



Northridge West Governing Board

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Outreach Committee and Joint Whole Board Meeting Agenda

Zoom Meeting Online
Monday, April 6, 2026
2:30 pm

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86530979857>

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Webinar ID: 865 3097 9857

Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte a Sam Dulys, Secretaria, al (818) 675-1971, o por correo electrónico samdulys.nwnc@gmail.com para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE NORTHRIDGE WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial +1 (669) 444-9171 and enter 843-540-870-75 and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

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.

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(3).**

The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(4).**

Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(5),**

A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(A),**

A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(B).**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed 2 minute(s).

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS - Sharing events and quick updates.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider an NPG for EnrichLA's Garden Ranger Program, which offers weekly, interdisciplinary garden-based lessons to thousands of students throughout Los Angeles, providing participants with hands-on opportunities to learn about nutrition, science, and environmental stewardship from their school garden. In addition to teaching the garden-based curriculum, Garden Rangers also provide maintenance of the organic edible gardens throughout the academic school year

and during the summer months to ensure the gardens thrive. Funding from this grant would help support the program at local schools (Beckford and Topeka) with the purchase of materials for lessons and activities as well as supplies for organic edible garden care, like seeds and seedlings, and maintenance updates. They are requesting \$3000, and would get the majority of funds from the schools directly (this NPG would supplement their costs). See attached NPG and tax form in the addenda.

2. Discussion of the creation of an ad hoc subcommittee to review the resources on the Northridge Resources portion of our website and update them as needed.
3. Discussion of what NextDoor neighborhoods (if any) NWNC is getting posted to. Consider the delegation of someone within this committee to support the updating of these accounts (especially someone who attended the DONE "Maximize Your Neighborhood Council's Reach with Nextdoor's Public Agency Platform" training)
4. Discussion and vote of a May 30 event with John Lee's office for a 'Meet the Horses and Park Rangers' day. We have requested confirmation that there is no funding request, just an offer to have an outreach table at the event, to be held at Oakridge Park.
5. Discussion of the planning and organization of in-person gatherings with stakeholders for the purpose of meeting with the Northridge West NC Board (considered at some of the last Outreach Committee meetings)
6. Review of expenses already paid for Outreach supplies (\$783.60 for totes and chip clips on 4/1, \$333.84 for hand sanitizer on 4/1, and \$820.14 for crayons and jar openers on 4/2). This leaves \$62.42 in the approved \$2000 budget for flyer printing, with no other items pending. Consider requesting the approval of \$100 additional to cover the cost of flyer printing (with some out-of-stock items and taxes, we went slightly higher than the predicted amount).
7. Discussion of upcoming events

V. COMMITTEE NEXT STEPS AND ASSIGNMENTS

1. Summarize decisions and assign any follow-up tasks.
2. Confirm next meeting date, time, and format.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT 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

PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS – In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, nonexempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website: www.NeighborhoodCouncilWebsite.org 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 Sam Dulys, Secretary, at (818) 675-1971 or email at samdulys.nwnc@gmail.com.

PUBLIC POSTING OF AGENDAS – Neighborhood Council agendas are posted for public review as follows:

- Matador Credit Union, 9401 Reseda Blvd, Northridge, CA 91324
- <http://www.northridgewest.org>

You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's Early Notification System (ENS)

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

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 <http://www.northridgewest.org>.

Addenda (Referenced Documents)

Addendum 1 (NPG from EnrichLA)

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: Northridge West

SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

1a) EnrichLA 27-2797687 CA 08/13/11
Organization Name Federal I.D. # (EIN#) State of Incorporation Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)

1b) 2173 Cedarhurst Dr. Los Angeles CA 90027
Organization Mailing Address City State Zip Code

1c) _____
Business Address (if different) City State Zip Code

1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**
Tomas O'Grady (323) 377-6320 tomasograd@enrichla.org
Name Phone Email

2) Type of Organization- Please select one:
 Public School (not to include private schools) Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead or 501(c)(3) Non-Profit (other than religious institutions) Attach IRS Determination Letter

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.
- EnrichLA's Garden Ranger Program offers weekly, interdisciplinary garden-based lessons to thousands of students throughout Los Angeles, corresponding to both California Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards. The lessons are fun and engaging and provide participants with hands-on opportunities to learn about nutrition, science, and environmental stewardship from their school garden. In addition to teaching our garden-based curriculum, Garden Rangers also provide maintenance of the organic edible gardens throughout the academic school year and during the summer months to ensure the gardens thrive. Funding from this grant would help support our program at local schools with the purchase of materials for lessons and activities as well as supplies for organic edible garden care, like seeds and seedlings, and maintenance updates.
- 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)
- EnrichLA's target population is all K-12 students in the Greater Los Angeles area, with priority given to Title 1 schools or schools with a higher than average percentage of socioeconomically disadvantaged students. Our Garden Ranger Program nurtures curiosity, environmental stewardship, and strong relationships with nutritious foods and organic growing practices. We believe providing opportunities for tangible success in the garden translates to the classroom and community as students build compassion, confidence, teamwork and problem solving skills, independence, responsibility, and trust. Students help harvest the foods they grow and share them with their families and community. When children develop healthy relationships with the food they grow in the garden, they are more likely to do so in other aspects of their lives and will encourage their families to support their healthy lifestyle and eating habits. EnrichLA's organic edible gardens also provide our schools and the surrounding community with open, green space where community members of all ages are routinely invited to participate in garden events and workdays. These events provide community members with a fun, active, fulfilling day spent enriching their own neighborhood.

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
	Beckford Charter School Garden Ranger	\$	\$8,585
	Topeka Drive Charter School Garden Ranger	\$	\$17,170
		\$	\$
6b)	Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
	Beckford Charter supplies and educational materials	\$1,000	\$1,575
	Topeka Drive Charter supplies and educational materials	\$2,000	\$3,150
		\$	\$

7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?
 No Yes If Yes, please list names of NCs: _____

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) No Yes If Yes, please describe:

Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost
Beckford Charter School	\$7,975	\$10,160
Topeka Drive Charter School	\$14,975	\$20,320
	\$	\$

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$3,000

10a) Start date: 09/02/25 10b) Date Funds Required: 05/29/26 10c) Expected Completion Date: 06/12/26
(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 *(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.)

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*

<u>Tomas O'Grady</u>	<u>Executive Director</u>	<u>Tomas O'Grady</u>	<u>03/10/2026</u>
PRINT Name	Title	Signature	Date

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

<u>Johanna Recalde</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Johanna Recalde</u>	<u>03/10/2026</u>
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 clerk.ncfunding@lacity.org for instructions on completing this form

Date: AUG 13 2011

ENRICH LA A NONPROFIT CORPORATION
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27-2797687
DLN:
17053091329041
Contact Person:
JACOB A MCDONALD ID# 31649
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
May 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
June 10, 2010
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
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. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

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.

Sincerely,



Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

Letter 947 (DO/CG)