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#### MAYOR HAHN ANNOUNCES ELYSIAN VALLEY RIVERSIDE IS 38TH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CERTIFIED

LOS ANGELES - Mayor Jim Hahn today announced that the Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council (#38) completed the certification process after a unanimous vote from the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Tuesday evening.

"Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council is an organization where people care about each other," said Mayor Jim Hahn. "I'm excited that this talented group of people has come together to have an active voice in city government."

Board of Neighborhood Councils Commissioner Tammy Membreno shared her enthusiasm regarding the Elysian Valley Neighborhood Council certification that took place Tuesday evening at the Elysian Valley United Services Center.

"Elysian Valley is truly exceptional," said Membreno. "Although isolated by geographical boundaries, it is a true neighborhood in every sense. We were impressed by their neighborhood pride, diversity, and depth of commitment toward neighborhood empowerment."

The Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council is the smallest Neighborhood Council to date with 7,323 residents, which is below the 20,000 minimum requirements. Exceptions were made for the neighborhood council to complete the certification process because the Los Angeles River and the Golden State Freeway geographically separate Elysian Valley from adjacent communities.

The Los Angeles River helps define residential life in Elysian Valley. The Elysian Valley portion is the only natural basin of the Los Angeles River between the Sepulveda Dam and the Pacific Ocean.

"Because of its small size and compactness, this Neighborhood Council has an opportunity to communicate directly with all of its stakeholders. And that is where power its comes from," said Department of Neighborhood Empowerment General Manager Greg Nelson.

Elysian Valley is a rich and diverse community that includes the Elysian Valley Recreation Center, the Elysian Valley United Services Center, and 75 businesses.

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