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EDUCATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
TELECONFERENCE – PER GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDER

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 (superseding the Brown Act-related provisions of Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020), which allows a local legislative body to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body. Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, please be advised that the San Fernando Education Commission will participate in meetings telephonically.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPTIONS TO HELP REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

- 1. WATCH THE MEETING:** Pursuant to the Executive Order and given the current health concerns, members of the public can access meetings live on-line, with audio and video via YouTube Live, at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityOfSanFernando>
- 2. SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT VIA EMAIL:** Members of the public may submit comments by email to CityClerk@sfcity.org no later than **5:00 p.m. the day of the meeting**, to ensure distribution to the Education Commission prior to consideration of the agenda. Comments received via email will be distributed to the Education Commission, read into the record, limited to three minutes, and made part of the official public record of the meeting.
- 3. CALL-IN TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT LIVE AT THE MEETING:** Members of the Public may **call-in between 6:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.** Comments will be heard in the order received, and limited to three minutes. If necessary, the call-in period may be extended by the Chair.

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Passcode: 096885

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez
Vice-Chair David Govea
Commissioner Suzanne N. Llamas
Commissioner Nicole Mohr
Commissioner Olivia Robledo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Vice Chair David Govea

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DECORUM AND ORDER

City Commissioners are appointed by City Council and must be free to discuss issues confronting the city in an orderly environment. Public members attending City Commission meetings shall observe the same rules of order and decorum applicable to the City Council ([SF Procedural Manual](#)). Any person making impertinent derogatory or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing a City Commission or while attending a City Commission meeting, may be removed from the room if the Presiding Officer so directs the Sergeant-At-Arms and such person may be barred from further audience before the City Commission.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1) DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION REGARDING CREATING A NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM “GERRY’S KIDS SCHOLARSHIP” AND RELATED MATTERS

Recommend that the Education Commission:

- a. Receive a brief presentation from the scholarship sponsor Tim Hou;
- b. Discuss and approve the new scholarship program for “Gerry’s Kids Scholarship”, program implementation and processes.

2) DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF THE STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL 2021

Recommend that the Education Commission:

- a. Discuss the nominees for the April 2021 Student of the Month for the theme of “Special Circumstances (Resilience or Perseverance) = Challenges / Obstacles);
- b. Select an Education Commissioner representative to present the award at a future City Council meeting; and
- c. Approve the release of applications for the May Student of the Month.

3) DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOLARSHIPS AND RELATED MATTERS

Recommend that the Education Commission:

- a. Discuss the nominees, select recipients to be awarded for each of the 2020-2021 Scholarships; determine scholarship funds allocation; and
- b. Create ad Hoc Committees as necessary for event planning of the 2020-2021 Scholarship Awards Ceremony.

GENERAL COMMISSION COMMENTS

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STAFF COMMUNICATION

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting will adjourn to its next regular meeting on April 27, 2021.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted on the City Hall bulletin board not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Julia Fritz, City Clerk

Signed and Posted: March 26, 2021 (2:15 p.m.)

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AGENDA REPORT

To: Chair Zobel-Rodriguez and Education Commissioners

From: Julia Fritz, City Clerk

Date: March 31, 2021

Subject: Discussion and Consideration Regarding Creating a New Scholarship Program
“Gerry’s Kids Scholarship”

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Education Commission:

- a. Receive a brief presentation from scholarship sponsor Timothy Hou;
- b. Discuss and approve the new scholarship program for “Gerry’s Kids Scholarship” and opening of the scholarship.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On March 18, 2021, Timothy Hou donated \$1,250 to the San Fernando Education Commission to create a new scholarship program Gerry’s Kids Scholarship (Attachment “A”) in memory of Geraldine “Gerry” Hou, who was a 20-year librarian with the Los Angeles Public Library and encouraged countless young people of color to pursue college education and a lifelong passion for learning. T

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact with discussion of this item. Additional future costs to be determined based on Education Commissions’ direction.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the Education Commission discuss and approve the new scholarship program for “Gerry’s Kids Scholarship”, implementing the opening of the scholarship process, and provide direction, as appropriate.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Scholarship flyer/description



Gerry's Kids Scholarship

Geraldine "Gerry" Hou was a young adult librarian for over 20 years with the LA Public Library and encouraged countless young people of color in the neighborhoods of Exposition Park, Crenshaw/Baldwin Hills, and Wilmington/Harbor City to pursue college education and a lifelong passion for learning.

This \$1,250 essay scholarship awarded annually is funded by Timothy Hou, a former Deputy City Manager and Director of Community Development at City of San Fernando, and his family in memory of Gerry and her work with students. The scholarship proceeds target students pursuing higher education at colleges and universities outside of Southern California with the aim of easing some of the financial challenges for young adults in being away from their support system at home, in many instances for the first time in their lives.

This opportunity is open to any San Fernando resident or a graduating college-bound high school senior or or current full-time enrolled four-year university student who attends or graduated from Cesar Chavez Learning Academies, Vaughn International Studies Academy, San Fernando High School or Sylmar High Schools.

