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Re. Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) Education Rep Seat – Candidate Statement

Dear Encino Neighborhood Council Executive Board & Stakeholders,

I am excited to submit my candidate statement of interest for the Education Representative position on the Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC). My longstanding commitment to the Encino community, coupled with my extensive experience in educational leadership & community engagement, positions me well to contribute meaningfully in this role.

I have been a resident and property owner in Encino for over seven years, during which I have been actively involved in various educational and community initiatives. My leadership experience spans roles such as serving on the Encino Charter Elementary School's PTO & 501 (c) 3 non-profit board and as a former Chair for Encino Elementary's school site council Charter board. Additionally, my tenure as a member of the LAUSD Parent Advisory Committee representing district 4 & serving as Chairperson for the Legislative subcommittee has deepened my understanding of the challenges and opportunities within our local education system.

Currently, I work as a Family & Community Engagement Representative and Parent Education Support Assistant for LAUSD. In this capacity, I support 20 schools, including Hesby Oaks Leadership Charter and Academy Enriched Sciences Elementary in Encino. My role involves facilitating communication between families and schools, addressing educational needs, and promoting programs & parent & family workshops that enhance student success. This position has provided me with valuable insights into the dynamics of school-community relationships and the importance of collaborative problem-solving.

Throughout my career, I have demonstrated a strong ability to engage diverse stakeholders, plan strategically, and advocate effectively for educational improvements. My experience in executive leadership roles has equipped me with the skills needed to navigate complex issues, build consensus, and drive positive change.

I am eager to bring this expertise to the ENC, where I believe I can help advance our community's educational objectives. My goal is to enhance communication between the ENC and local schools, support initiatives that address the needs of students and families, and contribute to the overall enrichment of our community's educational landscape.

Thank you for your consideration and opportunity. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to work alongside other dedicated council members to achieve our shared goals for Encino.

Sincerely,

Geraldine Hernandez-Abisoror