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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The Board of Directors of The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council, voted by unanimous vote of 12-0, to cancel the 2021 Neighborhood Council Elections in lieu of the 2023 Neighborhood Council Elections. We have carefully researched this matter and have attached our detailed Community Impact Statement. Thank you for your review and consideration of our Community Impact Statement. Respectfully, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council

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**Community Impact Statement**  
**Council File 20-0963**  
**Neighborhood Council Elections**

Dear Honorable Councilmembers of Los Angeles City Council:

The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council requests the cancellation of the 2021 Neighborhood Council elections for the following reasons:

Vote by mail will not be inclusive of all stakeholders. Stakeholders who are elderly, homeless, displaced, physically challenged, have special needs or pre existing conditions, will not be up to the complexity of mailing in ballots along with their proof of residency and identification. The majority of stakeholders do not own copy machines.

Stakeholders with school age children and working from home, cannot be expected to think about Neighborhood Council Elections with the incredible stress they are under.

Outreach cannot be achieved as candidates cannot campaign in person by going door to door, or in public places due danger of Covid 19 infection and physical distancing requirements. Many Board members are in the Covid 19 high risk category due to age and/or pre existing conditions.

Outreach cannot be achieved to recruit candidates due to risks of Covid-19 infection.

Online campaigning will be ineffective for stakeholders who do not own a computer or are technology challenged.

Unlike paid political candidates, Neighborhood Council candidates do not have televised campaign opportunities. Neighborhood Council candidates cannot campaign by mail due to the expensive out of pocket expense to do so.

Employed Neighborhood Council candidates cannot donate more hours to campaign outreach,

without neglecting their personal lives and community duties.

Neighborhood Councils are providing ongoing service to their communities and can continue their work until 2023.

GHNNC recommends reallocation of the \$6,800 per Neighborhood Council, earmarked for the elections to food insecurity and Covid-19 crisis support to disadvantaged stakeholders.

GHNNC requests 2023 for the Neighborhood Council Elections.

Thank you for your consideration of this community impact statement.

Respectfully,

*Keren Conner Waters*

*9/1/2020*

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**Keren Conner Waters**  
**Vice President**  
**Chair, Outreach and Publicity Committee**

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