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## **Sylmar Neighborhood Council General Board Meeting –Agenda Thursday, January 27, 2022 – 6:30 PM**

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*The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.*

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Welcome and Housekeeping**
- 3. Public Comment** on items not appearing on the agenda.
- 4. Presentation** on Wildfire Safety by Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains.
- 5. Discussion and possible action** to approve General Board meeting minutes and notes- Attachment A:
  - a. May 2021
  - b. June 2021
  - c. July 2021
  - d. August 2021
  - e. September 2021
  - f. October 2021
- 6. Discussion and possible action** to approve an opposition letter for 14971 Foothill Blvd. Project A 5-Story, 61 Foot in Height Mixed Use Project with 132 dwelling units and 1,337 SF. of commercial space with basement and ground level parking. PLUC recommends opposing development with draft opposition letter. See Attachment B.
- 7. Discussion and possible action** to approve a letter of support for 15089 Nurmi Street – AA-2021-8539-PMLA – A proposed 2 Lot Parcel Map Subdivision with private Street Serving Parcel A. Site is zoned RE9-1 with General Plan Low I Residential. Applicant Fernando Garcia/Fergar Corporation – Applicant Contact Erik Bowers, PLS 818-342-3277. PLUC recommends supporting subdivision with draft support letter. See Attachment C.

- 8. Discussion and possible action** to approve a support letter for 15277 Cobalt Street – AZ-2021-9185-ZAA - Area, Height, Yard, and Bldg Line 20% Adjustments – A proposed addition of single-family residence of 743 square feet to a legal non-conforming single-family dwelling unit. Applicant Victor Curiel 818-421-7652. PLUC recommends supporting addition with draft support letter. See Attachment D.
- 9. Discussion and possible action** to approve a support letter for 13076 Glenoaks Blvd. Los Mariscos de Sylmar – This is a vacant existing restaurant requesting with a new operator requesting enclosing front patio, renewal of live entertainment permit, addition of 500 square foot patio at rear of building for dining, as well as addition of dance floor to center area of restaurant and extending parking area on currently vacant land at rear. Project Representative Dan Rosales 818-675-6418. PLUC recommends a number of conditions with draft support letter. See Attachment E.
- 10. Discussion and possible action** to support the SFVP Let’s Make a Difference campaign and approve a letter for retailers. San Fernando Valley Partnership, Let’s Make a Difference Rx Prevention & Alcohol Delivery Projects – The goal of these projects is to reduce the likelihood of youth accessing and misusing both alcohol and opioids/prescription medications. 1. The “Let’s Make a Difference” campaign works to address the number one source of access to opioids and prescription medications by promoting “safe medication practices” (safe storage, not sharing and proper disposal of all unused or expired medications); and 2. The Alcohol Delivery Project, based on our initial “Merchant Committed” project, works with local retailers to reduce the likelihood of youth accessing alcohol via delivery and prevent possible citations for sales to minors. Bart Trevino 818-837-7767 btrevino@sfpv.org. PLUC recommends supporting SFVP Let’s Make a Difference campaign and draft letters encouraging retailer participation in the program. See Attachment F.
- 11. Discussion and possible action** to approve November 2021 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERS)- Attachment G.
- 12. Discussion and possible action** to approve Herrick Elementary School NPG in the amount of \$2,873.71- Attachment H
- 13. Discussion and possible action** to approve the rent increase and continued lease of the SNC office. The office is currently a month to month lease and the rent has increased from \$1,400 to \$1,600 a month. Rent increase letter is Attachment I.
- 14. Discussion and possible action** to amend FY21-22 administrative budget and allocate \$100 to online advertising.
- 15. Announcement** of Sylmar Neighborhood Council vacancies and application process. Application is Attachment J.

## **16. Board Member Updates and Announcements**

**17. Future Agenda Items:** Write to Executive Board by email at [ExecutiveBoard@SylmarNC.org](mailto:ExecutiveBoard@SylmarNC.org) or mail Executive Board c/o Sylmar Neighborhood Council, P.O. Box 921023, Sylmar, CA 91392-10

## **18. President's Closing Remarks, Acknowledgement, and Adjournment**

## **19. Adjournment**

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## **Sylmar Neighborhood Council** **Regular Board Meeting- Minutes** **Thursday, April 29th 2021 – 6:30 PM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

a. Meeting Called to Order by Vanessa Serrano, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

### **2. ROLL CALL**

a. Call of the roll and certification of a quorum

### **3. SPECIAL ORDERS**

a. Installation of newly-elected Board of Directors (Oath of Office)

b. Election of new Executive Officers:

i. President- Andres Rubalcava was elected as President

ii. Vice President of Administration- B. Acevedo was elected as VP of Administration

iii. Vice President of Communications- D. Zelaya was elected as VP of Communications

iii. Secretary

c. Appointment of Financial Officers of the Board

i. Neighborhood Council Bank Card Holder

ii. Second Card Holder (optional)

iii. Second Signer

Iv. Alternate Signer (optional)

**5. ELECTED OFFICES/DEPARTMENTS/ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Presentation by 7 Eleven - By Sheri

**6. PRESENTATION BY DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT**

- a. Board Affirmation (review content)
- b. Required Board member trainings
- c. Upcoming Orientation Sessions
- d. NEA Contact Information - Vanessa Serrano, NEA ([vanessa.serrano@lacity.org](mailto:vanessa.serrano@lacity.org))

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS -Discussion and Possible Action:**

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 04-08-21
- b. Approval of MERs for March
- c. Review of 2020 - 2021 Budget

**8. Discussion and Possible Action: 15206 W Roxford Street – ZA-2020-7049-CUB** PLUC Recommends approval of support letter, to allow beer & wine for off-site consumption in conjunction with 2,354 sf 7-Eleven market and operating 24 hours daily, in the C1-1VL-K-CPIO Zone. 24hrs of operation in lieu of commercial corner 7am-11pm daily hours. Cross street Glenoaks. See attached Draft support recommendation. Information presented at the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 PLUC meeting. **Sherrie Olson is project representative 909-519-1816**, Mr. Meherban Sachdeva applicant 562-382-3180 [sachdeva.maam@gmail.com](mailto:sachdeva.maam@gmail.com)

**9. Discussion and Possible Action:** Requesting assistance from City to re-negotiate the rent currently at the Sylmar Neighborhood Council Office

**10. New Business.**

**11. ADJOURNMENT** (End time is approximately 9:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter)

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**Sylmar Neighborhood Council**  
**Special Board Meeting –Draft Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 27, 2021 – 6:30 PM**

**Call to Order- 6:37 PM**

**Roll call**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Present</b>		<b>Joined late</b>
Brielle Acevedo	X		
Rex Allen		X	
Christine Bedolla	X		
Kathy Bloom	X		
Cheri Blose	X		
Lucile Floresta	X		
Evelyn Jimenez	X		
Fernando Lopez		X	
Roxann Nazario		X	
George Ortega	X		
Andres Rubalcava	X		
Jennifer Torres	X		
Jose Velasquez	X		
Donald Zelaya	X		
<b>TOTAL</b>	11	3	

**Board Actions:**

**Discussion and possible action to approve a neighborhood purpose grant not to exceed \$4,037.46 for Community Bridge Housing for community cleanups.**

Item was moved to the next meeting.

