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#### GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Board Meeting Agenda
Los Angeles Fire Department Station 87
Conference Room
10124 Balboa Blvd.
Granada Hills, CA 91344
Thursday November 6, 2025
7:00 PM

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Michael Benedetto Anush Danielyan Brendel Geddes Carol Hart John Horn Sally Kolstad Amanda Mercado-Nguyen James Mercado-Nguyen Mark Morris Jeremy Oberstein Abbey Ronquillo
Bradley Smith
Emily Tarverdyan
Linda Williamson
2 Vacant At-Large Directors
1 Vacant Youth Board Member

#### All agenda items are subject to discussion and possible board action

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. FLAG SALUTE AND BOARD ROLL CALL
- III. GOVERNMENT REPORTS
- **IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT -** Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed 2 minutes.
- V. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2025 and October 8, 2025, board meetings.
  - b. Discussion and possible action to approve Steven Hosseini as a GHSNC Board Member for the remaining 2025-2027 term.
  - c. Discussion and possible action to approve Douglas Escobar as a GHSNC Board Member for the remaining 2025-2027 term.
  - d. Discussion and possible action to approve the Granada Hills Community Foundation Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$3,000.00. The NPG would support the 42nd Annual Granada Hills Holiday Parade.

- e. Discussion and possible action approve up to \$600.00 for the annual holiday celebration on December 5, 2025.
- f. Discussion and possible action approve up to \$2,500.00 to host a Homelessness Town Hall.

#### VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

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# Granada Hills South Meighborhood Council

Board Meeting Minutes September 11, 2025 7:00PM-9:13PM (DRAFT)

#### **Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council**

11024 Balboa Blvd., Box 767 Granada Hills, CA 91344 818-723-8087

Website: www.ghsnc.org Email: board@ghsnc.org

Regular Meeting Location: Granada Hills Charter High School Rawley Hall

10535 Zelzah Ave. Granada Hills, CA 91344 (MAIL NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS ADDRESS)

Boardmember		Roll Call	Funding Vote Eligible*	Category
Michael Benedetto		Present		At Large Director
Anush Danielyan		Absent/Excused		At Large Director
Brendel Geddes	Treasurer	Present		At Large Directors
Carol Hart		Absent		At Large Director
John Horn	Secretary	Present		At Large Director
Sally Kolstad		Absent/Arrived at 7:10PM		At Large Director
Amanda Mercado-Ng	uyen	Present		At Large Director
James Mercado-Nguy	ren	Present		At Large Director
Mark Morris		Present		At Large Director
Jeremy Oberstein	Vice President	Present		At Large Director
Abbey Ronquillo	President	Present		At Large Director
Brad Smith		Present		At Large Director
Emily Tarverdyan		Absent/Excused		At Large Director
Vacant				Youth Boardmember
Vacant				At Large Director
Vacant				At Large Director
Vacant				At Large Director
Vacant				At Large Director
Total Board Members	5 -13	09 Present 04 Absent		

<sup>\*</sup>Funding vote eligibility key: **A**=age less than 18 yrs.; **E**=Ethics training; F=Funding training; N=not taken; **X**=expired \*\* Advance notice given for absence (VOTE KEY: Yes, No, Abstain, Ineligible, Recuse, Absent)

- 1. CALL TO ORDER-The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Ronquillo. The president stated that every meeting we need to be respectful and supportive of each other.
- II. FLAG SALUTE AND BOARD ROLL CALL- Roll was called by President Ronquillo. Quorum was reached.

GHSNC ITEM II. Roll Call		
Present –09	Absent 02	Excused-02
Benedetto, Geddes, Horn, A. Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris,	Hart,	Danielyan,
Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith	Kolstad	Tarverdyan

#### **III. GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

- a. Valley Field Representative, Congressman Whitesides Office, Shannon Hurst- The office is happy to help anyone with issues with the Departments of the Federal Government.

  Shannon.Hurst@mail.house.gov
- IV. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT** Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed 2 minutes.
  - a. Maria Fisk- Centennial Celebration There will be a presentation on Oct 19 More information to follow.
  - b. Alexandra Drew-Where are the minutes for last month?

