

**Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council
Candidate Statement**

First Name: William J. Last Name: Hopkins, Jr.

All candidates have the option of submitting a Candidate Statement as part of their Candidate Filing Packet. Every candidate must adhere to the following guidelines when submitting a Candidate Statement:

- Must fit in the designated area below;
- Must not exceed 150 word count limit;
- Must be at least 12-point font (if typed);
- Must be submitted no later than February 1, 2010; and,
- May not include any pictures, profanity or comments about any other candidate.

Additionally, a candidate may submit translated version(s) of the original statement, which must comply with all aforementioned criteria. Candidate Statements will be posted on the City Clerk's website and at the polling place on Election Day.

After two years of attending meetings and active participation in committees, I was appointed to the Neighborhood Council in July, 2009, representing District 3. I continue to serve as a member of the Public Safety, Planning and Land Use Management, and Outreach Committees; the North Valley Disaster Preparedness Team; and the newly formed Citywide Recycled Water Advisory Group. I'm a renewable energy advocate, CERT volunteer, past Disaster Chairman of the American Red Cross San Fernando Valley District, and former long-time volunteer with the now defunct Granada Theatre. Among my local concerns are graffiti removal, unsightly advertising sign trailers, overbuilding, traffic, health effects of the Sunshine Canyon landfill, and proactive emergency preparedness. Participation in local government is key to a vibrant community, and I ask for your vote so I may continue to work diligently to keep Granada Hills a safe, enjoyable, and sustainable place to live, work, and play.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT: