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GHNNC Board Meeting Tuesday, May 3, 2022 – 6:30 PM Zoom Meeting Online https://zoom.us/j/98538834487 By Telephone Dial (669) 900-6833 or Toll Free # are (833) 548-0282 or (877) 853-5257 Enter Webinar ID: 985 3883 4487 and Press #



GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE GRANADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION. TO ACCESS DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO THIS MEETING GO TO GHNNC.ORG AND CLICK ON THE LINK IN THE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT.

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial (669) 900-6833, (833) 548-0282 or (877) 853-5257, enter 985 3883 4487 and then press # to join the meeting. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Agenda items will be open to the public before the Board takes action. The public is requested to dial *9 if wishing to speak and wait until prompted by the presiding officer. Comments from the public on 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 two minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

All agenda items are subject to discussion and possible Board action

- A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Comments from DONE representative
- C. Comments from CD 12, LAPD Senior Lead Officers, Elected Official Reps, Government Agencies (Limited to three minutes)
- D. Public Comment on agenda and non-agenda items (Limited to two minutes).
- E. President
 - 1. Discussion and Motion to approve or encumber funds for NPG for \$3,500 for EHR (Environmental Health Review) for community outreach materials. The Outreach is for the purposes of obtaining clinical health evaluations from victims of the October 23, 2015 Aliso Canyon Gas Leak. Results of the evaluations obtained will be provided to support the permanent closure of Aliso Canyon.**City Clerk recommended reintroducing this item.
 - 2. Request an update from CD12 for accounting of funds from Sunshine Canyon Landfill Amenities Fund
 - 3. Request an update from CD12 regarding October 2020 allocation of \$100K to GHNNC earmarked for community projects
 - 4. Through which department or company does the Zoom license get requested
- F. Executive Committee
 - 1. Motion to approve the following Board Meeting minutes
 - a. GHNNC April 5, 2022 Board Meeting

- 2. Discussion and motion to approve the following NPG's (Neighborhood Purposes Grant):
 - a. Devonshire Is SOLID for an amount up to \$5,000
 - b. Granada Hills Rotary Foundation for an amount up to \$5,000
- 3. Discussion and motion to approve \$250.00 for contribution of the 2022 NC Congress of Neighborhood Councils to be held virtually on Saturday September 24, 2022.
- 4. Discussion and possible motion regarding GHNNC meeting options for the future: Virtually, Hybrid, or In Person. AB361 remains in force.
- G. Treasurer Report
 - 1. There is no April 2022 MER report as it will be issued post the May 3, 2022 meeting.
 - 2. CAG (Community Advisory Group)
 - 3. Budget Advocate Report
- H. Planning and Land Use Committee Report
 - 1. The PLUM Committee unanimously agreed to review, take action and monitor new construction, reconstruction, conditional use permits, and compliance with the Granada Hills Specific Plan and Community Plan.
 - 2. The PLUM does not handle individual complaints and neighbor disputes which are handled by MyLA311.
 - 3. Stakeholders or GHNNC Board Members may notify MyLA311 directly for a variety of matters and monitor their service requests at their discretion. Visit www.lacity.org/myla311.
 - 4. Quarterly project statuses will be added to our website under PLUM with the contact information for the project.
 - 5. Update on proposed Home Depot Project at Devonshire and Balboa.(Granada Hills South Area)
- I. Emergency Preparedness Committee Report
- J. Citywide Issues Committee Report
 - 1. Discussion and resolved that GHNNC not submit funding for the Congress of Neighborhood Councils until the Program for and management of the Congress is clarified to GHNNC Board's satisfaction
 - 2. Discussion and resolved regarding DONE recommendations for mandatory Training CF <u>20-0990_rpt_DONE_03-08-22.pdf (lacity.org)</u> be modified as follows:
 - a. Item 2: delete word "complete" and replace with word "audit".
 - b. Items 3,4,5,6 and 7 To be deleted
 - 3. Discussion and resolved regarding post pandemic meetings that GHNNC work with DONE to develop a hybrid method where stakeholders and other interested parties may participate through a remote format or in person with GHNNC Board of Directors who will meet in person and not remotely.
- K. Outreach and Publicity Committee Report
 - 1. Shred Event Recap
 - 2. Water Crisis and DWP Report
 - 3. Parks and Beautification Report
 - 4. Community and monthly event report
- L. Public Safety Committee Report
 - 1. Discussion and Motion regarding preparing letter to CD12 / John Lee requesting overtime funding for motorcycle and traffic enforcement, morning and afternoon, Monday through Friday, on Balboa Blvd, north of Rinaldi.
 - 2. Discussion and Motion regarding fences which appear to be too high which are being constructed on Balboa Blvd. north of Rinaldi Street, including safety issues, and potential referral to PLUM committee for action to get a City Planning Inspector out to check.
 - 3. Discussion and Motion regarding installing signage on the East side of Balboa Blvd just before Woodley Ave. including arrows to indicate that there is a left curve / turn ahead past Woodley
- M. West Valley Neighborhood Alliance on Homelessness Representative Report
- N. Small Business Representative Report
- O. Faith-Based Representative Report
- P. Student Representative Report
- Q. Board Member Announcements
- R. Adjournment