#### Sally Kolstad joined the meeting at 7:10PM

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action to appoint positions for Empower LA
  - Homelessness Liaison This individual, serves as a point of contact between your council
    and City departments, agencies, and coalitions working on housing and homelessness.
    Homelessness Liaisons help represent your board's perspective in broader policy
    conversations while also bringing back valuable information and opportunities to your
    community. HLs can be either board members or stakeholders. Michael Benedetto was
    appointed as the Homelessness Liaison
  - 2. Regional Grievance Panelist- These panelists are called upon as needed to serve on a three-member panel that reviews formal grievances filed against Neighborhood Councils. Their participation helps uphold integrity and fairness across the NC system and promotes accountability throughout the network. Panelists must be board members and must complete required training before serving. Your board may appoint more than one representative to ensure availability when needed. Item Postponed

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for July 2025 and August 2025

Public Comment: None

**Motion: Passed** 

GHSNC ITEM VI a. Motion to approve the Monthly Expend	diture (M	ER) for July 2	025 and Augu	st 2025
Moved: Ronquillo Seconded: Oberstein				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Benedetto, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad, A. Mercado-Nguyen,	None	None	None	Danielyan, Hart,
J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith				Tarverdyan

b. Discussion and possible action to approve the draft minutes for August 7, 2025 Board Meeting and August 17, 2025 Special Board Meeting.

Public Comment: Ms. Drew requests the meeting minutes for last month's minutes. There are no draft minutes for the public tonight. She wants to know if the MERs were approved.

**Motion: Passed** 

GHSNC ITEM VI b. Motion to approve the draft minutes f 2025 Special Board Meeting.	or Augus	t 7, 2025 Boa	rd Meeting an	d August 17,
Moved: Ronquillo Seconded: Oberstein				
Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Benedetto, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad, Mercado-Nguyen, J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith	None	None	None	Danielyan, Hart, Tarverdyan

c. Discussion and possible action not to oppose the applicant's request filed under Los Angeles City Planning Case Number ZA-2024-8255-ZV (i.e. a request for zoning variance to allow the conversion of a veterinary clinic at 16915 W San Fernando Mission Blvd., Granada Hills, to a veterinary hospital). This matter is also filed under ENV-2024-8256-CE.

BACKGROUND: Note this address is on the northeast corner of the intersection of San Fernando Mission and Balboa boulevards, in an existing shopping center. The applicant's current hours of operation are Monday-Sunday, 9:00 am - 11:30 pm, and the request for the variance would allow 24/7 operations,

Monday-Sunday, including overnight stays for animals and staff. The applicant does business as Mission Veterinary Clinic. After an appearance at the April 9 meeting of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee by the applicant, and questions from the public and the committee, the committee voted 4-0 to recommend the Council not to oppose the applicant's request, as described above. -The Hearing is scheduled for September 25, 2025.

Public Comment: Questions were asked by community members which were answered by the applicant. Motion: Passed

GHSNC ITEM VI c. Motion not to oppose the applicant's request filed under Los Angeles City Planning Case Number ZA-2024-8255-ZV (i.e. a request for zoning variance to allow the conversion of a veterinary clinic at 16915 W San Fernando Mission Blvd., Granada Hills, to a veterinary hospital). This matter is also filed under ENV-2024-8256-CE.

Moved: Smith Seconded: Oberstein

Yes-09	No-01	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Benedetto, Geddes, Horn, Mercado-Nguyen, J.	Kolstad	None	None	Danielyan, Hart,
Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith				Tarverdyan

d. Discussion and possible action not to oppose – with conditions set forth below – Los Angeles City Planning Case Number ZA-2023-4817-CU-CUB-SPP-WDI, a request for conditional use permits (CUPs) related to a proposal to demolish the existing convenience store and the vehicle service area of gasoline service station at 16955 W San Fernando Mission Blvd. and replace them with a new convenience store and carwash. This matter is also filed under ENV-2023-4818-EAF and the applicant does business as Manny's Mobil.

BACKGROUND: Note this address is on the northeast corner of the intersection of San Fernando Mission and Balboa boulevards, adjacent to an existing shopping center. The applicant is requesting permits for the following actions: Allow for deviations to development standards for the carwash, to an increase the hours of operation, specifically for the carwash, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 8p.m. Sunday, to 24/7, M-S; b) to allow less than 50% transparent windows on the west elevation of the carwash, and c) to allow less than a 5-foot width of landscaping setback along the street frontages; specifically, the required 5-foot dedication and improvements on Balboa Blvd. and the required 2-foot dedication and improvements on San Fernando Mission Blvd. Separately, there are requests d) to continue the current 24/7, M-S operation of the gas station, and e) to continue the current sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption.