**Discussion and possible action on recommending updates to the SNC website and developing a maintenance plan and schedule.**

D. Zelaya provided an update on the existing website contract with Web Corner and upcoming discussions with that company. An alternative web platform being researched is Wix. There was no action for this item.

**Presidential appointment of applicant(s) to vacant Board Members position(s).**

No action was taken on this item.

**Discussion and possible action to approve April 2021 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs).**

**M/S: G. Ortega/ J. Velasquez**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>
Brielle Acevedo	X				
Rex Allen				X	
Christine Bedolla	X				
Kathy Bloom	X				
Cheri Blöse	X				
Lucile Floresta	X				
Evelyn Jimenez					X
Fernando Lopez				X	
Roxann Nazario				X	
George Ortega	X				
Andres Rubalcava	X				
Jennifer Torres	X				
Jose Velasquez	X				
Donald Zelaya	X				



TOTAL	10			3	1
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**Meeting Adjournment- 8:11 PM**

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**Sylmar Neighborhood Council  
 Special Board Meeting –Draft Minutes  
 Thursday, June 24, 2021 – 6:30 PM**

**Call to Order- 6:35 PM**

**Roll call**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Present</b>		<b>Joined late</b>
Brielle Acevedo	X		
Rex Allen	X		
Christine Bedolla	X		
Kathy Bloom	X		
Cheri Blose	X		
Lucile Floresta	X		
Evelyn Jimenez	X		
Fernando Lopez	X		
Roxann Nazario	X		
George Ortega	X		
Andres Rubalcava	X		
Jennifer Torres	X		
Jose Velasquez		X	
Donald Zelaya	X		
<b>TOTAL</b>	13	1	

**Board Actions:**

**Discussion and possible action on adopting a letter of opposition to the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption and 24-hour operation at 15206 W. Roxford St.- ZA-2020- 7049-CUB.**

**M/S: D. Zelaya/ G. Ortega**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>
Brielle Acevedo	X				
Rex Allen	X				
Christine Bedolla	X				
Kathy Bloom	X				
Cheri Blöse	X				
Lucile Floresta	X				
Evelyn Jimenez	X				
Fernando Lopez	X				
Roxann Nazario	X				
George Ortega	X				
Andres Rubalcava	X				
Jennifer Torres	X				
Jose Velasquez				X	
Donald Zelaya	X				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>			<b>1</b>	

**Presidential appointment of temporary committee chairs, Secretary, and Treasurer until September 22, 2021.**

B. Acevedo was appointed as Secretary. G. Ortega was appointed as Treasurer.

**Discussion and possible action appointment of Ivan Gutierrez to the Board – Home Owner.**

No action was taken on this item.

**Discussion and possible action to approve May 2021 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs).**

**M/S: D. Zelaya/ G. Ortega**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>
Brielle Acevedo	X				
Rex Allen	X				
Christine Bedolla	X				
Kathy Bloom	X				
Cheri Blose	X				
Lucile Floresta	X				
Evelyn Jimenez	X				
Fernando Lopez					X
Roxann Nazario	X				
George Ortega	X				
Andres Rubalcava	X				
Jennifer Torres	X				
Jose Velasquez				X	
Donald Zelaya	X				
<b>TOTAL</b>	12			1	1

**Meeting Adjournment- 9:18 PM**

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**Sylmar Neighborhood Council  
General Board Meeting –Notes  
Thursday, July 22, 2021 – 6:30 PM**

**Call to Order- 6:35 PM**

**Roll call**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Present</b>		<b>Joined late</b>
Brielle Acevedo	X		
Rex Allen		X	
Christine Bedolla	X		
Kathy Bloom	X		
Cheri Blose	X		
Lucile Floresta	X		
Evelyn Jimenez		X	
Fernando Lopez	X <sup>1</sup>		
Roxann Nazario	X		
George Ortega	X		
Andres Rubalcava	X		
Jennifer Torres		X	
Jose Velasquez	X		
Donald Zelaya	X		
<b>TOTAL</b>	10	3	

<sup>1</sup> Left early at 8:05

**Board Actions-** The Board did not have a quorum, therefore no actions were taken.

**Discussion and possible action to approve an NPG not to exceed \$2,883.90 for Community Bridge Housing for community clean ups.**

No action was taken on this item.

**Discussion and possible action to nominate and appoint board members to attend the 2021 Civic University for Neighborhood Councils scheduled on September 9, 23, and 30, 2021.**

No action was taken on this item.

**Discussion and possible action on planning SNC Board retreat and a not to exceed budget of \$500.**

No action was taken on this item.

**Discussion and possible action to approve FY21-22 administrative budget.**

No action was taken on this item.

**Discussion and possible action to approve President's emergency budget authorization (if emergency is declared).**

No action was taken on this item.

**Discussion and possible action to approve agreement with Web Corner for web services and domain hosting not to exceed \$2,500 for website upgrade and \$99 per month for ongoing service.**

No action was taken on this item.

**Presidential appointment of applicant(s) to vacant Board Members position(s).**

No action was taken on this item.

**Discussion and possible action to approve June 2021 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs).**

No action was taken on this item.

**Meeting Adjournment- 8:31 PM**

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**Sylmar Neighborhood Council  
Special Board Meeting –Draft Minutes  
Thursday, August 26, 2021 – 7:00 PM**

**Call to Order- 7:06 PM**

**Roll call**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Present</b>		<b>Joined late</b>
Brielle Acevedo	X		
Rex Allen	X		
Christine Bedolla		X	
Kathy Bloom	X		
Cheri Blose	X		
Lucile Floresta		X	
Evelyn Jimenez	X		
Ivan Gutierrez			
Fernando Lopez		X	
Roxann Nazario	X		
George Ortega	X		
Andres Rubalcava	X		
Jennifer Torres	X		
Jose Velasquez	X		
Donald Zelaya	X		
<b>TOTAL</b>	12	3	

**Board Actions:**

**Discussion and possible action to amend FY21-22 administrative budget.**

G. Ortega provided background on anticipated expenditures. No action was taken on this item.

**Discussion and possible action to approve an NPG not to exceed \$2,883.90 for Community Bridge Housing for community clean ups.**

**M/S: D. Zelaya/ J. Velasquez**

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Brielle Acevedo	X				
Rex Allen	X				
Christine Bedolla				X	
Kathy Bloom	X				
Cheri Blose	X				
Ivan Gutierrez					X
Lucile Floresta				X	
Evelyn Jimenez	X				
Fernando Lopez				X	
Roxann Nazario	X				
George Ortega	X				
Andres Rubacalva	X				
Jennifer Torres	X				
Jose Velasquez	X				
Donald Zelaya	X				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

**Discussion and possible action to nominate and appoint board members to attend the 2021 Civic University for Neighborhood Councils scheduled on September 9, 23, and 30, 2021.**

No action was taken on this item.