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the Chairperson.

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The agendas for the GHNNC meetings are posted for public review at 13150 Sesnon Blvd., as well as on the GHNNC's official website at www.GHNNC.org. Stakeholders may also subscribe to the City of Los Angeles Early Notification System (ENS), through the City's website at www.lacity.org, to receive notices for GHNNC meetings. For more information, you may also contact GHNNC, at 818 923-5592.

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 our scheduled meeting or at our website www.ghnnc.org. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Council at 818 923-5592.

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, assisted 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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AB 361 Updates -

Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

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 <u>ethics.lacity.org/lobbying</u>. For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or <u>ethics.commission@lacity.org</u>

For information on the Process for Reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matter related to this Council, please consult the GHNNC Bylaws by visiting www.GHNNC.org or calling the GHNNC, at 818 923-5592.any other procedural matter related to this Council, please consult the GHNNC Bylaws by visiting www.GHNNC.org or visiting the GHNNC, at 818 923-5592

Neighborhood Council Funding Program APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)



This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. Upon approval of the application the Neighborhood Council (NC) shall submit the application along with all required documentation to the Office of the City Clerk, NC Funding Program.

Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: _____

SECTION I- APPLICANT INFORMATION

1a) 1b)	Organization Name	Fed	eral I.D. # (EIN#)	State of Inc	orporation	Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable
	Organization Mailing Address	City	/		State	Zip Code
1c)						
	Business Address (If different)	City	/	9	State	Zip Code
1d)	PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:	Pł	none	En	nail	
		<i>Pf</i> or	□ 501(c)(3) Nor		han religious ir	nstitutions)
2)	Name Type of Organization- Please select one: Public School (not to include private schools)	or	□ 501(c)(3) Nor	n-Profit (other t	han religious ir	nstitutions)

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

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)

SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE

You may also provide the Budget Outline on a separate sheet if necessary or requested.

6a)	Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
6b)	Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
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7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?

8) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in Question 4 contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? (Including NPG applications to other NCs) \Box No \Box Yes If Yes, please describe:

Source of Funding	 Total Projected Cost
	\$ \$
	\$ \$
	\$ \$

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$_____

10a) Start date: ___/___ 10b) Date Funds Required: ___/___ 10c) Expected Completion Date: ___/___/ (After completion of the project, the applicant should submit a Project Completion Report to the Neighborhood Council)

SECTION IV - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

11a) Do you (applicant) have a current or former relationship with a Board Member of the NC?

