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EDUCATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
OCTOBER 26, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
117 MACNEIL STREET
SAN FERNANDO, CA 91340

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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

PRESENTATIONS

- A. PRESENTATION BY LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE UPDATES ON COVID-19 RELATED MATTERS

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DECORUM AND ORDER

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and may be disposed of by a single motion to adopt staff recommendation. If the City Council wishes to discuss any item, it should first be removed from the Consent Calendar.

1) REQUEST TO APPROVE SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR:

a. March 26, 2019	d. December 30, 2019
b. April 30, 2019	e. September 8, 2021
c. May 28, 2019	f. September 28, 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

2) DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF THE NOVEMBER 2021 STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Recommend that the Education Commission:

- a. Discuss the nominees for the November 2021 Student of the Month for the theme of "Giving Back";

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- b. Select an Education Commission 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 December/January.

3) **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2021-2022 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND RELATED MATTERS**

Recommend that the Education Commission begin discussions regarding the 2021-2022 Student Scholarship Program.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

GENERAL COMMISSION COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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.

*Linda Bowden-Moreno, Administrative Assistant
Signed and Posted: October 21, 2021 (4:00 p.m.)*

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**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**MARCH 26, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Community Meeting Room
117 Macneil Street
San Fernando, CA 91340

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair David Govea called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Present:

Members: Chair David Govea, Vice Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, Commissioners Michael Remenih, Olivia Robledo, and Veronica Pacheco

Staff: City Clerk Elena Chávez and Deputy City Clerk Cynthia Alba

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Remenih.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Remenih, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Motion by Commissioner Robledo, seconded by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez to reopen public statements at 8:21 p.m.

Councilmember Sylvia Ballin shared Career Day at O'Melveny and invited members of the Education Commission to join in a Certificate Ceremony on April 2, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.

COMMISSION MATTERS

1) DISCUSSION REGARDING PRINCIPALS' BRUNCH EVENT

It was the consensus that the event be postponed and to bring the discussion back at a later date.

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- 2) DISCUSSION REGARDING SAN FERNANDO STUDENT OF THE MONTH NOMINATION, SELECTION AND PRESENTATION PROCEDURES

Motion by Chair Govea, seconded by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, to select Kevin from ARTES for April Student of the Month, to be presented at the City Council meeting on April 15, 2019. By consensus, the motion carried.

- 3) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2019 SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS, APPLICATIONS, AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Commission agreed to award the Republic Services Scholarship to RS 1 for \$1,000.

Commission agreed to award the Why Not You Scholarship to WNY 2 and WNY 3 for \$250 each.

Commission agreed to award the Elias Rodriguez Scholarship to ER 5, ER 12, ER 14, ER 18 for \$500 each.

Commission agreed to award the Gabriel Fernandez Scholarship to GF 1, GF 12, GF 21, GF 28, GF 30 for \$500 each.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Robledo invited everyone to join the Cesar Chavez 26th Annual Walk.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Deputy City Clerk Alba discussed a program she works with called Educare. This program helps kids learn English, and motivates and mentors students to complete school and attend college.

ADJOURNMENT (8:30 p.m.)

Motion by Commissioner Robledo, seconded by Commissioner Remenih, to adjourn the meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of March 26, 2019, meeting as approved by the Education Commission.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk/Board Secretary

**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**APRIL 30, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Community Meeting Room
117 Macneil Street
San Fernando, CA 91340

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair David Govea called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.

Present:

Members: Chair David Govea, Vice Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, and Commissioners Michael Remenih, Olivia Robledo, and Veronica Pacheco

Staff: City Clerk Elena Chávez and Deputy City Clerk Cynthia Alba

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Remenih

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Remenih, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL None

COMMISSION MATTERS

- 1) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING “SAN FERNANDO CHOICE FAIR” AND POTENTIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Discussion ensued amongst Commissioners regarding a partnership for the School Choice Fair. A School Choice Fair Ad Hoc Committee was created consisting of Chair Govea and Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez. The Ad Hoc will prepare a plan and timeline to propose to the Commission at the next meeting.

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- 2) DISCUSSION REGARDING SAN FERNANDO STUDENT OF THE MONTH NOMINATION, SELECTION AND PRESENTATION PROCEDURES

Motion by Chair Govea, seconded by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, to select two students from Social Justice, Victor and Cameron, for May Students of the Month to be presented at the City Council meeting on May 20, 2019. By consensus, the motion carried.

- 3) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2019 SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS, APPLICATIONS, AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Discussion ensued amongst Commissioners regarding the awards process, guidelines, and preparations for the upcoming Scholarship event.

GENERAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS None

STAFF COMMUNICATION None

ADJOURNMENT (7:31 p.m.)

Motion by Commissioner Remenih, seconded by Commissioner Robledo, to adjourn the meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of April 30, 2019, meeting as approved by the Education Commission.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk/Board Secretary

**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION
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**MAY 28, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Community Meeting Room
117 Macneil Street
San Fernando, CA 91340

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair David Govea called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.

Present:

Members: Chair David Govea, Vice Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, and Commissioners Michael Remenih and Veronica Pacheco

Staff: City Clerk Elena Chávez and Deputy City Clerk Cynthia Alba

Absent: Commissioner Olivia Robledo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Remenih

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Remenih, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL None

COMMISSION MATTERS

- 1) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING “SAN FERNANDO CHOICE FAIR” AND POTENTIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

This item was tabled to a future meeting uncertain.

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- 2) DISCUSSION REGARDING SAN FERNANDO STUDENT OF THE MONTH NOMINATION, SELECTION AND PRESENTATION PROCEDURES

Discussion ensued amongst Commissioners regarding the Student of the Month procedures for the next school year and donations. No formal action taken.

- 3) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2019 SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS, APPLICATIONS, AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Discussion ensued amongst Commissioners regarding the 2019 Scholarship event, ways to improve for future events, and utilizing previous winners to provide guidance to students. No formal action taken.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Chair Govea expressed excitement to end one school year and begin a new year in August.

Commissioner Remenih announced a new program hosted by the Police Department and Starbucks where Police Officers interact with different classrooms.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Deputy City Clerk Alba will provide an updated budget spreadsheet for the next Education Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT (6:50 p.m.)

Motion by Commissioner Remenih, seconded by Commissioner Pacheco, to adjourn the meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of May 28, 2019, meeting as approved by the Education Commission.

Julia Fritz
City Clerk/Board Secretary

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**DECEMBER 30, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING**

City Hall Community Room
117 Macneil Street
San Fernando, CA 91340

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair David Govea called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present:

Members: Chair David Govea, Vice Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, and Commissioners Suzanne N. Llamas, and Nicole Mohr

Staff: Deputy City Clerk/Management Analyst Cynthia Alba

Absent: Commissioner Olivia Robledo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chair Govea

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Mohr, seconded by Commissioner Llamas, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

None

COMMISSION MATTERS

1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:

- A. OCTOBER 29, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING
- B. NOVEMBER 26, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Mohr, to approve the minutes. By consensus, the motion carried.

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2) DISCUSSION REGARDING IMPLEMENTING A SAN FERNANDO TEACHER SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM

Discussion ensued amongst Commissioners. By consensus, the Commission agreed to implement the Teacher Spotlight Program starting January 2020.

3) DISCUSSION REGARDING SAN FERNANDO STUDENT OF THE MONTH NOMINATION, SELECTION, AND PRESENTATION PROCEDURES

Motion by Chair Govea, seconded by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, to select two students from ACE and Assurance for December/January Students of the Month to be presented at the City Council meeting on January 21, 2020, and to reorganize the Student of the Month Ad Hoc to include both Chair Govea and Commissioner Mohr. By consensus, the motion carried.

4) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2020 SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS, APPLICATIONS, AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Discussion ensued amongst Commissioners, but no formal action was taken.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Chair David Govea expressed excitement to work with the new Commissioners and at the next Commission meeting he would like to discuss the calendar of events, current programs, timelines, Ad Hoc Committee list assignments, and Commission annual reorganization.

Commissioner Mohr would like to agendaize for a future meeting a discussion regarding developing a school choice fair where students and parents can meet school representatives.

Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez commented on Commissioner Mohr's request to consider a school choice fair and the difficulties that the Commission has encountered in the past is space, negotiating the student banners, and working with LAUSD's Choice Fair.

Commissioner Llamas requested to agendaize a discussion regarding the development of a new protocol for visiting schools and thanked Commissioners for their help.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Deputy City Clerk Alba requested signatures to be converted to electronic signatures and announced that all Commissioners are required to take the SB 1343 Sexual Harassment Training.

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ADJOURNMENT (7:12 p.m.)