**Discussion and possible action to schedule SNC Board retreat (virtual).**



B. Acevedo provided an update on the virtual retreat format. No action was taken on this item.

**Discussion and possible action to approve July 2021 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs).**

**M/S: D. Zelaya/ J. Velasquez**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>
Brielle Acevedo	X				
Rex Allen	X				
Christine Bedolla				X	
Kathy Bloom	X				
Cheri Blöse	X				
Ivan Gutierrez					X
Lucile Floresta				X	
Evelyn Jimenez	X				
Fernando Lopez				X	
Roxann Nazario	X				
George Ortega	X				
Andres Rubacalva	X				
Jennifer Torres	X				
Jose Velasquez	X				
Donald Zelaya	X				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

**Meeting Adjournment- 8:42 PM**

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**Call to Order- 6:35 PM**

**Roll call**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Present</b>		<b>Joined late</b>
Brielle Acevedo	X		
Rex Allen	X		
Christine Bedolla		X	
Kathy Bloom	X		
Cheri Blose	X		
Lucile Floresta		X	
Evelyn Jimenez		X	
Ivan Gutierrez	X		
Fernando Lopez		X	
Roxann Nazario			X <sup>1</sup>
George Ortega	X		
Andres Rubalcava	X		
Jennifer Torres		X	
Jose Velasquez	X		
Donald Zelaya		X	

<sup>1</sup> Joined at 7:55PM

TOTAL	8	7	1
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**Board Actions-** The Board did not have a quorum, therefore no actions were taken.

**Discussion and possible action to approve August 2021 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs).**

No action was taken on this item.

**Discussion on updates to the website and board member email accounts.**

A. Rubalcava shared the website on screen. No action was taken on this item.

**Discussion and possible action to confirm Treasurer.**

No action was taken on this item.

**Meeting Adjournment- 8:34 PM**

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**Sylmar Neighborhood Council**  
**Special Board Meeting –Draft Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 28 2021 – 6:30 PM**

**Call to Order- 6:36 PM**

**Roll call**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Present</b>		<b>Joined late</b>
Brielle Acevedo	X		
Rex Allen	X		
Christine Bedolla			X
Kathy Bloom	X		
Cheri Blose			X
Lucile Floresta		X	
Evelyn Jimenez		X	
Ivan Gutierrez	X		
Fernando Lopez		X	
Roxann Nazario	X		
George Ortega	X		
Andres Rubalcava	X		
Jennifer Torres	X		
Jose Velasquez	X		
Donald Zelaya	X		
<b>TOTAL</b>	10	5	

**Board Actions:**

**Discussion and possible action to approve an NPG not to exceed \$2,000 for North Valley Caring Services to provide Thanksgiving care packages to families living in motels- 2 are located in Sylmar.**

**M/S: D. Zelaya/ J. Velasquez**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>
Brielle Acevedo	X				
Rex Allen	X				
Christine Bedolla	X				
Kathy Bloom	X				
Cheri Blose	X				
Ivan Gutierrez	X				
Lucile Floresta				X	
Evelyn Jimenez				X	
Fernando Lopez				X	
Roxann Nazario	X				
George Ortega			X		
Andres Rubalcava	X				
Jennifer Torres	X				
Jose Velasquez	X				
Donald Zelaya	X				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	

**Discussion and possible action to approve \$500 for a Sylmar Neighborhood Council holiday event and toy drive benefitting Hope Gardens.**

**M/S: J. Velasquez/R. Allen**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>
Brielle Acevedo	X				
Rex Allen	X				

Christine Bedolla	X				
Kathy Bloom	X				
Cheri Blose	X				
Ivan Gutierrez	X				
Lucille Floresta				X	
Evelyn Jimenez				X	
Fernando Lopez				X	
Roxann Nazario	X				
George Ortega	X				
Andres Rubalcava	X				
Jennifer Torres	X				
Jose Velasquez	X				
Donald Zelaya	X				
TOTAL	12			3	

**Discussion and possible action to schedule SNC Board retreat (virtual).**

**M/S: B. Acevedo/J. Velasquez**

The retreat was scheduled for November 16, 2021.

**Discussion and possible action to approve August and September 2021 Monthly Expenditure Reports (MERs).**

**M/S: J. Velasquez/R. Allen**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Ineligible</b>
Brielle Acevedo	X				
Rex Allen	X				
Christine Bedolla	X				
Kathy Bloom	X				
Cheri Blose	X				
Ivan Gutierrez	X				

Lucille Floresta				X	
Evelyn Jimenez				X	
Fernando Lopez				X	
Roxann Nazario	X				
George Ortega	X				
Andres Rubalcava	X				
Jennifer Torres	X				
Jose Velasquez	X				
Donald Zelaya	X				
<b>TOTAL</b>	12			3	

**Discussion and possible action on Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 21-0773: Wire Basket Trash Receptacles- Attachment C**

No action was taken on this item.

**Presidential appointment of Vacant Board Seats**

P. Postlmayr was appointed to the Board.

**Meeting Adjournment- 7:57 PM**

Per the adopted SNC Bylaws: A simple majority vote by the Directors present and voting, (not including abstentions), at a meeting at which there is a quorum shall be required to take official action, unless specified otherwise in these Bylaws. An abstention is not considered a vote and is therefore, not counted in determining the result.



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November, 2021

**DRAFT**

Re: 114971 Foothill at Roxford Proposed Development CPC-2021-1056-CU-DB-SPR-HCA

We desire to express community input received about the proposed development at 14971 Foothill Blvd in Sylmar. This development is planned on the NE corner of Foothill and Roxford and occupy 31,894.2 Sq. Ft. The developer utilizing AB 2345 by providing 12 Very Low-Income Affordable Units.

As proposed:

132 apartments and 1,337 sf. for two retail spaces. 80 units allowed.  
143 vehicle parking spaces. 196 Required  
224 bicycle parking spaces in lieu of 56 parking spaces.  
5 stories at 61' tall. C2 zone allows 45'  
Floor Area Coverage Ratio of 2.79:1. C2 zone allows FAR of 1.5:1  
Density bonus of 65%

An overwhelming majority of residents expressed their opposition to this development due to its location where there is limited street parking, horse trails, mountain views and adjoining single family homes. The scale of the development is out of touch with the Community Plan and neighborhood. Making use of AB2345 the development does not adequately address project impacts for height, parking, and density. Allowing this development will cause negative impacts to the surrounding community, business and mountain access.

- Many units will be rented and occupied by 2 or more adults that have 2 or more cars. Street parking is limited and will push renters further into surrounding areas to find parking. The need to find parking will impact the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

Note: the development is at the corner of a major freeway intersection with parking restrictions currently on Roxford from Foothill to Olive View Medical Center. There are also parking restriction along Foothill leading up to the intersection with Roxford. There are maybe 1 or 2 allowed curb spaces adjacent to the development



- Retail use of the planned space will have customers unable to find parking anywhere close thereby making these retail spaces undesirable with little likely hood of being used as community retail.
- Equestrian use of the designated trails fronting two sides of this development requires maintaining a wide dirt path thereby limiting sidewalk along the new development. More vehicles crossing the trail to go in-&-out of the parking structure will put Equestrians at higher risk.
- The development height will shade two existing single-family homes to the east for most of the afternoon and glare from apartment windows will reflect into their lots the morning. The height also blocks mountain views enjoyed by the community in this area. This is one of the reasons there is a height limit of 45' on the subject property.