After an appearance at the April 9 meeting of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee by the applicant, and questions from the public and the committee, the committee voted 4-0 to recommend the Council not to oppose the applicant's request, as described above, but with the following conditions:

Safety-related: applicant to add "No Left Turn" signage on the Balboa Blvd. and San Fernando Mission Blvd. sides of the project; applicant to add speed bumps in the traffic passage from the project site to the northern entrance into the shopping center (at the boundary between project site and Trader Joe's adjacent traffic/parking area); applicant to add signage (as cars exit new car wash) to "Beware of Pedestrian Traffic When Exiting"

Energy/electric vehicles: applicant to add/expand charging station availability for electric vehicles;

Hours: Applicant to limit the hours of the carwash availability from 24/7 to 7am-10 pm;

#### Changed from 6:00AM- Midnight

Landscaping: Applicant to present a detailed landscaping plan for the project, with attention to specific elements raised during the April 9 meeting, including: additional landscaping throughout the project; using California native plants; increasing the tree shade canopy overall with larger, more shade-intensive, and more numerous trees, including conferring with City urban forestry and public works staff on the best types overall and adding street trees; and adding plants to walls that are currently bare (the dumpster shelter, for example);

Architecture: Applicant to fully follow Granada Hills specific plan recommendations, including adding "four-sided" architectural features and treatments, in the Mission Revival/Spanish Colonial style

Local economic impact: Applicant to commit to buying local (southern California) and California-produced products, notably beer and wine, along with local hiring.

#### **Public Comment:**

- a. Stakeholder-How does this fit into the corner?
- b. Stakeholder- Feels this is a violation of the Specific Plan page 6, which forbids new auto uses.
- c. Stakeholder-Wants money set aside for notifying community members.

d. Has the community been surveyed?

#### **Motion: Passed**

GHSNC ITEM VI d. Motion not to oppose – with conditions set forth above – Los Angeles City Planning Case Number ZA-2023-4817-CU-CUB-SPP-WDI, a request for conditional use permits (CUPs) related to a proposal to demolish the existing convenience store and the vehicle service area of gasoline service station at 16955 W San Fernando Mission Blvd. and replace them with a new convenience store and carwash. The operating hours were changed from 6:00-Midnight.The applicant will be adding cabling for future EV charging. This matter is also filed under ENV-2023-4818-EAF and the applicant does business as Manny's Mobil.

**Moved: Smith Seconded: Oberstein** 

Yes-09	No-01	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Benedetto, Geddes, Horn, Mercado-Nguyen, J.	Kolstad	None	None	Danielyan, Hart,
Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith				Tarverdyan

e. Discussion and possible action to sponsor a Neighborhood Purpose Grant application from the L.A. Parks Foundation for up to \$1,000 for the Granada Hills Rec. Center Halloween Event on October 25, 2025.-Michelle De la Hoya was there to give an update on the event and answer any questions.

Public Comment: None

**Motion: Passed** 

GHSNC ITEM VI e. Motion to sponsor a Neighborhood Purpose Grant application from the L.A. Parks Foundation for up to \$1,000 for the Granada Hills Rec. Center Halloween Event on October 25, 2025.

Moved: Ronquillo Seconded: Kolstad

Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-01	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Benedetto, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad, Mercado-Nguyen,	None	Oberstein	None	Danielyan, Hart,
J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith				Tarverdyan

f. Discussion and possible action to approve the suggested committees, ad hoc committees, liaisons, and respective committee members.