Motion by Vice Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Mohr, to adjourn the meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of December 30, 2019, meeting as approved by the Education Commission.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk/Board Secretary

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**SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING**

City Hall Council Chambers
117 Macneil Street
San Fernando, Ca 91340

Teleconference Per Governor Executive Order N-29-20

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Members: Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, Vice Chair David Govea, Commissioners Suzanne Llamas and Nicole Mohr

Staff: City Clerk Julia Fritz and Deputy City Clerk/Management Analyst Crystal Solis

Absent: Commissioner Olivia Robledo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Vice Chair Govea.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Vice Chair Govea, seconded by Commissioner Mohr to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Los Angeles Unified School District Community of Schools Administrator Eduardo Solorzano spoke about current quarantine requirements for students who are exposed to COVID-19 would need to quarantine for eight days. If necessary, classrooms can move to online

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instruction or a hybrid learning instruction if students are required to quarantine; and requested assistance from the Commissioners to encourage students 12 and older to receive their COVID-19 vaccination. Lastly, teachers are required to be fully vaccinated by October 15, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr, seconded by Vice Chair Govea to reopen Public Statements at 7:07 p.m.

Los Angeles Unified School District School Board President Kelly Gonez informed the Education Commission that recruitment for the next Superintendent will begin Winter 2021. Ms. Gonez encouraged the public to complete an online survey, “The Search for a Superintendent 2021” which closes on October 1, and commented that the mobile vaccination clinics launched on August 30.

PRESENTATIONS None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR:

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| a. January 28, 2020 – Regular Meeting | f. July 28, 2020 – Regular Meeting |
| b. February 25, 2020 – Regular Meeting | g. October 27, 2020 – Regular Meeting |
| c. May 12, 2020 – Special Meeting | h. November 24, 2020 – Regular Meeting |
| d. May 26, 2020 – Special Meeting | i. December 29, 2020 – Regular Meeting |
| e. June 30, 2020 – Regular Meeting | j. July 28, 2021 – Regular Meeting |

Motion by Vice Chair Govea, seconded by Chair Zobel-Rodriguez to approve minutes with correction to minutes of July 28, 2020. By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

2) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK REGARDING THE PROPOSED SCOPE OF THE CITY COUNCIL BEAUTIFICATION AD HOC COMMITTEE AND SAN FERNANDO BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM CONCEPT

Presentation by Councilmember Cindy Montañez regarding the San Fernando Beautification Program. Commissioners discussed the proposed scope of the Beautification Ad Hoc Committee and asked Councilmember Montañez questions.

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Commissioner Llamas spoke about a similar program from 25 years ago and stated she is in support of the Beautification Program.

Commissioner Mohr deferred to her Transportation Commission comments and mentioned offering incentives to encourage youth volunteers.

Vice Chair Govea suggested utilizing the student of the month resources by maximizing the positive experience.

Chair Zobel-Rodriguez emphasized requiring a specific contact to verify and sign-off on student volunteer slips. The Education Commission can reach out to schools they are currently involved with.

Motion by Commissioner Llamas, seconded by Vice Chair Govea to support the beautification project on behalf of the Education Commission. By consensus, the motion carried.

3) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION TO REVIEW SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS BALANCE IN PREPARATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Education Commission received and filed current scholarship funds balance. The Commission will be looking at scholarships next month.

4) DISCUSSION REGARDING EDUCATION COMMISSION AD HOC COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Motion by Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Mohr to table this agenda item for next meeting.

5) DISCUSSION REGARDING SAN FERNANDO STUDENT OF THE MONTH NOMINATION, SELECTION, AND PRESENTATION PROCEDURES

Motion by Vice Chair Govea, seconded by Chair Zobel-Rodriguez to award Emmanuel as September 2021 Student of the Month award recipient to be presented at the September 20, 2021, City Council meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

6) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SAN FERNANDO TEACHER SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM AND THE NOMINATION, SELECTION, AND PRESENTATION PROCEDURES

Commissioners tabled this item for a future meeting uncertain.

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GENERAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Llamas would like to agendaize a review and discussion of the Education Commission Ordinance and the strategic goals.

Commissioner Mohr commented on the detailed minutes and announced that Los Angeles Public Transportation is waiving bus fares to assist the community, as a result of COVID-19.

Vice Chair Govea commented on the public health crisis at schools and spoke about students who are struggling with mental health. Vice Chair Govea would like strategize on how to communicate mental health information to schools and students.

Chair Zobel-Rodriguez gave an update on Gerry's Kids Scholarship winner, Mahika, and provided an update to the Commission on the great turnout of the scholarship presentation.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Clerk Julia Fritz updated the Education Commission on the transition timeline. Recreation & Community Services will take over the Education Commission beginning October.