For the reasons stated above the Sylmar Neighborhood Council opposes this development as the use of AB2345 at this location is deemed incompatible with equestrian trails, parking and mountain views.

Respectfully,

Andres Rubalcava, President



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January 27, 2022

**DRAFT**

Mr. Fernando Garcia  
10146 Balboa Blvd.  
Granada Hills, California 91344

Re: 15089 Nurmi Street – AA-2021-8539-PMLA

Mr. Garcia,

The Sylmar Planning and Land Use Committee on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 held a public meeting on the above reference project. This project is located west of San Fernando Road and consists of a proposed 2 lot parcel map subdivision with private street serving the back parcel. There are currently three existing residences on the site which will remain. The intention is to build a fourth residential unit should the parcel map be approved.

The surrounding residential area has many parcels with multiple residences. The adjacent stretch of San Fernando Road contains auto repair, multi-family and motel uses with the Metrolink rail system track running along the northeast side of the street.

At the public hearing there was no opposition to the request and the committee members voted to support the application and make recommendation to the Sylmar Neighborhood Council. The SNC held their public meet on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and voted to support the project.

Respectfully,

Peter Postlmayr  
Chair, Sylmar Planning and Land Use Committee

C: Peggy Malone Brown, Planner 818-374-5036 - [peggy.malone-brown@lacity.org](mailto:peggy.malone-brown@lacity.org)



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January 27, 2022

**DRAFT**

Mr. Victor Curiel  
15277 Cobalt Street  
Sylmar, California 91342

Re: 15277 Cobalt Street – AZ-2021-9185-ZAA

Mr. Curiel,

The Sylmar Planning and Land Use Committee on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 held a public meeting on the above reference project. This project is located between Herrick and Bradley Avenues and close to the intersection of Norris Avenue. This application is for a proposed addition of 743 square feet to a legal non-conforming single-family dwelling unit.

The existing home of 2,738 square feet was built with a 5' side-yard set-back and detached garage of 1,200 square feet with a 3' side-yard set-back on a lot of 34,5684 square feet. The addition is on the other side of the home and requires the lot be in conformance with current standards of 10' side-yard set-back. The request is to allow the current legal but non-conforming set-backs to remain and increase the peak of the roof from 15' 2" to 18' 2" in the side-yard set-back. The applicant provided signatures of support from neighbors at 15276, 15300 and 15267 Cobalt Street.

At the PLUC public hearing there was no opposition to the request and the committee members voted to support the application and make recommendation to the Sylmar Neighborhood Council. The SNC held their public meet on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and voted to support the project.

Respectfully,

Peter Postlmayr  
Chair, Sylmar Planning and Land Use Committee

C: William Cabrera, Planning Assistant 818-374-9903 – [william.cabrera@lacity.org](mailto:william.cabrera@lacity.org)





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January 27, 2022

**DRAFT**

Dan Rosales, Project Representative  
16306 Blackhawk Street  
Granada Hills, California 91344

[dan@danrosales.com](mailto:dan@danrosales.com)

Re: 13076 Glenoaks Blvd. Los Mariscos de Sylmar – ZA-2020-965-ZV-CUB

Mr. Rosales,

The Sylmar Planning and Land Use Committee on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 held public meetings on the above reference project. Background: This is an existing vacant restaurant with a new operator requesting changes to allow enclosing front patio, renewal of live entertainment permit, addition of 500 square foot patio at rear of building for dining, as well as addition of dance floor to center area of restaurant and extending the parking area on currently vacant land at rear. The property is located in an Equine District Overlay and has single family homes on 3 sides, with commercial uses on the 4<sup>th</sup> side towards Polk Street.

Various stake holders expressed concern about noise, lighting, parking security and restaurant becoming a night club. Below are recommendations to mitigate these concerns:

- Restrict hours of live entertainment including loud music and karaoke to 3 days per week, Friday Saturday and Sunday until 12:30am.
- Building entries and exits to be designed to capture noise such as creating a vestibule with a second set of doors so as to prevent noise from escaping the building and into the adjacent community. This would include doors leading to outside patios.
- Limit operating hours Monday thru Thursday until 10pm.
- A maximum of 3 outside events per year, on either Friday, Saturday or Sunday and ending by 12:30am.
- Provide parking lot security during entertainment hours and events.
- Close off parking area when restaurant is not open to prevent unauthorized use.
- Shield outside lighting from adjoining properties.
- Any further Zoning Administrator mitigations that would help reduce noise impacts as well as to ensure the primary business is a restaurant that does not evolve into a night club.

Provided the above conditions are accepted by the applicant along with other mitigations and requirements of the Zoning Administrator the Sylmar Neighborhood Council voted at their January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 public board meeting to support the applicants desire for improvements and use of the currently vacant restaurant.

Respectfully,

Peter Postlmayr  
Chair, Sylmar Planning and Land Use Committee

C: David Woon, Planner – [david.woon@lacity.org](mailto:david.woon@lacity.org)

[ Insert Sylmar NC Letterhead/ Logo ]

Dear Community Stakeholder,

The Sylmar Neighborhood Council Public is deeply concerned about the potential harms associated opioids and other prescription medications. In fact, every eleven minutes, someone in the United States dies from an opioid overdose. As a neighborhood council, we understand the importance of prevention and would like to express our support for the San Fernando Valley Partnership's "Let's Make a Difference" Opioid and Rx prevention campaign.

The San Fernando Valley Partnership, a substance abuse prevention organization funded by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Substance Abuse Prevention and Control, has worked with our neighborhood council on efforts to prevent underage drinking, along with other efforts to keep our young people safe. Most recently, they have developed the "Let's Make a Difference" campaign that works to reduce youth access to opioids and other prescription medications by promoting "safe medication practices:" 1. Safe storage; 2. Not sharing medications; and 3. Properly disposing of all unused or expired prescription medications.

We would like to encourage your pharmacy or organization to implement the "Let's Make a Difference" campaign at your respective location to support this tremendous effort and help reduce the likelihood of our young people misusing or abusing prescription medications. Please contact Tomas Robles at 818-837-7767 to learn more about the campaign and resources available to you at no cost.

Sincerely,

[Insert Name and Contact Info ]

[ Insert Sylmar NC Letterhead/ Logo ]

Attention  
Retail Outlet Name  
Street Address  
Sylmar, CA 91402

Dear Sylmar Retailer:

**Recognition for Participating in the *Alcohol Delivery Project***

On behalf of the Sylmar Neighborhood Council, we applaud your participation in the San Fernando Valley Partnership's *Alcohol Delivery Project* that is working to keep alcohol out of the hands of underage youth.

