounding Granada Hills Park are provided with services to ensure successful placement in other housing once the facility is no longer available as a shelter.
4. Request for Los Angeles City and County Sanitation to provide ongoing cleaning and portable restroom facilities in the areas around the new homeless encampments that have appeared at and near Granada Hills Park.
5. Request for Los Angeles City to assess the use of unarmed specialists to respond to non-violent emergency calls in Granada Hills including, health, mental health and substance abuse. The Los Angeles City to respond in writing to GHSNC by September 1, 2020.
6. Request for the City of Los Angeles to provide effective police presence to ensure the safety and security of both persons experiencing homelessness on the streets of Granada Hills and to the surrounding community.
7. Request for the City of Los Angeles to provide a strategy to ensure that the Los Angeles Police Department work with LAHSA to use every tool necessary to deescalate any situation involving a person experiencing homelessness within the boundaries of the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council rather than resort to use of force.
8. Request that any use of force by the LAPD against any person experiencing homelessness within the boundaries of Granada Hills South be immediately reported to the Granada Hills South Public Safety and Homelessness Committees.

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9. Request that City Councilmember John Lee and Supervisor Kathryn Barger provide an ongoing monthly report to both the GHSNC Homelessness Committee and the GHSNC Safety Committee of the services being provided to persons experiencing homelessness on the streets of Granada Hills by LAHSA, DMH, Dept. of Sanitation, LAPD and any other city/county funded entities.

Should you have any questions, please contact us via email at:

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Sincerely,

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