ADJOURNMENT (7:13 p.m.)

Motion by Commissioner Mohr, seconded by Vice Chair Govea to adjourn the meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of September 8, 2021, meeting as approved by the Education Commission.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk/Board Secretary

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**SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Council Chambers
117 Macneil Street
San Fernando, Ca 91340

Teleconference Per Governor Executive Order N-29-20

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Members: Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, Vice Chair David Govea, Commissioners Suzanne Llamas (via teleconference), Nicole Mohr, and Olivia Robledo

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, City Clerk Julia Fritz, Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas, and Deputy City Clerk/Management Analyst Crystal Solis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Vice Chair Govea

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Vice Chair Govea, seconded by Commissioner Robledo to approve the agenda.

Amended Motion by Commissioner Mohr, seconded by Vice Chair Govea to remove Presentation A until the student is available. By consensus, the motion carried.

Amended Motion by Commissioner Mohr, seconded by Vice Chair Govea to move Presentation B until their arrival and approve agenda as amended. By consensus, the motion carried.

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Public statement submitted by email:

Liana Stepanyan, San Fernando Library Manager, informed the Commission of current library activities regarding their new Piloted Laptop Express Service and their partnership with Curative Health to distribute vaccines and provide on-site COVID-19 testing.

PRESENTATIONS

A) PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 STUDENT OF THE MONTH

- Emmanuel Solis (San Fernando Institute of Applied Media)
Moved to October 18, 2021, City Council Meeting

B) PRESENTATION BY LUIS RODRIGUEZ OF TREEPEOPLE REGARDING TREEPEOPLE AMERICORPS MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Arrived and presented at 6:15 p.m.

Motion by Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Chair Govea to recommend to the City Council for approval to allow the City to co-sponsor a partnership with TreePeople and AmeriCorps through the use of the City's communications/social media platforms to promote the program's opportunity to local residents. By consensus, the motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1) REQUEST TO APPROVE SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR:

- a. January 26, 2021 – Regular Meeting
- b. February 23, 2021 – Regular Meeting
- c. March 30, 2021 – Regular Meeting
- d. April 27, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Motion by Vice Chair Govea, seconded by Commissioner Robledo to approve minutes. By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

2) DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF THE OCTOBER 2021 STUDENT OF THE MONTH

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Motion by Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Mohr to award two seniors, Abigail from Social Justice and Lysha from Ace, as October 2021 Students of the Month award recipients to be presented at the October 18, 2021, City Council meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

Vice Chair Govea will be presenting the September and October Student of the Month awards to three recipients at the October 18, 2021, City Council meeting.

Commissioners discussed overlapping similar prompts for October and December/January. Commissioners agreed to switch the two themes.

3) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SAN FERNANDO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE EDUCATION COMMISSION

Motion by Commissioner Mohr, seconded by Chair Zobel-Rodriguez to recommend that the City Council amend Ordinance No. 1605 as follows:

Recommendation #1:

Sec. 2-615. - Item (a), city clerk will be replaced with Director of Recreation and Community Services.

Recommendation #2:

Sec. 2-618. - Item (2) at the end of the sentence add: "...for the young people residing in the City of San Fernando."

Recommendation #3:

Sec. 2-618. - Item (3) be eliminated from the ordinance.

By consensus, the motion carried.

4) CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING SETTING STRATEGIC GOALS AND PRIORITIES FOR 2021-2022

Motion by Commissioner Mohr, seconded by Vice Chair Govea to include the priorities for this year to be Student of the Month, Teacher Spotlight, and Student Scholarship Program with an understanding that the Principals Brunch will be prioritized for the following school year. By consensus, the motion carried.

5) DISCUSSION REGARDING EDUCATION COMMISSION AD HOC COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Motion by Vice Chair Govea, seconded by Commissioner Mohr to approve the Ad Hoc Committee List with the following changes: Commissioner Llamas will replace Commissioner

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Mohr for Student of the Month in Spring 2022, dissolve the Census 2020 Ad Hoc Committee, and agendaize an update from the Scholarship Funding Ad Hoc Committee at a date uncertain. By consensus, the motion carried.

GENERAL COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Llamas expressed appreciation towards the Commission.

Commissioner Robledo appreciates reviewing the Education Commission Municipal Code as a Commission.

Vice Chair Govea announced that Pfizer booster shots are available for teachers.