#### **COMMITTEES**

BUDGET	COLLABORATION AND	COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Brendel Geddes , Chair	<u>SUSTAINABILITY</u>	Michael Benedetto, Co-Chair
Michael Benedetto	John Horn, Chair	Sally Kolstad, Co-Chair
Jeremy Oberstein	Anush Danielyan	Amanda Mercado-Nguyen
	Amanda Mercado-Nguyen	
	James Mercado-Nguyen	
EMERGENCY SERVICES AND	<b>GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS</b>	PLANNING AND LAND USE
<u>HOMELESSNESS</u>	Jeremy Oberstein,	<u>MANAGEMENT</u>
Michael Benedetto , Chair	Chair Abbey	Bradley Smith, Chair
Carol Hart	Ronquillo Bradley	Brendel Geddes
John Horn	Smith	Jeremy Oberstein

<b>SCHOOLS AND STUDENT ACTION</b>
Abbey Ronquillo, Chair
Mark Morris
Emily Tarverdyan

#### **AD HOC COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS**

AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND	<u>LIASIONS</u>
RECOMMEND UPDATES TO PRESENT BY LAWS	Sally Kolstad, Senior Citizens
Mark Morris , Chair	John Horn, Homelessness
Michael Benedetto	Amanda Mercado-Nguyen, Cultural Affairs
John Horn	
Sally Kolstad	
Jeremy Oberstein	

**Public Comment: None** 

**Motion: Passed** 

GHSNC ITEM VI f. Motion to approve the suggested committees, ad hoc committees, liaisons, and respective

committee members.

**Moved: Ronquillo Seconded: Oberstein** 

Yes-10	No-00	Abstain-00	Ineligible-00	Absent-03
Benedetto, Geddes, Horn, Kolstad, Mercado-Nguyen,	None	None	None	Danielyan, Hart,
J. Mercado-Nguyen, Morris, Oberstein, Ronquillo, Smith				Tarverdyan

ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 8:22PM.

DRAFT Minutes of the Special Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council meeting of October 8, 2025

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 a.m.

#### II. Board Roll Call

- o Michael Benedetto Present
- Anush Danieldyan Present
- o Brendel Geddes Present
- o Carol Hart Absent
- John Horn- Present
- Sally Kolstad Absent
- o James Mercado-Nguyen Present
- o Amanda Mercado-Nguyen Late; arrived at 7:18 p.m.
- Mark Morris Present
- Jeremy Oberstein Present
- o Abbey Ronquillo Present
- o Brad Smith Present
- Emily Tarverdyan Absent

#### III. Government Reports

- LAPD SLO John Parker report
  - 1. Homicide, rapes, burglaries and robberies are all down
  - 2. Advanced license plate readers Cameras have been set up and reduced property crimes
  - 3. Grand theft auto is up
- Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment, Jose Galdamez
  - City Clerk is doing a funding training program. RSVP at <a href="clerk.lacity.gov">clerk.lacity.gov</a>.
  - SB707, legislation signed by the Governor to give Neighborhood Councils
    the opportunity to meet virtually. DONE will follow up with NCs with
    instructions on how to meet virtually.
  - Zoom licenses invoices sent out.
  - NC members who missed the bylaws amendments workshop, they can view the recording of the session via <a href="mailto:empowerla.org">empowerla.org</a>
  - Gratitude for members who attended neighborhood congress.

#### IV. General Public Comment

- Alexandra Drew in re: notice of admonition issued by the city
- Maria Fisk free lecture on history of Granada Hills Sunday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. at Valley Relics Museum
- Sherry Mann Does not approve of parts of the Valley being the car wash capital
  of California. Does not like that when building new construction, developers aren't
  required to provide parking spots.

#### V. New Business

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for September 2025.
  - a. Action: This item was tabled for the November General Meeting
- B. Discussion and possible action to approve Linda Williamson as a GHSNC Board Member for the 2025-2027 term.
  - a. Linda: I was a board member last term and enjoy having the opportunity to serve and make a positive impact on the community.
  - b. Public Comment
    - i. Maria What is the process for approving a member?
    - ii. Douglas Escobar interested in being on the board
  - c. Board Comment
    - i. Anush Danieldyan why did you leave and why are you coming back?
      - 1. Linda: There was an interruption because I couldn't attend
    - ii. Brad Smith Linda is an asset to the community. Lives here and is invested.
    - iii. Michael Benedetto Concerned about past attendance
    - iv. Brendel Geddes Concerned about a prior vote taken about the parade
    - v. Jeremy Oberstein At a time when we struggle for attendance, we should welcome who has made a positive impact on the community and wants to do so again.
  - d. Action item is approved 8 to 2
    - i. Michael No
    - ii. Anush Danieldyan Yes
    - iii. Brendel Geddes No
    - iv. John Horn Yes
    - v. Amanda Mercado-Nguyen Yes
    - vi. James Mercado-Nguyen Yes
    - vii. Mark Morris Yes
    - viii. Abbey Ronquillo Yes
    - ix. Jeremy Oberstein Yes
    - x. Brad Smith Yes
- C. Discussion and possible action to add Jeremy Oberstein as co-chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to review and recommend updates to present by laws.
  - a. Public comment
    - i. Alexandra Drew complaint about bylaws
  - b. Board comment
    - i. None
  - c. Action item is approved 11-0
    - i. Michael Benedetto Yes