Scholarships are non-merit based and need blind and can be awarded to students with the following criteria.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Live in the City of San Fernando or attend or have graduated from VISA, Cesar Chavez Learning Academies, San Fernando or Sylmar High Schools.
2. Attending in residence a college or university that is outside Southern California (If you are not sure your university is outside Southern California, the Southern California region consists of the counties of Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura.)

Winners will have to show proof of acceptance and enrollment at a university outside of Southern California.

DEADLINE for final submission: June 25, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

* Required

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*If already in college, which high school did you attend?

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Yes, I attest that the submission is my original work

Previous Winner

By checking this box, you acknowledge that you have never been awarded a

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Permission (This is not a requirement for submission) *

Choose

Prompt - Please answer one of the following questions in detail in an essay of 500-1,000 words. If you have any questions, concerns or difficulty submitting the form, please email sfeducom@sfcity.org or call (818) 898-1204 *

What is your plan to get the most out of your college/university education?

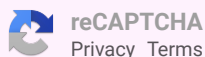
Write essay below (Please proofread before submitting) *

Your answer

A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provided.

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AGENDA REPORT

To: Chair Zobel-Rodriguez and Education Commissioners

From: Julia Fritz, City Clerk

Date: March 30, 2021

Subject: Discussion and Selection of the Student of the Month for April 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Education Commission:

- a. Discuss the nominees for the April 2021 Student of the Month for the theme of “Special Circumstances (Resilience or Perseverance) = Challenges / Obstacles);
- b. Select an Education Commissioner representative to present the award at a future City Council meeting; and
- c. Approve the release of Student of the Month applications for the month of May.

BACKGROUND:

1. July 28, 2020, the Education Commission approved the 2020 – 2021 Student of the Month Program with the following categories:
 - a. August – March 2020 Winners
 - b. September – Positive Attitude
 - c. October – Responsibility/Ownership
 - d. November – Giving Back
 - e. December/January – Leadership
 - f. February – Kindness / Caring (Allies)
 - g. March – Creative / Artistic
 - h. April – Special Circumstances (Resilience or Perseverance) = Challenges / Obstacles
 - i. May – Academic Achievement
2. In February 2021, Student of the Month applications were released to City of San Fernando schools to allow school staff to nominate students for the month of April.

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BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with approving this item.

CONCLUSION:

City staff recommends selecting a student of the month, a representative of the Education Commission to present an award at a future City Council meeting, and approve release of applications for the next month's nominees.

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To: Chair Zobel-Rodriguez and Education Commissioners

From: Julia Fritz, City Clerk

Date: March 30, 2021

Subject: Discussion and Selection of Recipients for the 2020-2021 Scholarships and Related Matters

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Education Commission:

- a. Discuss and select scholarship recipients for the 2020-2021 Scholarship Programs (Attachment "A");
- b. Review scholarship funds and determine allocation of funds, as appropriate; and
- c. Discuss and potentially form ad Hoc committee(s) for Awards Ceremony event planning.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The San Fernando Education Commission 2020-2021 Scholarship Program (Attachment "A") opened in early December 2020 to begin receiving applications, with the deadline of February 19, 2021. Over 45 applications/essays were received, scored and discussion regarding the finalists will be determined tonight during the Commissions March 30, 2021 regular meeting.

The Education Commission will be selecting recipients to be awarded funds for the 2020-2021 Scholarship Programs. Below is a list of available scholarship program opportunities:

- a. Gabriel Fernandez Memorial Scholarship
- b. Elias Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship
- c. Barack Obama Si Se Puede Scholarship
- d. Future Entrepreneurs Scholarship
- e. Environmental Sustainability Scholarship
- f. Unheard Voices Scholarship
- g. Republic Services – César Chávez Scholarship



Deadline: February 19, 2021

**The City of San Fernando
and the
San Fernando Education Commission
are Honored to Announce the Following
Scholarship Opportunities**

Gabriel Fernandez Memorial Scholarship

For more information and to access the application: [\(Click Here\)](#)

Elias Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship

For more information and to access the application: [\(Click Here\)](#)

Pahola Mascorro – Why Not You? Scholarship

This opportunity is open to a high school senior that has below a 3.0 GPA (C average or below) and plans to attend college.

For more information and to access the application: [\(Click Here\)](#)

Barack Obama Si Se Puede Scholarship

This scholarship is generously offered by Councilmember Hector A. Pacheco to encourage first-generation college-bound students to aspire toward STEM-related fields.

For more information and to access the application: [\(Click Here\)](#)

City of San Fernando Future Entrepreneurs Scholarship

This scholarship is generously offered by Councilmember Hector A. Pacheco to inspire young entrepreneurs and to encourage collaboration between city youth and civic leaders.

For more information and to access the application: [\(Click Here\)](#)

Environmental Sustainability Scholarship

This scholarship, generously sponsored by Joel Fajardo, to encourage college-bound students to aspire toward a sustainable future.

For more information and to access the application: [\(Click Here\)](#)

Unheard Voices Scholarship

This social justice scholarship is generously offered by Joel Fajardo, with an emphasis on LGBTQ issues, or other issues such as, human relations, disenfranchisement, workplace rights or any other marginalized peoples.