Chair Zobel-Rodriguez thanked the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk for their hard work.

STAFF COMMUNICATION None

ADJOURNMENT (7:37 p.m.)

Motion by Commissioner Robledo, seconded by Vice Chair Govea to adjourn the meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of September 28, 2021, meeting as approved by the Education Commission.

Julia Fritz, CMC
City Clerk/Board Secretary



AGENDA REPORT

To: Chair Zobel-Rodriguez and Education Commissioners

From: Julian J. Venegas, Director of Recreation and Community Services

Date: October 26, 2021

Subject: Discussion and Selection of the November 2021 Student of the Month

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Education Commission:

- a. Discuss and select student nominees for the November 2021 Student of the Month for the theme of “Giving Back”;
- b. Select an Education Commission 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 December/January.

BACKGROUND:

1. July 28, 2021, the Education Commission approved the 2021 – 2022 Student of the Month Program with the following categories:
 - a. August – Application released for September
 - b. September – Positive Attitude
 - c. October – Responsibility/Civic Engagement
 - d. November – Giving Back
 - e. December/January – Leadership
 - f. February – Kindness / Caring (Allies)
 - g. March – Creative / Artistic
 - h. April – Resilience
 - i. May – Academic Achievement
2. In September 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 November.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with approving this item.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends selecting a student of the month for November, 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.



To: Chair Zobel-Rodriguez and Education Commissioners

From: Julian J. Venegas, Director of Recreation and Community Services

Date: October 26, 2021

Subject: Discussion Regarding the 2021-2022 Student Scholarship Essay Contest Program and Related Matters

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Education Commission begin discussions in preparation for the 2021-2022 Essay Contest for the Student Scholarship Program.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The San Fernando Education Commission (Commission) established on May 5, 2011, and acts as the liaisons between City and local schools administrations, the City's local board administrators for the Los Angeles Unified School District and other public and private schools that operate in the city. The Annual Student Scholarship Essay Contest Program was formed to assist youths that are seeking higher education learning opportunities.

The scholarship program has grown from two scholarships being awarded to nine annual scholarships. Scholarship funds are received through generous donations by various donor sources, including, but not limited to current and former Councilmembers and outside organizations such as Independent Cities Finance Authority (ICFA) and Republic Services. The current scholarship funds balances are included as Attachment "A".

The following is a list of active scholarship opportunities to be offered for the 2021-2022 Student Scholarship Program:

- Gabriel Fernandez Memorial Scholarship
- Elias Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship
- Pahola Mascorro – Why Not You?
- Barack Obama Si Se Puede Scholarship
- Future Entrepreneurs Scholarship
- Environmental Sustainability Scholarship
- Unheard Voices Scholarship
- Republic Services – César Chávez Scholarship
- Gerry's Kids Scholarship

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Students are 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 a future meeting, the Education Commission will ratify the recipient winners.

In preparation for the 2021-2022 Student Scholarship Program, the Education Commission will begin reviewing the current scholarship funds available (Attachment "A") and unless designated specifically by the donor, fund amounts are set aside and budgeted towards each scholarship, as applicable. In addition, determination on student eligibility qualifications and scholarship prompts (Attachment "B"), application submission opening and closing deadline dates, and other related matters.

BUDGET IMPACT:

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

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the Education Commission begin discussions and preparation for the 2021-2022 Student Scholarship Program.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Scholarship fund balances
- B. Scholarship Topics/Prompts

Scholarship Donors & Accounts				
Fund Type	Name	Scholarship	Acct #	Balance
Yearly Donation	California Latino Water Coalition	Eli Rodriguez & Gabriel Fernandez	053-2950	\$0.00
Carry-Over	Independent Cities Financing Authority (ICFA) & Various Donors (Ballin & Llamas)	Any	053-2951	\$1,800.00
Yearly Donation	Hector Pacheco	Barack Obama "Si Se Puede"	053-2951	\$0.00
Yearly Donation	Hector Pacheco	Future Entrepreneur	053-2951	\$0.00
Donation (4 years)	Joel Fajardo	Environment Sustainability	053-2951	\$750.00
Donation (4 years)	Joel Fajardo	Unheard Voices	053-2951	\$ 750.00
Carry-Over	David Govea	Why Not You?	053-2951	\$250.00
Yearly Donation	Timothy Hou	Gerry's Kids	053-2951	\$0.00
Carry-Over	Angel Zobel-Rodriguez	Stipends & Donations	053-2951	\$2,310.00
Carry-Over	Eli Rodriguez Scholarship	Eli Rodriguez	053-2953	\$550.00
Carry-Over	G. Fernandez Memorial Scholarship	Gabriel Fernandez	053-2960	\$0.00
Remaining Balance:				\$6,410.00

