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MAYOR HAHN CONGRATULATES THREE VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS CERTIFIED Total number of Neighborhood Councils rises to 45

LOS ANGELES - Mayor Jim Hahn today announced that three additional neighborhood councils, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council (#43), Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council (#44) and Neighborhood Council Valley Village (#45), were certified at North Hollywood High School on Tuesday, September 10.

"I am pleased to see that these three neighborhood councils located in the San Fernando Valley have taken the steps to complete the certification process," said Mayor Hahn. "It is great to see that these Valley Neighborhood Councils have empowered themselves by letting their voices be heard."

General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Greg Nelson and Board of Neighborhood Councils Commissioner Tony Lucente expressed their enthusiasm for the three newly certified neighborhood councils.

"The Valley Village Neighborhood Council is a very cohesive group that has effectively brought together many community interests including merchants, the elderly, renters and homeowners," said Greg Nelson.

"Greater Toluca Lake is an exceptional community comprised of several distinct and unique neighborhoods such as Toluca Lake Village, West Toluca Lake, Hidden Village, Toluca Woods and Toluca Terrace," said Tony Lucente. "Together they are proudly called 'Tolucans."

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