We recognize your efforts to prevent underage drinking in our community by ensuring that your establishment is in compliance with local and state regulations. As you know, responsible retailing practices, such as doing your part to verify identification when alcohol is delivered by 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Delivery Services, can go a long way in preventing youth drinking.

We invite you to attend our Neighborhood Council meetings to learn more about our efforts to support local businesses and improve the quality of life in the City of Sylmar. Our Board meets at **[location /Day/time/month]**. Feel free to contact me for more information.

We wish you good business in the City of Sylmar. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

[Insert Name and Contact Info ]



# Monthly Expenditure Report



Reporting Month: November 2021 Budget Fiscal Year: 2021-2022

NC Name: Sylmar Neighborhood Council

Monthly Cash Reconciliation					
Beginning Balance	Total Spent	Remaining Balance	Outstanding	Commitments	Net Available
\$30031.88	\$3503.36	\$26528.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26528.52

Monthly Cash Flow Analysis					
Budget Category	Adopted Budget	Total Spent this Month	Unspent Budget Balance	Outstanding	Net Available
Office	\$33274.07	\$1400.00	\$25412.42	\$0.00	\$25412.42
Outreach		\$103.36		\$0.00	
Elections		\$0.00		\$0.00	
Community Improvement Project	\$1000.00	\$0.00	\$1000.00	\$0.00	\$1000.00
Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$5000.00	\$2000.00	\$116.10	\$0.00	\$116.10
Funding Requests Under Review: \$0.00		Encumbrances: \$0.00		Previous Expenditures: \$9242.19	

Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
1	THE WEB CORNER, INC	11/01/2021	Webcorner provides webspace for the SNC's website.	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$99.00
2	NUMBERBARN	11/12/2021	Numberbarn provides the SNC's public phone number.	General Operations Expenditure	Outreach	\$4.36
3	North Valley Caring Services	11/10/2021	Motion to approve an Neighborhood Purpose Grant for North Valley Caring Services, not to exceed \$2000, to provide Thanksgiving care packages to families living in Motels located in Sylmar.	Neighborhood Purpose Grants		\$2000.00
4	Sylmar Plaza Shopping Center, Inc.	11/24/2021	Motion to approve the Administrative Budget Package for the fiscal year '21 to '22. Payment for month of November 2021.	General Operations Expenditure	Office	\$1400.00
<b>Subtotal:</b>						<b>\$3503.36</b>

Outstanding Expenditures						
#	Vendor	Date	Description	Budget Category	Sub-category	Total
<b>Subtotal: Outstanding</b>						<b>\$0.00</b>

# 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: Sylmar Neighborhood Council

### SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

1a)	<u>Herrick Ave Elementary PTA</u> <i>Organization Name</i>	<u>956206419</u> <i>Federal I.D. # (EIN#)</i>	<u>CA</u> <i>State of Incorporation</i>	<u>01/02/2001</u> <i>Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)</i>
1b)	<u>13350 Herrick Ave</u> <i>Organization Mailing Address</i>	<u>Sylmar</u> <i>City</i>	<u>CA</u> <i>State</i>	<u>91342</u> <i>Zip Code</i>
1c)	<u></u> <i>Business Address (if different)</i>	<u></u> <i>City</i>	<u></u> <i>State</i>	<u></u> <i>Zip Code</i>
1d)	<b>PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:</b>			
	<u>Daisy Hidalgo</u> <i>Name</i>	<u>818-648-1428</u> <i>Phone</i>	<u>Herrickpta06@gmail.com</u> <i>Email</i>	
2)	Type of Organization- Please select one:			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Public School (not to include private schools) Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead		or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) Non-Profit (other than religious institutions) Attach IRS Determination Letter	
3)	<u>Herrick Ave. Elementary</u> <i>Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable)</i>	<u>Sylmar</u> <i>City</i>	<u>CA</u> <i>State</i>	<u>91342</u> <i>Zip Code</i>

### SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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

The purpose and intent of the grant is to increase literacy, reading fluency, vocabulary, critical thinking and improve self-esteem among our elementary students; especially among our students learning English as their second language at Herrick Ave. Elementary in Sylmar. The grant will fund a subscription for the remaining school year. The grant will provide weekly Scholastic News articles, similar to news papers to all of our students; delivered on print and available through digital format as well. The news articles are formatted to improve and motivate students to engage in current events. Some articles are even written by youth for their peers. The news articles are non-fiction and will be used as an additional tool by our teachers as part of their instructional program to improve language art skills. The cost would be \$0.22 per week for 500 students. A sample has been attached for reference.

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)

The grant will provide outreach and support to an underserved community with socio-economic challenges within the community of Sylmar that has been heavily impacted by the COVID pandemic. Our community has lost parents and guardians to the pandemic, leaving a social, emotional and financial gap among our students. The grant will provide a strong foundation for literacy and community outreach to our youngest community members. Our youth will be the direct beneficiaries of this grant coupled with unmeasurable benefits to the public at-large. Additionally, the grant will serve as a source of outreach for the Sylmar Neighborhood Council and the City of LA with fostering community and increasing civic engagement. The funding source may be announce on our school eblasts, social media accounts and the tried and true simple process, through word of mouth.





Los Angeles Unified School District

**Herrick Avenue Elementary**

13350 Herrick Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91342  
Telephone: (818) 367-1864 Fax: (818) 364-9304

*"Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow."*

**MEGAN REILLY**  
Superintendent of Schools  
**ANDRES CHAIT**  
Local District Superintendent  
**JOSE L. DORADO**  
Principal  
**CRISTIAN CABALLERO**  
Assistant Principal

December 1, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the Principal at Herrick Avenue elementary and I have asked our PTA for financial support to purchase "Scholastic News." It is an exceptional magazine that we have used for years to engage students in building non-fictional reading skills and increasing content area knowledge. All of the topics covered by Scholastic News are relevant and inspire a love of learning.

We hope that our PTA can provide us support to purchase Scholastic News for this school year, 2021-22.

Best,

J. L. Dorado, Principal

**KAMALA D. HARRIS**  
**Attorney General**

**State of California**  
**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**



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P. O. Box 903447  
Sacramento, CA 94203-4470  
Telephone: (916) 445-2021 Ext. 4  
Fax: (916) 444-3651  
E-Mail Address: Registration@doj.ca.gov

January 23, 2013

HERRICK AVENUE ELEMENTARY PTA  
13350 HERRICK AVENUE  
SYLMAR CA 91342

CT FILE NUMBER: CT0191262

**RE: CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REGISTRY OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS**

The captioned entity is now registered with the Registry of Charitable Trusts and has been assigned the registration ("CT") number set forth above. In order to complete the Registry file, please submit the following, together with a copy of this letter:

1. Registration Renewal Fee (RRF-1) Report (s), together with required renewal fee, for fiscal year(s) ending: 06/30/2012.
2. A copy of the IRS Determination Letter for your specific chapter. This can be obtained from your District. If unavailable, contact sales@capta.org (California State PTA).
3. Copies of IRS Form 990, 990-PF, or 990-EZ report(s) for fiscal year(s) ending: 06/30/2012.