□ No □ Yes If Yes, please describe below:	
Name of NC Board Member	Relationship to Applicant

11b) If yes, did you request that the board member consult the Office of the City Attorney before filing this application?
□ Yes □ No <u>*(Please note that if a Board Member of the NC has a conflict of interest and completes this form, or participates in the discussion and voting of this NPG, the NC Funding Program will deny the payment of this grant in its entirety.)</u>

SECTION V - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein and communicated otherwise is truly and accurately stated. I further affirm that I have read the documents "What is a Public Benefit," and "Conflicts of Interest" of this application and affirm that the proposed project(s) and/or program(s) fall within the criteria of a public benefit project/program and that no conflict of interest exist that would prevent the awarding of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant. I affirm that I am not a current Board Member of the Neighborhood Council to whom I am submitting this application. I further affirm that if the grant received is not used in accordance with the terms of the application stated here, said funds shall be returned immediately to the Neighborhood Council.

12a) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal - REQUIRED*

PRINT Name	Title	Signature	Date
2b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation	or Assistant School Princ	ipal - REQUIRED*	
PRINT Name	Title	Signature	Date

* If a current Board Member holds the position of Executive Director or Secretary, please contact the NC Funding Program at (213) 978-1058 or <u>clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org</u> for instructions on completing this form

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 IRS Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service
 P.O. Box 2508
 Cincinnati OH 45201

In reply refer to: 0248167147 June 05, 2015 LTR 4168C 0 95-4418512 000000 00 00018446 BODC: TE

DEVONSHIRE IS S O L I D PO BOX 7181 NORTHRIDGE CA 91327

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Employer Identification Number: 95-4418512 Person to Contact: Ms Wittwer Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your May 27, 2015, 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 March 1994.

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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DEVONSHIRE IS S O L I D PO BOX 7181 NORTHRIDGE CA 91327

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

Sincerely yours,

Doris P. Kenaright

Doris Kenwright, Operation Mgr. Accounts Management Operations 1

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Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: GRAWADA HI	ILS A	LORTH 1	YC
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SECTION I- APPLICANT INFORMATION

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1a)	Organization Name	niementen en anten an an Arabanan	Federal I.D.	# (EIN#)	State of	Incorporation	Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)
1b)	P.O. Box		Granad	da Hills	5	CA	91394
	Organization Mailing Address		City			State	Zip Code
1c)							
,	Business Address (If different)		City			State	Zip Code
1d)	PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:						
	Kerry Nelson	818.40	8.6007	NextL	.evelin	surance	@gmail.com
	Name		Phone			Email	
2)	Type of Organization- Please select on Public School (not to include private sch Attach Signed letter on School Lett	ools) o	r 🗹 501 Att	l (c)(3) Non tach IRS Do	-Profit (oth etermination	er than religious on Letter	institutions)

 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.

Los Angeles School District mini Teacher Grants for school supplies for 25 teachers at Robert Frost Middle School AND/or Kennedy High School.

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)

Many times a year, teachers pay out of their own pocket for classroom supplies for the kids. The mini grant will give each teacher \$200 to help cover those costs.

Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost	
\$200 MINI GRANT FOR 25 TEACHERS	\$ 5000	\$ 5000	
	\$	\$ ⁻	
	\$	\$	
Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost	
	\$	\$	
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Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
		5000

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$5000

10a) Start date: $\underline{06}/\underline{01}/\underline{22}$ 10b) Date Funds Requ	lired: <u>06/01/22</u> 10c) Exp	Dected Completion Date: $07/01/22$	
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PRINT Name	Title	Signature	Date

12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - REQUIRED*

PRINT Name	Title	Signature	Date
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Date: MAY 0 9 2008

GRANADA HILLS ROTARY FOUNDATION 17468 CANDIA ST GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344

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Employer Identification Number: 26-1319928 DLN: · 17053348016017 Contact Person: DONNA ELLIOT-MOORE ID# 50304 Contact Telephone Number: (877) 829-5500 Accounting Period Ending: June 30 Public Charity Status: 509(a)(2) Form 990 Required: Yes Effective Date of Exemption: October 3, 2005 Contribution Deductibility: Yes Advance Ruling Ending Date: June 30, 2010 Addendum Applies: NO

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. During your advance ruling period, you will be treated as a public charity. Your advance ruling period begins with the effective date of your exemption and ends with advance ruling ending date shown in the heading of the letter.