- ii. Anush Danieldyan Yes
- iii. Brendel Geddes Yes
- iv. John Horn Yes
- v. Amanda Mercado-Nguyen Yes
- vi. James Mercado-Nguyen Yes
- vii. Mark Morris Yes
- viii. Abbey Ronguillo Yes
- ix. Jeremy Oberstein Yes
- x. Brad Smith Yes
- xi. Linda Yes
- D. Discussion and possible action to appoint a key holder and do an audit of materials in the GHSNC storage unit.
  - a. Public comment
    - i. None
  - b. Board comment
    - Jeremy Oberstein proposed an amendment to the motion for the president and chair(s) of the outreach committee to be the key holders of the GHSNC storage unit.
  - c. Board action
    - i. On the amending motion, the vote was 11-0
      - 1. Michael Benedetto Yes
      - 2. Anush Danieldyan yes
      - 3. Brendel Geddes Yes
      - 4. John Horn yes
      - 5. Amanda Mercado-Nguyen yes
      - 6. James Mercado-Nguyen yes
      - 7. Mark Morris yes
      - 8. Abbey Ronguillo Yes
      - 9. Jeremy Oberstein Yes
      - 10. Brad Smith yes
      - 11. Linda Williamson Yes
    - ii. On the motion, as amended, the item was approved 11-0
      - 1. Michael Benedetto Yes
      - 2. Anush Danieldyan yes
      - 3. Brendel Geddes Yes
      - 4. John Horn yes
      - 5. Amanda Mercado-Nguyen yes
      - 6. James Mercado-Nguyen yes
      - 7. Mark Morris yes
      - 8. Abbey Ronquillo Yes
      - 9. Jeremy Oberstein Yes
      - 10. Brad Smith yes
      - 11. Linda Williamson Yes

- E. Discussion and possible action to approve an NPG to Vintage Magnet Elementary School for \$1,000 for installation of a mesh security screen covering the school's perimeter fence to block out unsafe activity.
  - a. Public comment
    - i. Alexandra Drew: Comment about GHSNC funding
  - b. Board comment
    - Jeremy Oberstein Oberstein Acknowledge importance of request and child safety, but concerned about funding programs when the NC budget itself is so tight and when other government agencies have not funded.
    - John Horn Concerned about funding as well when the NC budget is tight.
  - c. Board action
    - i. The item was approved, 7-2
      - 1. Michael Benedetto ineligible
      - 2. Anush Danieldyan Yes
      - 3. Brendel Geddes Yes
      - 4. John Horn No
      - 5. Amanda Mercado-Nguyen Yes
      - 6. James Mercado-Nguyen Yes
      - 7. Mark Morris Yes
      - 8. Jeremy Oberstein No
      - 9. Abbey Ronquillo Yes
      - 10. Brad Smith Yes
      - 11. Linda Williamson Ineligible
- F. (THIS ITEM WAS TABLED FOR LATER CONSIDERATION) Discussion and possible action to approve an NPG to the Granada Hills Rotary Club for \$1,000 dollars for costs associated with a tent rental, printing, and miscellaneous supplies for its annual Oktoberfest event.
- G. Discussion and possible action to approve an NPG to the Granada Hills Community Foundation for \$2,000 dollars for costs associated with event fees for the 2025 Granada Hills Street Faire and Car Show

(Mark Morris Davis recused himself from considering this item and left the room)

- a. Public comment
  - i. Alexandra comment re MERs
  - ii. Sherry question about MERs
- b. Board comment
  - Brendel Geddes noted that this was considered and approved in Budget committee