For more information and to access the application: [\(Click Here\)](#)

Republic Services – César Chávez Scholarship Program

An opportunity for one \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating college-bound high school senior to submit an essay. Student must live in the City of San Fernando.

For more information and to access the application: [\(Click Here\)](#)



2021 ANNUAL CESAR CHAVEZ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM City of San Fernando



Republic Services, Inc. is an industry leader in U.S. non-hazardous solid waste and recycling. Through its subsidiaries, Republic's collection companies, transfer stations, recycling centers and landfills focus on providing reliable environmental services and solutions for commercial, industrial, municipal and residential customers. Republic and its employees believe in protecting the planet and applying common sense solutions to customers' waste and recycling challenges.

Recognizing teamwork and education is essential to creating environmental change. Republic Services is working with the City of San Fernando's Education Commission to help students reach waste reducing goals within the City and become leaders in the three R's; Reduce, Re-use, and Recycle. As part of the effort to make recycling second nature to all City of San Fernando residents and college bound senior high school students, Republic Services is proud to announce the **2021 Annual Cesar Chavez Scholarship Program**.

Scholarship Program Overview

Republic Services will award one (1) \$1,000 scholarship to City of San Fernando Resident student for the **2021 Annual Cesar Chavez Scholarship Program**. High School college-bound seniors living within the City of San Fernando are eligible and encouraged to write an essay (topics on page 3).

Republic Services believes that tomorrow's thinkers and innovators will solve and tackle pressing issues regarding the conservation of our environment. These future scholars and leaders have the potential to create greener living standards, an environmentally sound economy, and a measure of sustainability in all that they do. Republic Services hopes to inspire young people to express their environmental ideas and opinions through this project.

Please review the **2021 Annual Cesar Chavez Scholarship Program** details outlined below and visit www.republicservices.com or www.calrecycle.ca.gov to view environmental and recycling videos to help gain content for the essay.

This Scholarship program is a collaborative effort between City of San Fernando Education Commission and Republic Services.



2021 Essay Writing Details

Theme

- Cesar Chavez and Environmental Stewardship

Deadline

- Entries must be submitted to: SFscholarship@republicservices.com by **February 19, 2021**

Eligibility

- The essay contest is open to all City of San Fernando Resident high school and college-bound graduating seniors.
- **Applicants must be a resident of the City of San Fernando**
- NO GPA requirements

Scholarship Award

- One \$1,000 individual scholarship

Writing Guidelines

- Essays must be in English and be 400 to 500 words in length, typewritten and double-spaced in 12 point font. Facts and quotations should be appropriately cited either in the body of the essay or in footnotes. Entries must be original, unpublished essays written by the contestants.

Submission Guidelines

- Please submit only one essay per student.
- Send entries to SFscholarship@republicservices.com
- Please include your essay as an attached PDF document.
- Entries must include your full name, e-mail address, home address, phone number, grade level, school name, and the name of your parent or legal guardian, in that specific order.

Selection of Scholarship Recipients

- The City of San Fernando Education Commission will evaluate all essays based upon creativity, demonstrated knowledge about Cesar Chavez, passion for environmental issues, and a vision for the future.
- Details of the specific evaluation methods and contest requirements are developed by The City of San Fernando Education Commission and Republic Services.

This program is not sponsored or managed by LAUSD.



2021 Essay Topics

(Students are challenged to answer **ONE** of the following questions):

- 1.) If you lived in an apartment complex that didn't recycle, how would you inspire the manager to setup a recycling center in the complex? What would be the overall environmental impact if all residents conscientiously recycled in the state of California? How could this goal be achieved?
- 2.) If you were asked to approach a family member that was not recycling, how would you communicate the impact recycling has on our environment? How could they responsibly dispose of their trash, and what would be your strategy in encouraging recycling behavior? Give an example(s).
- 3.) Cesar Chavez was an activist. Using lessons inspired by Cesar Chavez, how would you convince your fellow students to become active recyclers and reduce waste? Discuss how your student government could create policy change at your school to reduce waste, recycle more, and compost food scraps.
- 4.) What local business most inspires you with their efforts in environmental friendliness? How can these efforts be used to work towards the City of San Fernando becoming a Green City?

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Students were required to submit an essay to apply for the scholarship of their choice (one scholarship per student). Each essay (student personal information redacted) is reviewed by two Commissioners for scoring purposes to determine the final recipient(s), and at tonight's meeting, the Education Commission will ratify the recipient winners.

The Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Scholarship Budget will be reviewed and a determination will be made if funding adjustments are applicable. Finally, after the finalists and funds have been awarded, ad Hoc committees may be formed to appropriately schedule and plan an awards ceremony.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Donations are received to cover the costs of the amount of the scholarship and therefore there is no fiscal impact. Additional future costs are included in the Education Commission's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 annual Budget to include supplies for an awards ceremony.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the Education Commission discuss and provide direction to City staff regarding scholarship recipients, and related recommendations, as appropriate.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. 2020-2021 Scholarship Flyer