Shortly before the end of your advance ruling period, we will send you Form 8734, Support Schedule for Advance Ruling Period. You will have 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period to return the completed form. We will then notify you, in writing, about your public charity status.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

GRANADA HILLS ROTARY FOUNDATION

We have sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in your power of attorney.

Sincerely,

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Robert Choi Director, Exempt Organizations Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Publication 4221-PC Statute Extension



STATE OF CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE TAX BOARD PO BOX 1286 RANCHO CORDOVA CA 95741-1286

In reply refer to 755:AFF:CAM

June 23, 2008

GRANADA HILLS ROTARY FOUNDATION 17468 CANDIA ST GRANADA HILLS CA 91344-1307

Purpose	:	CHARITABLE
Code Section	:	23701d
Form of Organization	:	Corporation
Accounting Period Ending	:	June 30
Organization Number	:	2803719

EXEMPT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER

This letter acknowledges that the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) has received your federal determination letter that shows exemption under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Under California law, Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Section 23701d(c)(1) provides that an organization is exempt from taxes imposed under Part 11 upon submission of the federal determination letter approving the organization's tax-exempt status pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the IRC.

R&TC Section 2370ld(c)(l) further provides that the effective date of an organization's California tax-exempt status is the same date as the federal tax-exempt status under IRC Section 50l(c)(3). The effective date of your organization's California tax-exempt status is 10/03/2005.

Under R&TC Section 23701d(c), any change to your organization's operation, character, or purpose that has occurred since the federal exemption was originally granted must be reported immediately to this office. Additionally, organizations are required to be organized and operating for nonprofit purposes to retain California tax-exempt status. June 23, 2008 GRANADA HILLS ROTARY FOUNDATION ENTITY ID : 2803719 Page 2

For filing requirements, see FTB Pub. 1068, Exempt Organizations -Requirements for Filing Returns and Paying Filing Fees. Go to our website at ftb.ca.gov and search for 1068.

Note: This exemption is for state franchise or income tax purposes only. For information regarding sales tax exemption, contact the State Board of Equalization at (800) 400-7115, or go to their website at www.boe.ca.gov.

C MARTIN EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS BUSINESS ENTITIES SECTION TELEPHONE (916) 845-5145 FAX NUMBER (916) 843-0202

RTF:

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> **RAQUEL BELTRÁN** GENERAL MANAGER

March 8, 2022

Honorable John Lee, Chairperson

Honorable Members of the Arts, Parks, Health, Education, and Neighborhoods Committee c/o Office of the City Clerk Room 395, City Hall Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUBJECT: NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