- ii. Jeremy Oberstein Oberstein noted that the committee opted to reduce the amount of the NPG from the amount requested from the organizer due to the city's ongoing fiscal troubles.
- c. Board action
  - i. Motion was approved 8-0
    - 1. Michael Benedetto Ineligible
    - 2. Anush Danieldyan yes
    - 3. Brendel Geddes Yes
    - 4. John Horn yes
    - 5. Amanda Mercado-Nguyen yes
    - 6. James Mercado-Nguyen yes
    - 7. Mark Morris recused
    - 8. Jeremy Oberstein yes
    - 9. Abbey Ronquillo Yes
    - 10. Brad Smith yes
    - 11. Linda Williamson -inelligible

(Mark Davis rejoined the meeting at 8:10)

- H. Discussion and possible action to approve an NPG to the Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences for \$1,000 dollars for costs associated with purchasing parts and supplies for student robotics competitions and classes.
  - a. Public comment
    - i. Douglas Escobar applauded the work of the program and school
  - b. Board comment
    - i. Linda Williamson noted her son was in robotics club at VAAS and became class valedictorian
    - ii. Jeremy Oberstein Oberstein asked if any other governmental agencies donated; answer was no.
  - c. Board action
    - i. Motion was approved 8-1
      - 1. Michael Benedetto Ineligible
      - 2. Anush Danieldyan Yes
      - 3. Brendel Geddes Yes
      - 4. John Horn Yes
      - 5. Amanda Mercado-Nguyen Yes
      - 6. James Mercado-Nguyen Yes
      - 7. Mark Morris Yes
      - 8. Jeremy Oberstein No
      - 9. Abbey Ronquillo Yes
      - 10. Brad Smith Yes
      - 11. Linda Williamson Ineligible

 Discussion and possible action to approve an NPG to the Granada Hills Rotary Club for \$1,000 dollars for costs associated with a tent rental, printing, and miscellaneous supplies for its annual Oktoberfest event.

(Anush Danieldyan recused herself 8:25 p.m.)

- a. Public comment
  - i. Alexandra Drew financial questions
- b. Board comment
  - i. John Horn noted this event required tickets to be purchased for this event, that it was age restricted and thus not free and open to all members of the public, rendering it moot from NPG consideration
- c. Board action
  - i. The motion failed 8-0
    - 1. Michael Benedetto ineligible
    - 2. Anush Danieldyan Recused
    - 3. Brendel Geddes No
    - 4. John Horn No
    - 5. Amanda Mercado-Nguyen No
    - 6. James Mercado-Nguyen No
    - 7. Mark Morris No
    - 8. Jeremy Oberstein No
    - 9. Abbey Ronquillo No
    - 10. Brad Smith No
    - 11. Linda Williamson ineligible

(Anush Danieldyan rejoined the meeting at 8:32)

- J. Discussion and possible action to approve amending the 2025-2026 Admin Packet to reflect a reallocation of \$123.68 dollars for Zoom license and audio which will be deducted from the meeting refreshments budget of \$1,191.39.
  - a. Public comment
    - i. Alexandra Drew questioned why allocation of Zoom dollars came from a certain account
    - ii. Maria Fisk appreciates fiscal responsibility, asked about refreshments
  - b. Board comment
    - Abbey Ronquillo mentioned that the board is working to fix previous errors and ensure it is fiscally sound and responsible.
    - ii. Michael Benedetto said new board members have a lot to learn
    - iii. Jeremy Oberstein reiterated DONE's comments about virtual meeting training for NC members
  - c. Board action
    - i. Motion is approved
      - 1. Michael Benedetto ineligible

- 2. Anush Danieldyan Yes
- 3. Brendel Geddes Yes
- 4. John Horn Yes
- 5. Amanda Mercado-Nguyen Yes
- 6. James Mercado-Nguyen Yes
- 7. Mark Morris Yes
- 8. Jeremy Oberstein Yes
- 9. Abbey Ronquillo Yes
- 10. Brad Smith Yes
- 11. Linda Williamson ineligible

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

ECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE ou may also provide the Budget Outline on a separate shee	et if necessary or requested.	
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Signature

