## **CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

All candidates have the option of submitting a Candidate Statement as part of their Candidate Filing Application. Every candidate must adhere to the following guidelines when submitting a Candidate Statement:

- Must not exceed 1,000 characters limit including any translations (*Please note that only Spanish translations can be submitted as our system cannot recognize special characters*)
- Must be at least a 12-point font (if typed)
- Must submit statement by 11:59 p.m., 58 days before your Neighborhood Council Election Day
- May not include profanity or comments about any other candidate

When we moved to Encino two years ago, my parents let my younger brother and I stay home alone until an attempted break in nearby. Safety is a key issue in Encino. As a teenager, I would offer a unique perspective to the ENC as the Youth Representative. I am mature enough to grasp serious issues, such as safety, while understanding what youth enjoy such as the new Raising's Canes. On my school's student council, I've gained skills that would benefit me as the Youth Representative. I've learned to listen to peers, implement helpful ideas, and work with administrators to solve issues. Outside of school, I am passionate about contributing to the community and won my school's community service award. This summer, I am a volunteer literacy coach, helping underserved children in our community improve their reading skills. I believe I'm the best candidate for the Youth Representative to further ENC's mission of making our community a better place to live, work, and play.



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