BACKGROUND: On August 11, 2020, the City Council approved <u>CF 20-0990</u> (Bonin/Koretz) instructing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department/EmpowerLA), in consultation and collaboration with the Civil +Human Rights and Equity Department (CHRED) to report back to City Council with a plan to implement mandatory diversity equity and inclusion training and anti-bias training for all members of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils. The motion was <u>amended on September 17, 2021</u> by the Health, Education, Neighborhoods and Parks Committee to include implementation of the Mayor's Executive Order No. 27 regarding racial equity in city government plans at the Neighborhood Council level, in consultation with the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, the Commission on Civil Rights, and any relevant departments and commission. The motion was <u>amended on January 19, 2021</u> (Blumenfield/O'Farrell) to include gender expressions and gender in our response.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Approve the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's and CHRED's report and instruct the Departments to continue the implementation of mandatory diversity equity and inclusion training and anti-bias, gender expression and gender identity training for all members of Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils as described in this report.
- Request the Office of the City Attorney, in consultation with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and any other relevant department, to prepare and present an Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require neighborhood council board and committee members to complete the training on implicit bias developed for City employees in compliance with the Mayor's Executive Directive No. 27.
- 3. Request the Office of the City Attorney, in consultation with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and any other relevant department, to prepare and present an Ordinance authorizing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to promulgate all procedures, rules and regulations, as well as issue any directives or moratorium necessary for the resolution of any challenges to current and future required trainings for neighborhood councils.
- 4. Request the Office of the City Attorney, in consultation with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and any other relevant department, to prepare and present an Ordinance authorizing the Department to amend neighborhood council bylaws to ensure that the bylaws comply with this instruction, the Los Angeles Administrative code, or the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils.
- 5. Request the Office of the City Attorney, in consultation with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and any other relevant department, to prepare and present an Ordinance authorizing the Department to amend Neighborhood Council bylaws and to affix Neighborhood Council's bylaws amendments as necessary to promulgate any training procedures, rules or regulations promulgated by the Department.
- 6. The training rules and regulations shall take precedence over any inconsistent language in the Neighborhood Council's bylaws.
- 7. Request the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Office of the City Clerk to provide a report describing the training currently provided to the Neighborhood Council System, and recommending what training, if any, that should also be made mandatory by Ordinance.

SUMMARY:

The Department took action to assess options for developing and implementing the requested mandatory trainings without additional resources. The City of Los Angeles Personnel Department concurrently researched and interviewed nationally acclaimed organizations and institutes with proven track records and expertise to provide programming adequate to implement Executive Directive #27 for City Departments, employees, and volunteers.

On January 21, 2021, Mayor Eric Garcetti announced the creation of the Anti-bias Learning for Employees (ABLE) initiative - a mandatory implicit bias training program for all City employees. Led by the Personnel Department, the ABLE training adapted the Kirwan Institute modules to deliver City of Los Angeles-specific content.

The ABLE training is now available on the City's Cornerstone training platform. Since neighborhood council mandatory trainings are also provided on the Cornerstone platform, the Department made the ALBE training accessible to neighborhood council leaders through their Cornerstone accounts assigned and funded by EmpowerLA.

The Department piloted self-regulation of the ABLE training. Once available on Cornerstone, neighborhood council boards were required to complete the training and report on action taken to ensure 100% completion of the training by March 1, 2022.

As of January 30, 2022, over 50% of NC leaders have completed the ABLE I training. EmpowerLA believes that without a clear directive from the City Council requiring the training and authorizing the Department to promulgate enforcement rules, it will be unlikely to achieve 100% compliance with all board members.

As it relates to gender expression and gender identity training, the Department partnered with the CHRED to retain the services of the University of Southern California's Center on Race and Equity to implement the gender / gender identity implicit bias training. Founded by Professor Shaun R. Harper, the Center's strength resides in its interdisciplinary network of experts on race and racism, people of color, immigration, and other essential equity dimensions.

The anticipated program with USC would provide for (1) implicit bias gender & gender identity training to NCs. The training will be provided in a format that is compatible with the City's current training portal, Cornerstone. This format will allow access while also providing the ability to track participation of NCs in this training. Additionally, the program would provide for (1) training session to EmpowerLA staff and selected neighborhood council leaders on implicit bias mitigation. Our target date for releasing this training is late June 2022.

Our report details our concerted effort to advance the City Council's intent as described in CF 20-0990. However, it is clear that achieving full compliance with City Council training or other City Council action or directives requires providing the Department with authority to carry out City Council courses of action.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact with this report. Thank you for your review of this report.

The Department of Empowerment and the Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department appreciates the opportunity to present this report. We are available to answer any questions at your convenience.

