



Granada Hills North
Neighborhood Council

GRANADA HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS ELECTION NEWSLETTER



Election Date: March 2, 2010

**** We want you to be a candidate! ****



The Election is coming and we are seeking candidates to run for seats on the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council (GHNNC) and Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council (GHSNC) boards. Many people do not know what Neighborhood Councils are and what they do. Here are some frequently asked questions and their answers:

What is a Neighborhood Council?

In 1999, Los Angeles City residents voted for a new City Charter that mandated Neighborhood Councils. They are an elected board of volunteers that serve as liaisons between the City Council member and other elected officials at City Hall and the Stakeholders who live within their boundaries. Granada Hills has two Neighborhood Councils, Granada Hills North (GHNNC) and Granada Hills South (GHSNC). These two Neighborhood Councils, separated by the 118 freeway, work to enhance the quality of life and sense of community and pride of all its stakeholders.

Who is a Stakeholder?

A stakeholder is defined as anyone who lives, works, owns property within the Neighborhood Council boundaries, or anyone who declares a stake in the neighborhood and can affirm a factual basis for it, including individuals who actively participate in clubs, schools, associations, faith-based groups, and other groups that generally meet within the boundaries of the Neighborhood Council.

How can I sign up to be Candidate?

The L.A. City Clerk is in charge of running the election this year. Candidate Filing Packets will be available to download from their website, by mail, email, or fax. For the latter three, a stakeholder will have to call (213) 978-0444 to request a packet. Their address is:

City Clerk – Election Division
555 Ramirez Street, Space 300, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Phone: (213) 978-0444, or (888) 873-1000 Fax: (213) 978-0376
TTY: 311 for Los Angeles City Residents or (213) 485-2121
<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/website.pdf>

Election Timeline:

- Dec. 2, 2009 Candidate Filing Period Begins
- Dec. 7, 2009 Candidate Filing Meeting 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Winnetka Recreation Gymnasium, 8401 Winnetka Ave.
- Dec 12, 2009 Candidate Filing Meeting 9:30 am to 11:30 am, Winnetka Recreation Gymnasium, 8401 Winnetka Ave.
This meeting is for candidates to submit candidate forms and to learn the roles of a candidate and a board member from the LA City Clerk
- Jan. 4, 2010 Candidate Filing Period Deadline - for name to appear on printed ballot.
- Jan 5, 2010 Write-in Candidate Filing Period Begins
- Jan. 14, 2010 Open Dialogue with Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE); 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, location TBA - for more information check website at www.empowerla.org
- Feb. 1, 2010 Write-in Candidate Filing Period Ends
- Feb. 1, 2010 Candidate Statements Deadline
- Feb. 25, 2010 Candidate Preparation with DONE; 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, location TBA - for more information check website
- Mar. 2, 2010 Election Day**

Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council Boundary Map



Boundary Descriptions:

- North: L.A. County Line
- South: 118 Freeway
- East: 5 and 405 Freeways
- West: Western edge of Aliso Canyon

GHNNC is divided into three Districts:

District One: The boundaries are the 5 freeway on the north, the city/county line on the northwest and the zoning line designating Heavy Industry on the south and east.

District Two: Starting at the junction of the 5 freeway and Balboa Blvd., and running southwest to form the northwestern boundary; then following Balboa Blvd. south to Woodley Ave. and south along Woodley Ave. to Rinaldi St. to form the west and southwestern boundary; then following Rinaldi St. east to the 405 freeway to form the southern boundary, then following the 405 freeway northwest to its junction with

the 5 freeway; continue to the 5 freeway to Balboa Blvd. to form the northeastern boundary.

District Three: The boundaries of District Three encompass the remaining area within the Neighborhood as defined in Section 3.1 above, including both sides of Woodley Avenue. Additionally, any residents on any plot within the foregoing defined boundaries of Districts One and Two having a zoning designation beginning with the letter "R" shall be deemed to be within District Three for the purposes of these Bylaws.

Available Board of Directors Seats - All Terms Two Years

Representative Category	# of Seats	Qualifications (w/in NC Boundaries)	Representative Category	# of Seats	Qualifications (w/in NC Boundaries)
District 1	1	District 1 Stakeholder (see above)	Neighborhood Organization	1	Member of groups such as Neighborhood Watch
District 2	1	District 2 Stakeholder (see above)	Parks	1	Member of park org.
District 3	13	District 3 Stakeholder (see above)	Resident Associations	1	Member of condo/homeowner association
District 3 At Large	1	District 3 Stakeholder At Large	Small Business & Worker	1	From a business employing 75 or fewer workers
Educational	1	Work for a school	Student	1	Age 16-25, Attending school in GHNNC area
Environmental	1	Member of environmental group	Youth Group	1	Member of groups such as Boy/Girl Scouts, youth athletic org., and other youth groups
Faith-Based	1	Member of church, temple, mosque, etc.			

See GHNNC bylaws for complete description of qualifications and verifying documents.

Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council Boundary Map



Boundary Descriptions:

North: 118 Freeway

South: North of Devonshire Street

East: 405 Freeway

West: Aliso Canyon Wash, West of Lindley Avenue

Available Board of Directors Seats - All Terms Two Years

Representative Category	# of Seats	Qualifications (w/in NC Boundaries)	Representative Category	# of Seats	Qualifications (w/in NC Boundaries)
At Large	10	Stakeholder	Homeowners	1	Own home and reside within NC
At Large Factual Basis	1	Stakeholder on Factual Basis	Parks	1	Member of park org.
Renters	1	Renters	Youth Organizations	1	16-25 years old
Community Organizations	1	Member of a community organization	Students	1	Students 16-25 years old attending school
Commercial Property Owners	1	Owner of commercial property	Education	1	Work for school
Faith-Based Groups	1	Member of church, etc.	Cultural Arts	1	Represent cultural org.
Business	1	Own or work for a business	Seniors	1	55 years or older

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Candidate Information Meetings

Monday, December 7, 2009, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 12, 2009, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Winnetka Recreation Center, 8401 Winnetka Ave., Winnetka 91306

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