The RRF-1 must be filed annually four months and 15 days after the end of the organization's accounting period. If an extension was requested from IRS, please file the RRF-1 with the completed IRS informational return together with a copy of all extension requests.

The organization's address of record is used for any necessary contact. Please advise us, in writing, of any address change.

If the captioned organization contracts with a commercial fundraiser for charitable purposes or fundraising counsel, that entity must also register and file annual reports with the Registry.

All forms and instructions are available on our website at <http://ag.ca.gov/charities>.

Directors of nonprofit corporations are required to adhere to the provisions of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law (Corporations Code section 5000, et seq.).

Trustees for charitable purposes are required to adhere to the provisions of California Probate Code (commencing with section 15000).

Please respond within 30 days from the date of this letter. Thank you for your attention to this correspondence.

Sincerely,

Office Technician  
Registry of Charitable Trusts

For

KAMALA D. HARRIS  
Attorney General



Attachment H  
MARCH 16, 2020



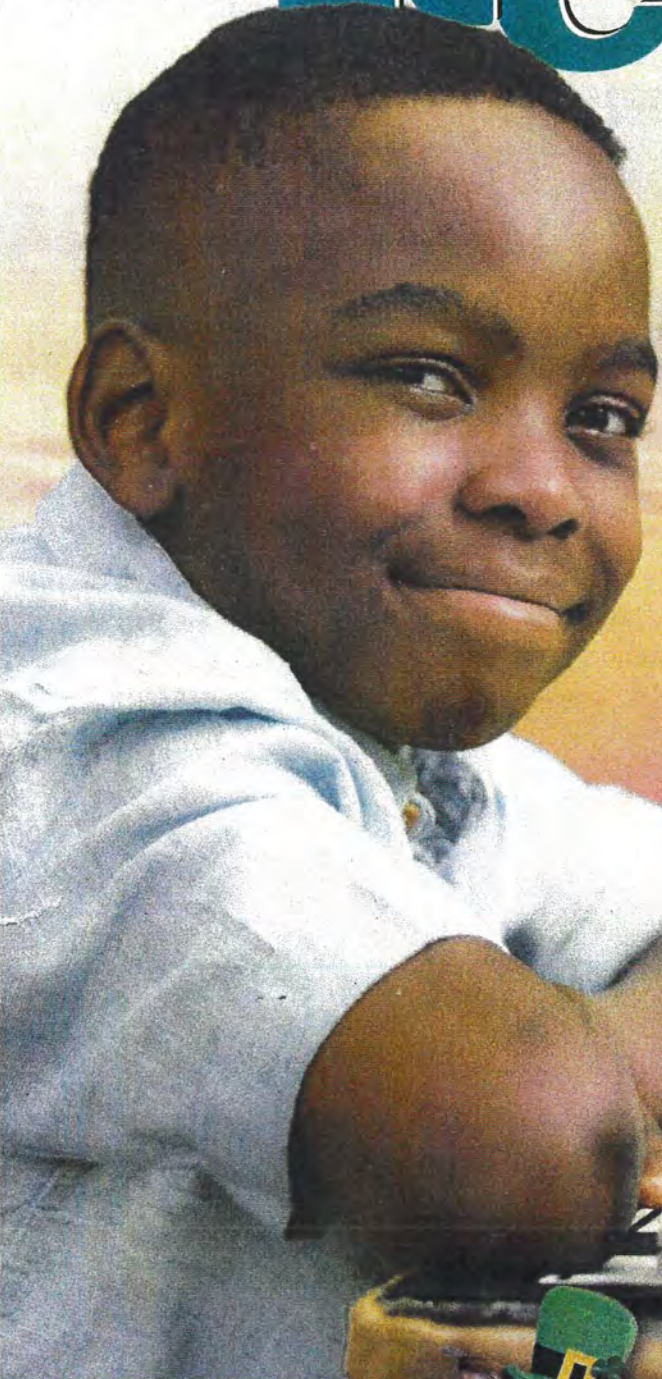
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# SCHOLASTIC News<sup>®</sup>

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## A Place to Call Home

This 9-year-old and his family came to America looking for safety—and he found a game that changed his life.



### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Are you ready for the Shamrock Challenge?



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# A Game Changed

Tani's family came to America with nothing. A year later, he became a che

## AS YOU READ

Think about how Tani might have felt when he arrived in the U.S. How did playing chess help him?

It would all come down to one move. Tani Adewumi took a deep breath and studied the game board. He was competing in the final round of a 2019 chess championship in New York. He had already beaten 72 opponents. Now he faced his last challenger—and made his final move.

Tani won! He was named the best in his age group. His life was about to change.

## Escaping Danger

Less than two years earlier, Tani and his family had been living in Nigeria, a country in Africa. A violent group there



was trying to take over the government. Deadly attacks were common.

Tani's family lived in fear. They knew they had to escape the danger. They fled Nigeria in 2017.

"We didn't carry that

much with us," Tani says.

"We just left for a new life."

The family arrived in New York City in December 2017. Though Tani's parents both got jobs, they couldn't afford to rent a house or an apartment. So they moved into a homeless shelter.

Tani and his brother, Austin, lived on a different



## What Tani Wants You to Know



**Everyone needs help sometimes.** If someone helps you, try to do the same for others.



**Don't give up.** The first tournament I played in didn't go well. But I kept trying.



**Talent alone won't get you far.** You might get lucky once in a while, but it takes hard work to succeed.





# My Life

amp and everything changed.

floor than their parents. They didn't have a TV or a fridge to store snacks.

"It was rough," Tani says.

## Game Changer

Tani went to a new school. He didn't know anyone, but he found a group to connect with: the chess club.

Tani met with the chess club on Thursdays. Every night, he would lie on the floor of the shelter and practice playing for hours.

At first, Tani had low scores. Still, he kept practicing. His hard work paid off. He took home the trophy at the championship last year.

"It was so big, I couldn't carry it!" Tani remembers.

## A New Home

Tani wound up with more

### WORDS TO KNOW

**opponents:** people or teams that compete against others in a game or contest

**donated:** gave to a cause



Tani sits between his mom and dad, with his brother on the end.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ...

## Refugees and Immigrants

Each year, more than a million people around the world leave their homes to move to the U.S.

**Refugees**, like Tani, are forced to leave their country in order to escape danger, such as war or violence. They leave behind their homes and most of their

belongings. Most will never be able to return home because it is unsafe.

**Immigrants** choose to leave their homes. They want to settle in a new place with

more opportunities, like better jobs or schools. Unlike refugees, they usually have time to plan their travel, pack, and say goodbye to friends and family.

than just a trophy. When his story made the news, people around the world **donated** more than \$200,000 to help the Adewumis.

But the family didn't keep the money. Instead, they used it to help other refugees like them.

The family did keep one thing—a home. Someone paid for a year's rent on an

apartment. Tani finally had a new home to call his own!

Now Tani has a kitchen where his mom cooks his favorite meals and a laptop to practice chess on. He hopes to do well in this year's championship. But last year's win will be hard to top.