Respectfully,

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Raquel Beltran, General Manager Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

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Capri Maddox, General Manager Civil, Human Rights, and Equity Department

Office of Councilmember John S. Lee Council District 12 9207 Oakdale Ave, Chatsworth, CA 91311

Captain Andy Neiman Valley Traffic Division Los Angeles Police Department 7870 Nollan Pl, Panorama City, CA 91402

Dear Councilmember John S. Lee and Captain Andy Neiman:

Speed-related incidents continue to be an issue along Balboa Blvd. north of Rinaldi, likely due in large part to the high volume of commuter traffic. Some of the collisions have resulted in fatalities and serious injuries. We are requesting additional enforcement details to be performed by the Los Angeles Police Department to help reduce these issues.

We have seen motorcycle officers working out of the Knollwood Country Club and the Volunteer Community Patrol, using LAPD supplied radar units, has observed that motorists approaching that area, especially from the north, have begun to reduce their speeds in anticipation of a possible citation. We are requesting additional patrols of this nature, with an emphasis on the following:

- 1) Enforcement during both the morning and evening commuting windows. We have not seen any officers working in this area during the afternoons.
- 2) Expansion beyond the Knollwood area to also focus on the intersections at Westbury/Colven and the entrance to the Knollwood shopping center (site of several fatal incidents).
- 3) Enforcement of the "Right lane must turn right" restriction at northbound Balboa and Woodley
- 4) Enforcement of the "No left turn 4-7 PM" restrictions on the west side of Balboa

These additional actions should increase the safety of those living in the area by reducing the number of commuter-induced incidents and promoting a greater awareness of traffic law enforcement.

We are requesting that CD 12 immediately provide the funding required if overtime hours are needed. We wish to point out that the Sunshine Canyon Amenity Fund specifically specifies that it is to be used to provide relief to those impacted by the landfill. As we have not seen any funds being used for such purposes for a lengthy period of time it is felt that there is more than adequate funding available to support this request.

Additionally, we are requesting that signage be posted on northbound Balboa to indicate that there is a curve approaching just past Woodley. Numerous motorists are taking this curve at too high a speed and going out of their lanes, as evidenced by the number of destroyed traffic bollards in the area.

Let's work together to make this happen now. Please let us know if you wish to meet to discuss this further, or if there is anything that you need from the GHNNC or the residents to make this happen.

We look forward to your advising of the date and time of such proposed meeting.

Respectfully,

The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council Board of Directors

Los Angeles City Fence, Tree, and Hedge Height Law

Date: September 24, 2016Author: Turner Law Firm

Fence, Tree, and Hedge Height Law

- 1. Is property subject to CCRs or other recorded property specific restrictions?
- 2. Local zoning Los Angeles Municipal Code provisions
- 3. Spite fence law
- 1.

Is property subject to CCRs or other recorded property specific restrictions?

Many properties, particularly in tracts north of Sunset (from the Hollywood Hills, Bel Air, Brentwood, and Pacific Palisades), are subject to recorded CC&Rs (conditions, covenants, and restrictions), DORs (declarations of restriction) or similar recorded restrictions which limit heights of fences, trees, etc. For instance, in Pacific Palisades, some of the Marquez Knolls CC&Rs limits boundary fences and walls to a height of three feet. (Tract 2622, ¶14) Obtain a title report to determine if your property is in "tract" and then determine if there were any CC&Rs recorded.

1. Local zoning, *Los Angeles Municipal Code* provisions

The *Los Angeles Municipal Code* defines the terms "fence" and "wall" to include: latticework, ornamental fences, screen walls, hedges or thick growths of shrubs or trees.

First, determine the property's zoning: <u>ZIMAS</u>

- Zoning
- Hillside Area (Zoning Code)
- Other

Second, the basic rules from *Los Angeles Municipal Code* §12 22.C.20.(f) (check the Ordinance for updates/changes) :

- FRONT YARD FENCES: in most residential areas, fences, hedges, trees are limited to 3.5' in height in the front yard.
- SIDE YARDS, REAR YARDS AND OTHER SPACES: 6' or 8' depending on property's zoning. For example:
 - 8 ft. maximum height R zoned property, if lot width is 40 ft. or greater <u>and</u> not in hillside area.
 - 6 ft. maximum height R zone if lot width is less 40 ft
 - 6 ft. maximum height R zone, hillside area.