California Latino Water Coalition (CLWC) Foundation (Split between Gabriel Fernandez & Eli Rodriguez) (Acct No. 053-2950)					
11/30/2018	Uncashed Check	Funds back into Acct.	\$500.00		
11/30/2018	2018 Scholarship	Recipient Cashed Check		\$500.00	
1/17/2019	Donation	CLWC	\$2,000.00		
5/20/2019	2019 Scholarship	Recipient Winner GF 1		\$500.00	
5/20/2019	2019 Scholarship	Recipient Winner GF 12		\$500.00	
5/20/2019	2019 Scholarship	Recipient Winner ER 5		\$500.00	
6/2/2020	2020 Scholarship	Recipient Winner ER 2		\$500.00	
12/15/2020	Donation	CLWC	\$500.00	\$0.00	
5/20/2021	2021 Scholarship	Recipient Winner ER 4	\$0.00	\$250.00	
5/20/2021	2021 Scholarship	Recipient Winner GF 4	\$0.00	\$250.00	
				Total:	\$0.00

Various Donors (ICFA, Council Members, & Others) (Acct. No. 053-2951)					
4/3/2019	Donation - ICFA	ICFA Funds Disbursement	\$3,000.00		
5/7/2019	Donation - Fajardo	\$250 for Gabriel Fernandez	\$250.00		
5/20/2019	2019 Scholarship	Recipient Winner GF 21		\$500.00	
12/3/2019	Donation	ICFA Funds Disbursement	\$2,000.00		
6/2/2020	2020 Scholarship	Recipient Winner ER 6		\$500.00	
6/2/2020	2020 Scholarship	Recipient Winner ER 8		\$500.00	
6/2/2020	2020 Scholarship	Recipient Winner GF 4		\$500.00	
6/2/2020	2020 Scholarship	Recipient Winner GF 11		\$500.00	
12/31/2020	Uncashed Check	Funds back into Acct.	\$250.00		
12/31/2020	2020 Scholarship	Recipient Cashed Check		\$250.00	
2/1/2021	Donation - Llamas	Student of the Month Gift Certificate	\$50.00		
2/17/2021	Donation - Ballin	Community Investment	\$250.00		
5/20/2021	2021 Scholarship	Recipient Winner ER 9		\$250.00	
5/20/2021	2021 Scholarship	Recipient Winner ER 11		\$500.00	
5/20/2021	2021 Scholarship	Recipient Winner GF 5		\$250.00	
5/20/2021	2021 Scholarship	Recipient Winner GF 11		\$250.00	
				Total:	\$1,800.00

Barack Obama "Si Se Puede" (Acct. No. 053-2951)					
7/26/2019	Donation	Hector A. Pacheco	\$500.00	\$0.00	
5/22/2020	2020 Scholarship	Recipient Winner BO 2	\$0.00	\$500.00	
1/20/2021	Donation	Hector A. Pacheco	\$500.00	\$0.00	
5/20/2021	2021 Scholarship	Recipient Winner BO 3	\$0.00	\$500.00	
				Total:	\$0.00

Future Entrepreneurs (Acct. No. 053-2951)					
7/26/2019	Donation	Hector A. Pacheco	\$500.00	\$0.00	
5/22/2020	2020 Scholarship	Recipient Winner FE 4	\$0.00	\$500.00	
1/20/2021	Donation	Hector A. Pacheco	\$500.00	\$0.00	
5/20/2021	2021 Scholarship	Recipient Winner FE 1	\$0.00	\$500.00	
				Total:	\$0.00

Environment Sustainability (Acct. No. 053-2951)					
12/9/2020	Donation	Joel Fajardo	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
5/20/2020	2021 Scholarship	Recipient Winner ES 3	\$0.00	\$250.00	
				Total:	\$750.00

Unheard Voices (Acct. No. 053-2951)					
12/9/2020	Donation	Joel Fajardo	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
5/20/2020	2021 Scholarship	Recipient Winner UV 1	\$0.00	\$250.00	
				Total:	\$ 750.00