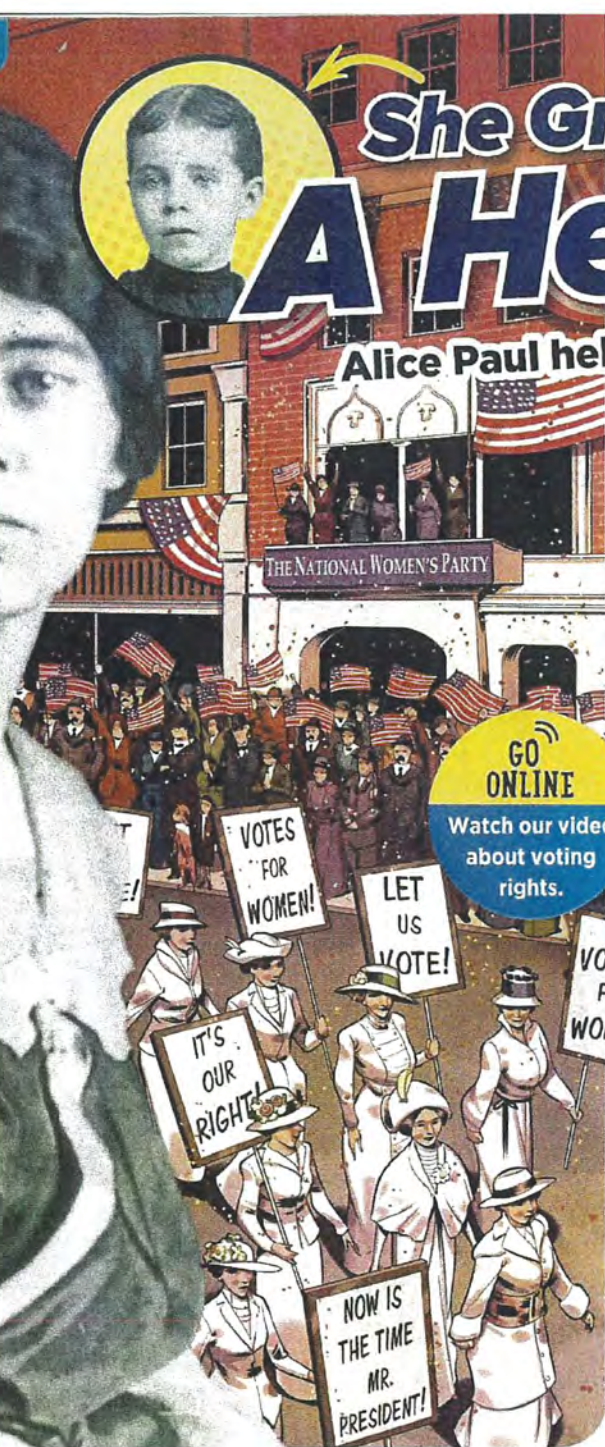
"It changed my life completely," Tani says.

—by *Tricia Culligan*



# She Grew Up to Be... A Hero for

Alice Paul helped American women win t



**GO ONLINE**  
Watch our video about voting rights.

When Alice Paul was growing up in the 1890s, something bothered her. Her parents had taught her that all people were equal. But Paul saw that women did not have the same rights as men. In most of the United States; women weren't allowed to vote in elections for government leaders. As she got older, Paul worked to change that, and she helped American women win the right to vote.

### Where It Began

Paul was born in New Jersey in 1885. Her family

### WORD TO KNOW

**protest:** event where people speak out about something

## A Hero Is Made

Check out these five big moments in Alice Paul's life.

AS A KID, PAUL LEARNED ABOUT FAMOUS WOMEN WHO HAD FOUGHT FOR SUFFRAGE.



Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Susan B. Anthony



SHE LATER BECAME A LEADER IN THE SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT.



# Women

## the right to vote in elections.

belonged to a religious group called the Quakers. Members believed that men and women were equals.

Like a growing number of women, Paul's mom thought that women deserved suffrage, or the right to vote. She took Paul to meetings where women talked about how to win this right. These meetings inspired Paul.

After college, Paul joined the fight for suffrage and became one of its leaders. She gave speeches and wrote to lawmakers. In 1913, she led a parade in Washington, D.C. Thousands of women marched to demand suffrage. Angry onlookers yelled, but the marchers didn't stop.

### Winning the Vote

In 1917, Paul dared to do something no one had done before. She led a **protest** outside the White House. For eight hours a day, women stood outside the president's home, holding signs.

Police began to arrest the women. Although they were standing quietly on the sidewalk, the women were charged with blocking traffic. Paul was thrown in a dirty jail cell. She was served food crawling with bugs.

All the women were released after a few weeks. But they could no longer be ignored. Feeling pressured,



### YOUR TURN

Women created the Justice Bell to stand for their rights. It looked like the Liberty Bell, a symbol of freedom. This poster shows a woman ringing the bell. What message does it send? What would you draw or write on a suffrage poster?

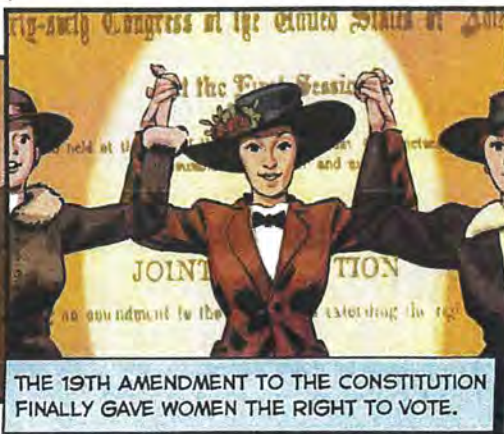
President Woodrow Wilson said he'd support suffrage.

The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was finally approved in 1920, one hundred years ago. It gave all women in the U.S. the right to vote.

"Alice Paul believed that one person can make a difference," says Krista Niles. She works at the Alice Paul Institute in New Jersey. "It comes down to courage."

### AFTER YOU READ

Alice Paul was a famous suffragist. What is a suffragist? Underline a clue in the article that helps you define the word.





# Take the Shamrock Challenge!

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day! To celebrate, check out this infographic about the holiday. Then answer the two challenge questions.



## How Americans Celebrate

A survey asked a group of Americans if they celebrate the holiday. More than half said yes. These numbers show how 100 of them said they celebrate.

Wear green **81**

Go to a party **39**

Make a special dinner **30**

Decorate their home **24**

## U.S. Cities With the Biggest St. Patrick's Day Parades



Note: Hawaii and Alaska are not drawn to scale. Source: International Business Times

Page 6: Jim McMahon/Mapman (map); Getty Images (pyramid); Shutterstock.com (all other images).

## PICTURE THIS Slither Into Spring

On March 19, thousands of people will visit this pyramid in Mexico. As the sun starts to set, they'll see a streak of light in the shape of a snake. It will "slither" down the pyramid!

The snake can be seen only twice a year—on the first day of both spring and fall. On those two days, the sun shines on the pyramid's steps in a special way. The pyramid was built long ago by people known as the Maya in a city called Chichén Itzá (chee-CHEN eet-SAH).