See *LAMC* §12.22.C.20.(f)(3) for full text of law and height limits in other property zones (which is below).

Third, how is the height measured:

- The Ordinance states: "Fence and wall height shall be measured from the natural ground level adjacent thereto."
- BUT see LADBS, INFORMATION BULLETIN / PUBLIC ZONING CODE



1. Spite Fence Law What is a spite fence?

California spite fence law starts with Civil Code section 841.4. It states, "any fence or other structure in the nature of a fence unnecessarily exceeding 10 feet in height maliciously erected or maintained for the purpose of annoying the owner or occupant of adjoining property is a private nuisance." The statute is not limited to traditional fences. In *Wilson v. Handley* (2002) 97 Cal.App.3d 1301, the Court of Appeals held that trees and hedges planted in a row to form a barrier may be deemed a spite fence. The court agreed in *Vanderpol v. Star* (2011) 194 Cal.App.4th 385, finding that at row of pine trees planted along a neighbor's boundary line could be considered a spite fence for the purposes of the statute.

The court in *Wilson v. Handley* expanded the definition of a "structure in the nature of a fence." Defendants argued that a row of trees was a not a "structure", and thus could not come under Section 841.4. The court, however, defined a fence as a "structure ... erected ... to separate two contiguous estates," and "a barrier intended ... to mark a boundary." Ultimately, the court concluded that, in light of the purpose of the spite fence statute, the term "fence" should be liberally construed. By this reasoning, other non-traditional fence-like structures may come under the California spite fence statute.

The Los Angeles Municipal Code has its own spite fence statute. LAMC Section 41.30 states, ""No person shall maliciously construct, erect, build, plant, cultivate or maintain any fence or wall or any hedge or similar growth unnecessarily exceeding six (6) feet in height, for the purpose of annoying the owners or occupants of adjoining property."

How do you prove it?

Both the California and Los Angeles spite fence statutes require a showing that the fence was "maliciously" constructed or maintained. Courts generally use the "dominant purpose" test to determine malice. Under that test, if the dominant purpose in constructing or maintaining the fence was to annoy a neighbor, then malice may be found. However, if there is another dominant purpose for the fence, such as to maintain the aesthetic qualities of one's property or to protect one's own privacy, then there is no malice. Since every dispute is different, the question of malice must be answered on a case-by-case basis.

The California spite fence statute also requires a showing of damages. In *Vanderpol v. Starr*, the jury originally awarded damages for the reduction of property value caused by a neighbor's spite fence. On appeal, however, the court says this loss of property value was the wrong measure of damages. Instead, the California spite fence statue requires injury to the "comfort or enjoyment" of one's property. The court likened the spite fence statute to other nuisance statutes, which similarly require that the complaining party was "injuriously affected" or have his or her "personal enjoyment [] lessened by a nuisance."

How do you enforce it?

The California spite fence statute includes a right of enforcement for private citizens. It states that any person may enforce the statute by filing a civil action, pursuant to Civil Code section 3501.

Unlike the California statute, the LAMC spite fence statute does not explicitly include a right of enforcement by private citizens. However, under California Government Code section 36900, a private citizen may still be able to sue for violations of the LAMC. Section 36900 states that violation of a city ordinance may, "be prosecuted by city authorities in the name of the people of the State of California, **or redressed by civil action**" (Emphasis added). In *Riley v. Hilton Hotels Corp.* (2002) 100 Cal.App.4th 599, 607, the court held that Section 36900 allowed a private individual to sue for an alleged violation of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code. Following that case, the court of appeal (Second District) in an unpublished decision held that a home owner had "standing" to enforce the Section 17.48.100 (D)(3) of the Morro Bay Municipal Code provides: "Fences, walls, and hedges not exceeding six feet, six inches in height may occupy any side or rear yard area." (*Kraus v. Grilli*) The Turner Law Firm is one of the leading law firms in view rights, and has handled lots of cases involving tree, fence and hedge heights, including concerning front, side and rear yard violations of *Los Angeles Municipal Code* §12 22.C.20.(f). **INFORMATION BULLETIN / PUBLIC - ZONING CODE**