Title

**PRINT Name** 

Date

#### **Neighborhood Council Funding Program**

#### **APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)**





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Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: SECTION I- APPLICANT INFORMATION 46-3612720 July, 25 2014 **Granada Hills Community Foundation** Organization Name Date of 501(c)(3) Federal I.D. # (EIN#) State of Incorporation Status (if applicable) Granada Hills ы P.O. Box 33844 91344 Organization Mailing Address City Zip Code 1c) Same Business Address (If different) City Zip Code State 1d) PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION: **Emilie Koster** 818-425-6326 eekucla@gmail.com Phone Name **Email** 2) Type of Organization- Please select one: 501(c)(3) Non-Profit (other than religious institutions) ☐ Public School (not to include private schools) or Attach IRS Determination Letter Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead Granada Hills Granada Hills Community Foundation 3) Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable) City State Zip Code

#### SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4) Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.

The intent of the grant is to be used for the 42nd Annual Granada Hills Holiday Parade, a longstanding tradition that brings together our community to celebrate the holiday season. This year's theme, "Holidays of the Roaring Twenties" a salute to the 100th Anniversary of the Community of Granada Hills. The Granada Hills Holiday Parade draws thousands of participants and spectators from the local area, showcasing marching bands, community groups, and local businesses. The grant will help cover general event expenses such as permits, signage, restrooms, and event advertising to ensure the success of this beloved celebration. The parade is scheduled for Sunday. December 7th, 2025.

5) How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large. (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)

The grant will be used to support the 42nd Annual Granada Hills Holiday Parade, which serves as a significant community event, bringing together thousands of residents, families, and visitors from across the area. By funding key elements such as permits, signage, restrooms, and advertising, the grant will ensure that the event is accessible, safe, and well-organized for the public. The parade fosters community pride, strengthens local connections, and provides a platform for local organizations, schools, and businesses to showcase their contributions. By celebrating together through a theme of "Holidays of the Roaring Twenties" the event promotes unity and creates a positive, inclusive experience for people of all ages and backgrounds, benefiting the public at large.

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#### City of Los Angeles Office of the City Clerk Neighborhood Council Funding Program



#### Neighborhood Purposes Grants

Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPGs) provide NCs opportunities to develop partnerships with local 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public schools to build community and enhance neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles. Projects and activities supported by NPGs vary widely and can include, but are not limited to:

- The Arts
- Beautification
- Community Support
- Education
- Community Improvements

NPG-funded projects and activities must be for a *public benefit* and purpose, **open**, *accessible*, and *free of charge* to stakeholders.

Grants approved by NCs exceeding \$5,000 involve further review and possible City contract by the Office of the City Clerk.

Visit the NC Funding Program website page on NPGs (click here) to find out more details about how 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public schools serving NC areas can apply. There are two NPG Information Packets; One for prospective applicants to help guide them in the application process, and one for NC board members outlining considerations and factors to keep in mind while evaluating NPG requests.

A "Project Completion Report" template is also provided to help ensure accountability in the use of Grant funds and help demonstrate how NCs and their partners are supporting L.A. communities and stakeholders. NCs and NPG recipients are strongly encouraged to work together to complete and submit the Report at the conclusion of the project.

Any questions you may have with the NPG process, please contact us at the NC Funding Program:

- Clerk.NCFunding@lacity.org
- (213) 978-1058



#### **Entity Status Letter**

Date: 11/3/2025

ESL ID: 7640336630

#### Why You Received This Letter

According to our records, the following entity information is true and accurate as of the date of this letter.

Entity ID: 3530524

Entity Name: GRANADA HILLS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

~	1.	The entity is in good standing with the Franchise Tax Board.	
	2.	The entity is <b>not</b> in good standing with the Franchise Tax Board.	
<b>~</b>	3.	The entity is currently exempt from tax under Revenue and Taxatio	n Code (R&TC) Section 23701 d.
	4.	We do not have current information about the entity.	
	5.	The entity was administratively dissolved/cancelled on Administrative Dissolution process.	through the Franchise Tax Board

#### **Important Information**

- This information does not necessarily reflect the entity's current legal or administrative status with any other agency of the state of California or other governmental agency or body.
- If the entity's powers, rights, and privileges were suspended or forfeited at any time in the past, or if the entity did business in California at a time when it was not qualified or not registered to do business in California, this information does not reflect the status or voidability of contracts made by the entity in California during the period the entity was suspended or forfeited (R&TC Sections 23304.1, 23304.5, 23305a, 23305.1).
- The entity certificate of revivor may have a time limitation or may limit the functions the revived entity can perform, or both (R&TC Section 23305b).