Can you spot the snake's body? It leads down to a stone head.

The Maya worshiped Kukulkan, a snake god.



# Is It Ever OK to Quit?

Do you have instruments, sports gear, or art supplies that are collecting dust? If so, you're not alone. Millions of kids join teams or clubs every year. But many wind up quitting those activities—and starting new ones.

Some people say it's OK to quit an activity that makes you unhappy. They argue that the whole point of these activities is to have fun. But others think kids should learn the value of sticking with something, even if it is hard. Here's what two of our readers think.



**Caitlyn Ross**

Texas

Let's face it, some activities aren't for everyone. I say it's OK to quit activities if they don't satisfy you or if they take too much time.

You need time for schoolwork, reading, and relaxing! Let's say you're on a soccer team, but you have a passion for dancing. The schedule can get complicated. Sometimes you must choose between activities so you have energy for the one you love the most.



**Amanda Sutherland**

New York

I always promise myself to stick with new things, even if it's difficult. It helps me learn how to overcome challenges. You never know

what you're missing out on if you quit.

Last summer, my mom enrolled me in a camp. I had a hard time getting to know the other kids. After the first few days, I didn't want to go back. But I wound up making new friends and having a great time!

## What do YOU think?

Write your opinion below. Then cast your vote online at [scholastic.com/sn3](http://scholastic.com/sn3)!

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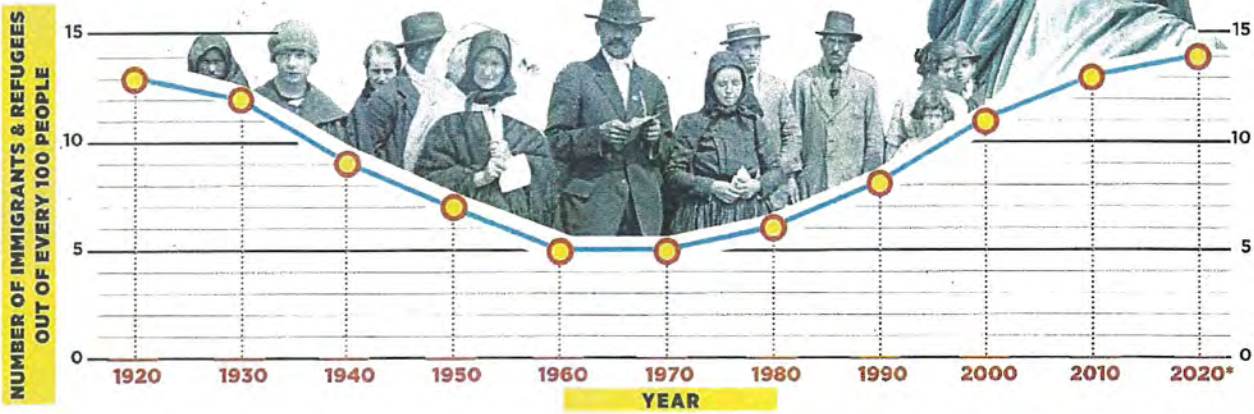


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# Coming to America

About 14 percent of people in the U.S. are immigrants or refugees. That means that out of every 100 people, 14 came here from another country. This line graph shows how that number has changed over the past 100 years.



\*2020 figure is an estimate. Source: Migration Policy Institute based on U.S. Census figures

- In 1970, about \_\_\_\_\_ out of every 100 people in the U.S. were immigrants or refugees.
- In which year shown on the graph were 9 out of every 100 people in the U.S. immigrants or refugees? \_\_\_\_\_

**FIND THIS SYMBOL**

It's hidden next to an article in each issue this year. Mark the country in that story on your "Around the World With Scholastic News" map poster.

## NEWS REVIEW

### A Game Changed My Life

- The first paragraph says that Tani "took a deep breath." You can infer that he probably did this because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (A) he had a bad cold
  - (B) he was blowing out candles
  - (C) he was blowing dust from the game board
  - (D) he was nervous
- In the article, the word *fled* means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (A) left quickly
  - (B) packed bags
  - (C) felt afraid
  - (D) suffered a lot



- What is the section "Game Changer" mostly about?
  - (A) how Tani learned to play chess
  - (B) why Tani's family left Nigeria
  - (C) how Tani's family ended up in a shelter
  - (D) Tani's advice for kids
- What did Tani's family do with the money people donated to them?
  - (A) paid for chess lessons
  - (B) helped other refugees
  - (C) bought a big house
  - (D) returned it all

Go to [scholastic.com/sn3](http://scholastic.com/sn3) for more quizzes.

### A Hero for Women

- You can infer that Alice Paul's parents probably \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (A) didn't live in the U.S.
  - (B) didn't know about Alice's work
  - (C) supported Alice's work
  - (D) discouraged Alice's work
- Which detail supports the answer to question 5?
  - (A) "She led a big protest . . ."
  - (B) "Her parents had taught her that all people were equal."
  - (C) "... Paul worked to change that . . ."
  - (D) "She was served food crawling with bugs."

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Sylmar Neighborhood Council  
13521 Hubbard St.  
Sylmar, CA

RE: Notice of Rent Increase

Dear Tenant,

Please take notice that effective **December 1, 2021**, the rent for the Premises you currently lease located at 13521 Hubbard St., Sylmar, CA 91342 will be increased to the amount of **\$1,600.00** per month. Please begin remitting payment for \$1,600.00 beginning **December 1, 2021**.

Thank you for your cooperation. We appreciate your tenancy.

Sincerely,  
Frank Mushmel, Jr.  
Property Manager

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**Sylmar Neighborhood Council  
Application for Consideration of Appointment**

**Name:**

**Occupation:**

**Home Address:**

**City, State, Zip Code:**

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**City, State, Zip Code:**

**Work Phone Number:**

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**Preferred Email address:**

**Vacant Board Seat you are applying for:**

**Stakeholder Qualification – Please provide a brief statement as to how you qualify as a community stakeholder for this Board seat:**

(Please also provide documentation that substantiates your status as a Sylmar stakeholder. “Stakeholders” shall be defined as those who live, work or own property in the neighborhood and to those who declare a stake in the neighborhood as a community interest stakeholder, defined as a person who affirms a substantial and ongoing participation within the Neighborhood Council’s boundaries and who may be in a community organization such as, but not limited to, educational, nonprofit and/or religious organizations (Ordinance No. 182830 effective January 26, 2014).)

**Please answer the following questions:**

- 1. Why do you wish to participate on the SNC Board?**



**2. What are your goals for the community?**

**3. What areas of community service particularly interest you?**

**4. Do you have any special interests that might conflict with Neighborhood Council responsibilities?**

**5. Please return this form by email to: [Andres.Rubalcava@SylmarNC.org](mailto:Andres.Rubalcava@SylmarNC.org) and [ExecutiveBoard@SylmarNC.org](mailto:ExecutiveBoard@SylmarNC.org)**

**If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (818) 833-8737. Thank you for your interest in the Sylmar Neighborhood Council! Sylmar Neighborhood Council Board Member Application Revised 6-21-21**