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HEIGHTS OF FENCES IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES



FENCE HEIGHTS IN REQUIRED YARDS

FRONT YARD FENCES ZONE: A, RA - 6 FT. * SIDE AND REAR YARD FENCES ZONE: A, RA, R - 8 FT. IF LOT WIDTH IS 40 FT. OR GREATER AND NOT IN HILLSIDE AREA. 6 FT. IF LOT IS LESS THAN 40

FT. OR IN THE HILLSIDE AREA

R, RW -3.5 FT.*

* 8 FT. FENCE PERMITTED WITH DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING APPROVAL. PERMIT REQUIRED FOR MASONRY OR CONCRETE FENCES OVER 3 ½ FT. HIGH.

CAUTION! DO NOT ASSUME INSIDE EDGE OF THE SIDEWALK AS THE PROPERTY LINE.

FOR "PREVAILING SETBACK" SEE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES COMPREHENSIVE ZONING CODE.

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METHOD OF DETERMINING MAXIMUM FENCE HEIGHT ON SLOPING GROUND



For additional information regarding this bulletin, please contact the plan check supervisor at:

Metro Office 201 N Figueroa St. 8 th Floor (888) 524-2845 Van Nuys 6262 Van Nuys Blvd. Room 251 (888) 524-2845 West Los Angeles 1828 Sawtelle Blvd. 2 nd Floor (888) 524-2845

For telephone inquiries originating from outside of Los Angeles County, call (213) 482-0000.

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April 22, 2022

City of Los Angeles Department of Building & Safety

6262 Van Nuys Blvd

Van Nuys, CA 91401

Attn: Code Enforcement

Dear Sirs:

We respectfully request that you assign an Inspector to validate whether or not the properties indicated below are in compliance with LA Building Codes as it relates to fences and hedges abutting Balboa Boulevard in Granada Hills, north of Rinaldi Street.

BACKGROUND

Balboa Boulevard in Granada Hills is designated as a Major Class II Highway.

Under Item 2 of a properly noticed Agenda of the Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council's Public Safety Committee on April 6, 2022, the residential properties zoned RS-1 below which abut Balboa Boulevard north of Rinaldi Street in Granada Hills were noted as examples of properties which posed safety issues to police in the furtherance of their duties, that some fences/hedges blocked views of approaching traffic at intersections, and potentially that these properties were not in compliance with Los Angeles Building Codes (attached information regarding City laws on fences/hedges).

After a discussion and a vote, it was decided to refer the same to the GHNNC PLUM Committee, and to write a letter to get a City Planning Inspector out to check for compliance.

PROPERTIES IN QUESTION

- 11600 N. Balboa Blvd/Halsey Street White fence 6-feet around entire property including Balboa side. This is the property that was supposed to be a Daycare which was subsequently denied and sold off.
- 11725 N. Balboa Blvd White fence 6-feet to sidewalk.
- 11811 N. Balboa Blvd Hedge over 6-feet
- 11821? N. Balboa Blvd Hedge over 6 -feet (hard to see house number traffic was bad and curb number was peeling)
- 11911 N. Balboa Blvd Hedge over 6-feet
- 11921 N. Balboa Blvd Hedge over 6-feet
- 11925 N. Balboa Blvd Hedge over 6-feet

If you are not the person to whom this request should be addressed to, would you please forward same to the appropriate person.

We would appreciate a written response to the undersigned within 30 working days to apprise us of you determination of our request, and/or the results of any investigation that you have made.

Regards,

Nathan B. Lee

Chairperson, Public Safety Committee, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council

c.c. Councilman John Lee, 12th Council District

(2) Attachments