Pahola Mascorro "Why Not You?" (Acct. No. 053-2951)					
11/1/2018	Donation	David Govea	\$500.00	\$0.00	
9/5/2019	Donation	Sylvia Ballin	\$500.00	\$0.00	
5/22/2020	2020 Scholarship	Recipient Winner WNY 1	\$0.00	\$250.00	
5/22/2020	2020 Scholarship	Recipient Winner WNY 2	\$0.00	\$250.00	
5/20/2021	2021 Scholarship	Recipient Winner WNY 3	\$0.00	\$250.00	
				Total:	\$250.00

Gerry's Kids (Acct. No. 053-2951)					
3/23/2021	Donation	Timothy Hou	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	
5/20/2021	2021 Scholarship	Recipient Winner GK 6	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	
				Total:	\$0.00

Angel Zobel-Rodriguez (Donation & Stipends) (Acct. No. 053-2951)					
3/19/2019	Stipend	February 2019 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
4/17/2019	Stipend	March 2019 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
5/23/2019	Stipend	April 2019 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
6/18/2019	Stipend	May 2019 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
6/30/2019	Stipend	June 2019 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
9/5/2019	Stipend	July 2019 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
9/17/2019	Stipend	August 2019 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
10/8/2019	Stipend	September 2019 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
11/5/2019	Stipend	October 2019 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
12/17/2019	Stipend	November 2019 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
1/21/2020	Stipend	December 2019 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
2/19/2020	Stipend	January 2020 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
3/19/2020	Stipend	February 2020 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
6/2/2020	Stipend	May 2020 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
7/21/2020	Stipend	June 2020 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
8/18/2020	Stipend	July 2020 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
9/9/2020	Stipend	August 2020 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
10/26/2020	Stipend	September 2020 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
11/12/2020	Donation	Donation	\$210.00		
11/17/2020	Stipend	October 2020 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
12/23/2020	Stipend	November 2020 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
2/3/2021	Stipend	December 2020 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
2/17/2021	Stipend	January 2021 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
6/8/2021	Stipends	March, April, May 2021 EC Meeting	\$225.00		
8/17/2021	Stipend	July 2021 EC Meeting	\$75.00		
9/8/2021	Stipend	September Sepcial EC Meeting	\$75.00		
9/28/2021	Stipend	September EC Meeting	\$75.00		
				Total:	\$2,310.00

Elias Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship (Acct. No. 053-2953)					
12/20/2018	Donation	Unknown	\$50.00		
4/18/2019	Donation	Unknown	\$500.00		
				Total:	\$550.00

Gabriel Fernandez Memorial Scholarship (Acct. No. 053-2960)					
10/24/2018	Donation	Unknown	\$700.00		
10/24/2018	Donation	Unknown	\$300.00		
5/20/2019	2019 Scholarship	Recipient Winner GF 28		\$500.00	
5/20/2019	2019 Scholarship	Recipient Winner GF 30		\$500.00	
				Total:	\$0.00

Gabriel Fernandez Memorial Scholarship 2020-2021

This scholarship is in memory of young, sweet Gabriel Fernandez who was just eight years old when he was murdered in 2013. There are many neglected and abused children like Gabriel. Gabriel can become a hero in a student's life and help them achieve their dream in his memory.

Qualification: Open to any graduating college-bound high school senior or current full-time student enrolled in a community college or four-year university; or Live in the City of San Fernando and/or have a parent/guardian that resides in the City of San Fernando

PROMPT (CHOOSE ONE):

1. What is a social justice concern that you share (either local or global)? Describe the urgency of the issue and what you have done or what can be done to address it.
2. We each have a tradition whether it be cultural, religious or just something that your family developed over time. Describe the importance of tradition and give an example of your most prized personal tradition and why.
3. Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal that marked your transition from a childhood state of mind to a mature/responsible "adult" within your culture, community, family or even to yourself.
4. Youth today are more willing than ever to discuss mental health issues that were previously stigmatized. Explain a time or way that you have prioritized your mental health.

Elias Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship 2020-2021

Eli Rodriguez was a 9th grader attending Academy for Scientific Exploration (ASE) when his life was cut tragically short in February 2017. He was a thoughtful student, a caring son, a beloved brother, cousin, uncle, nephew, grandson and a great friend. He touched many hearts not only among those who knew him, but also within the community.

PROMPT (CHOOSE ONE):

1. What positive improvement would you implement at your school to help students excel? If the program currently exists, how would you improve it?
2. You were just elected teen mayor; what would be your first act in office?
3. It is important to do the right thing even when no one is looking. Explain or describe a time when you had to stand up for what is right, even though it was difficult.

