



**ERIC GARCETTI**  
**MAYOR**

October 27, 2020

Honorable Members of the City Council  
c/o City Clerk  
City Hall, Room 395

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, at the request of Councilmember David Ryu, Councilmember of the 4<sup>th</sup> District, I am recommending Ms. Katherine Pakradouni, to the Community Forest Advisory Committee. Ms. Pakradouni will fill the vacancy created by Julie Stromberg, who has resigned.

Katherine Pakradouni's contact info is attached. Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact Claudia Luna at (213) 978-0621.

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI  
Mayor

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# Katherine Pakradouni

Native plant horticulture consultant, educator, and nursery grower.

## EXPERIENCE

### **Theodore Payne Foundation, Sun Valley—*Horticulturist***

May 2020 - PRESENT

Teaching online horticulture and maintenance classes.

Generating content for new virtual educational offerings.

Propagating and transplanting native plants for contract grows and future retail sales.

### **Grown in LA, Los Angeles—*Propagation Specialist***

APRIL 2018 - APRIL 2020

Established and operated a pilot native plant nursery for the Department of Recreation and Parks at the Commonwealth Nursery site in Griffith Park.

Grew more than 6,000 native plants of more than 50 different local species and supplied them to city park projects, schools, and local nonprofit organizations.

Actively researched and implemented BMP protocols for clean nursery production and pathogen prevention.

Helped design and install 4 habitat restoration projects within Griffith Park in collaboration with Park maintenance staff and Friends of Griffith Park.

Participated in local native seed conservation collaboration SeedLA.

Regularly led public volunteer events and workshops for teaching native plant horticulture techniques, propagation, weed management, maintenance, and more.

Authored operational manual for establishing and running a native plant nursery in Los Angeles.

### **Theodore Payne Foundation, Sun Valley—*Nursery Staff***

JUNE 2014 - APRIL 2018

Provided design consultation for customers in the nursery.

Performed horticultural tasks for the care and maintenance of native plants in the nursery.

Operated POS system Lightspeed for inventory and sales.

Regularly taught classes on native plant horticulture.

Led design workshop for the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles.

## SKILLS

Plant Propagation

Nursery management

Landscape Design

Horticulture and maintenance

Curriculum development

Teaching

Technical writing

Creative writing

## LANGUAGES

English

Basic Western Armenian

## **Wildergardens, Los Angeles — *Landscape Designer***

NOVEMBER 2013 - DECEMBER 2017

Designed and installed numerous climate-appropriate, wildlife-supportive residential gardens using indigenous plants to California.

Most recent design featured on Theodore Payne's Native Plant Garden Tour in March 2020.

## **EDUCATION**

### **California State University, Los Angeles — *Bachelor of Arts***

SEPTEMBER 2004- MARCH 2010

Major in English

Minor in Anthropology

Summa Cum Laude, GPA 3.99

Dean's List

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

### **Hoover High School, Glendale — *High School Diploma***

SEPTEMBER 2000 - JUNE 2004

GPA 4.19

## **CLASSES and PRESENTATIONS**

### ***Anza Trail Native Garden: A Retrospective — California Native Plant Society, LA***

Speaker. Grown in LA. March 10, 2020

### ***Propagating Native Plants — Hancock Park Garden Club***

Speaker/Instructor. Grown in LA. September 24, 2019

### ***Propagating Native Plants — Theodore Payne Foundation***

Instructor. Grown in LA. November 19, 2019

### ***Gardening for Wildlife — Natural History Museum of Los Angeles***

Instructor. Theodore Payne Foundation. February 27, 2019; April 24, 2019

### ***Right Plant, Right Place — Natural History Museum of Los Angeles***

Instructor. Theodore Payne Foundation. February 20, 2019

### ***Building Resilience with Native Plants: Gardening for Wildlife — LA Metro***

Speaker. Theodore Payne Foundation. March 1, 2018

***Gardening with California Desert Tortoises — Theodore Payne Foundation***

Instructor. Theodore Payne Foundation. July 30, 2017; July 8, 2018; Aug. 3, 2019

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Authored:**

“Reflections on the Anza Garden.” *The Griffith Reporter*, Summer/Fall 2019, p. 11

“The History of Commonwealth Nursery.” *The Griffith Reporter*, Winter 2019–2020, pp. 12–13.

**Featured in:**

Goldstein, Calli. “Biodiversity Project 2020 Recommendations.” *Larchmont Buzz*, Jan. 27, 2020.