#### **Connect With Us**

Web: ftb.ca.gov

Phone: 800-852-5711 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, except state holidays

916-845-6500 from outside the United States

California

Relay Service: 711 or 800-735-2929 (For persons with hearing or speech impairments)

FTB 4263A WEB (REV 12-2019)

Date JUL 25 2014

GRANADA HILLS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION C/O JOHN P WEITKAMP 10724 WHITE OAK AVE GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344

Employer Identification Number: 46-3612720 17053296392013 Contact Person: LINDA DANIELS ID# 75096 Contact Telephone Number: (877) 829-5500 Accounting Period Ending: December 31 Public Charity Status: 170(b)(1)(A)(v1) Form 990 Required: Yes Effective Date of Exemption: January 23, 2013 Contribution Deductibility: Yes Addendum Applies:

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Director, Exempt Organizations

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### CITY OF LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

#### Neighborhood Council Governing Board

Abbey Ronquillo, **President**Jeremy Oberstein, **Vice-President**John Horn, **Secretary**Brendel Geddes, **Treasurer** 





11024 Balboa Blvd, Box 767 Granada Hills, CA 91344

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# GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Special Board Meeting Agenda
Los Angeles Fire Department Station 87
Conference Room
10124 Balboa Blvd.
Granada Hills, CA 91344
Thursday November 6, 2025
8:00 PM

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Michael Benedetto Anush Danielyan Brendel Geddes Carol Hart John Horn Sally Kolstad Amanda Mercado-Nguyen James Mercado-Nguyen Mark Morris Jeremy Oberstein Abbey Ronquillo
Bradley Smith
Emily Tarverdyan
Linda Williamson
2 Vacant At-Large Directors
1 Vacant Youth Board Member

#### All agenda items are subject to discussion and possible board action

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. BOARD ROLL CALL
- **III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT -** Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed 2 minutes.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Discussion and possible action to approve the North Valley Family YMCA Neighborhood Purpose Grant for up to \$5,000.00 for the annual YMCA Thanksgiving food baskets program.
- V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte por correo electrónico <u>aronquillo@ghsnc.org</u> para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

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 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 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting by contacting the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment by calling (213) 978-1551 or email: NCsupport@lacity.org

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Neighborhood Council agendas are posted for public review as follows:

- 17723 Chatsworth Street, Granada Hills, CA 91344
- https://ghsnc.org/
- You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's <u>Early Notification System (ENS)</u>

#### Notice to Paid Representatives -

If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 48.01 et seq. More information is available at ethics.lacity.org/lobbying. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or ethics.commission@lacity.org

#### **Public Access of Records -**

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at 11024 Balboa Blvd., Box 767, Granada Hills, CA 91344, at <a href="https://ghsnc.org/">https://ghsnc.org/</a> or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Abbey Ronquillo, President, at (747)252-3296 or email at: <a href="mailto:aronquillo@ghsnc.org">aronquillo@ghsnc.org</a>.

#### **Reconsideration and Grievance Process -**

For information on the NC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the NC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website <a href="https://ghsnc.org/">https://ghsnc.org/</a>

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	Organization Mailing Address	City	/	State	Zip Code
1c)					
	Business Address (If different)	City	/	State	Zip Code
1d)	PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:				
	Name	PI	hone	Email	
2)	Type of Organization- Please select one:  ☐ Public School (not to include private schools)  Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead	or		n-Profit (other than religious a etermination Letter	institutions)
3)	Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if appl	icable)	City	State	Zip Code

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4) Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.

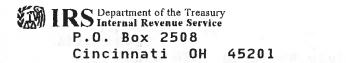
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YOUNG MENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES

625 S NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE

LOS ANGELES CA 90005-1342



Employer Identification Number: 95-1644052
Person to Contact: MR GALLUPPI
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your June 23, 2011, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in January 1988.

Our records also indicate that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Please refer to our website www.irs.gov/eo for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.

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YOUNG MENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES 625 S NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE LOS ANGELES CA 90005-1342

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

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Sincerely yours,

S. A. Martin, Operations Manager Accounts Management Operations

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