POSSIBLE PROMPT: The pandemic and the subsequent closures have created a sense of loss for many families this year. However, some people experienced silver linings with the extra time or togetherness they found themselves sharing. In 500-1000 words, share an unexpected new hobby, memory, or other positive effects of being safer at home.

Pahola Mascorro - Why Not You? Scholarship 2020-2021

Pahola Mascorro became an unwitting symbol of hope for the San Fernando community after the tragic death of her son, Eli Rodriguez. While she battled cancer, she became the driving force behind Eli's memorial scholarship. San Fernando lost a true hero with Pahola's passing in summer of 2019, but her legacy of giving back lives on.

Qualification: Live in the City of San Fernando and/or have a parent/guardian that resides in the City of San Fernando; or Attend or have graduated from a high school in the City of San Fernando and has below a 3.0 GPA

Prompts: Students were asked to answer one of the following questions in detail in an essay of 500-1,000 words:

Choose one:

1. Please describe obstacles you have gone through which have interfered with your academic success, and how overcoming this experience will help you as you pursue a college degree.
2. Describe a relationship you have with a mentor and how this relationship has shaped your path forward.

City of San Fernando Future Entrepreneurs Scholarship 2020-2021

This scholarship is generously offered by San Fernando Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco to inspire young entrepreneurs and to encourage collaboration between city youth and civic leaders. In an essay of 500-1000 words: If you were going to open a business, what would that business be? How would your business be different from your competitors?

Qualification: Open to any graduating college-bound high school senior or current full-time student enrolled in a community college or four-year university; or Live in the City of San Fernando and/or have a parent/guardian that resides in the City of San Fernando.

Prompt: Students were asked to answer the following question in detail in an essay of 500-1,000 words:

1. If you were going to open a business, what would that business be? How would your business be different from your competitors?

Barack Obama Si Se Puede Scholarship 2020-2021

This scholarship is generously offered by San Fernando Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco to encourage first-generation college-bound students to aspire toward STEM-related fields. In an essay of 500-1000 words: Why do you plan to enter a STEM field and what opportunities excite you the most? One (1) \$500 scholarship will be available to a high school or college student who lives or attends a school in the City of San Fernando.

Qualification: First Generation high school or college student entering a STEM field who lives or attends a school in the City of San Fernando.

Prompt: Students were asked to answer the following question in an essay of 500-1,000 words:

1. Why do you plan to enter a STEM field and what opportunities excite you the most?

Environmental Sustainability Scholarship 2020-2021

This scholarship, generously sponsored by Joel Fajardo, to encourage college-bound students to aspire toward sustainable future. This \$250 scholarship is open to any graduating college-bound high school senior or current full-time student enrolled in a community college or four-year university. Scholarships are non-merit based and need blind and can be awarded to students with the following criteria.

Qualifications: Live in the City of San Fernando and/or have a parent/guardian that resides in the City of San Fernando; or attend or have graduated from a high school in the City of San Fernando.

Prompts: Students were asked to answer one of the following questions in an essay of 500-1,000 words:

Choose one:

1. What environmental issue concerns you the most and how will your chosen major impact your ability to contribute to a more sustainable future? Please choose a narrow enough topic that you can adequately elaborate into your response.
2. What's an idea you have for a specific innovation that would increase environmental sustainability, and how will your studies in college help you to realize sustainable solutions such as these?

Unheard Voices Scholarship 2020-2021

A Social Justice scholarship of \$250, with an emphasis on LGBTQ issues, or other issues such as, human relations, disenfranchisement, workplace rights or any other marginalized peoples. This scholarship, generously sponsored by Joel Fajardo and is open to college-bound high school seniors and current undergraduate students.

Qualifications: Live in the City of San Fernando and/or have a parent/guardian that resides in the City of San Fernando; or attend or have graduated from a high school in the City of San Fernando.

Prompt: Students were asked to answer the following question in an essay of 500-1,000 words:

1. An underserved community refers to populations which are disadvantaged because of disparities for reasons of race, religion, language group or social status. These can include, but are not limited to, people who identify as LGBTQ+, DACA, immigrants, or BIPOC. Name a time where hearing these unique voices changed your perspective on an important issue.

2021 Annual Cesar Chavez Scholarship Program City of San Fernando (Republic Services)

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.

Qualifications: 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; and no GPA requirements.

Prompt: Students were asked to answer one of the following questions in an essay of 400-500 words, 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.

Choose one:

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?