



# MISSION HILLS



## NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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# ELECTION EDITION

## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Dear Stakeholders,

I want to wish you the very best New Year and, for that matter, a great new decade. We are starting off the year with elections for the Neighborhood Council Board of Governors in the first quarter. If you've ever entertained the idea of being in politics, here's a golden opportunity to get involved on a local level. You'll find all the information you need within the pages of this newsletter to file your candidacy and run for a board seat. There are a couple of issues that we are keeping our eye on right now. The first is the city budget crisis which will have a significant impact for years to come. It will be the responsibility of the Neighborhood Council to represent our priorities to the City Leaders in an effort to protect our community's interests. If you can't be a board member, we encourage you to participate in framing the discussion about the issues by attending the monthly Council's Board of Governors Meetings every second Tuesday of the month at Mission Community Police Station (Falco Room). Rest assured that I will put up a hard fight with our City-Wide elected officials and Councilman to protect the funding for our basic services. Another issue to keep your eye on is the likelihood that the proposal to build a Home Depot at the present site of the Guest House Inn will be defeated by this Council for the second time in four years. It sounds simple, but it is really a complicated issue that bears watching.

On a different note, the Zoning and Land Use and Outreach Committees have new Chair/ Board Members. Please welcome Jerrilyn Paley and Julia Neiman respectively. They bring a combination of professionalism, creativity and resourcefulness to the board that enhances our effectiveness.

I want to thank all of you for showing enormous passion for your our community and hope that you will continue to be involved even after these two important issues are laid to rest. I will also make sure I do my best to continue to make Mission Hills the most sought-after community in the Northeast San Fernando Valley.

Sincerely,

David Guzman  
President, Board of Directors  
Mission Hills Neighborhood Council

## 2010 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION INFORMATION

If you live, work or own property in Mission Hills and want to get into local politics, here's your golden opportunity. It's time to elect the members of the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council.

The following is a list of the board seats that are available:

| Board Position                 | Qualifications to Run  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| At-large Governor              | Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age.   |
| Residential Homeowner Governor | Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age and a home or condo owner within the MHNC boundaries.    |
| Residential Renter Governor    | Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age and a renter.  |
| Business Owner Governor        | Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age and a business or property owner                         |
| Employee Governor              | Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age and works in a business within the MHNC boundaries.      |
| Business Property Owner        | Stakeholder who is at least 18 years of age and owns a business property within the MHNC boundaries. |
| Youth Governor                 | Stakeholder between the ages of 13 and 17.   |

### **DON'T KNOW WHAT SIDE OF THE BORDER YOU'RE ON?**

To find a map that clearly shows the borderlines of Mission Hills, please go to the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council website. The URL for the website is:

[www.mhnconline.org](http://www.mhnconline.org)

Registration for candidacy concludes on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. There's not much time left. All persons filing for candidacy must present documentation (i.e. Driver's license/ID Card, U.S. Passport or credit card containing a person's photograph) proving their stakeholder status. Please consult the City Clerk's Election Website for more detailed information from the FAQ at: <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/website.pdf>

Neighborhood Council membership is open to all Stakeholders. In addition, stakeholders are those persons involved in educational institutions, religious institutions, community organizations, homeowners associations, school/parent groups, youth groups and service organizations that are in the MHNC area.

#### CANDIDATE STATEMENTS:

As part of their Candidate Filing Packet, candidates will have the option to submit a Candidate Statement. The statements:

- ✓ must fit on one side of the Candidate Statement Form provided.
- ✓ must be at least 12-point font (if typed).
- ✓ must not exceed 150 word count limit.
- ✓ may not include any pictures, profanity or comments about other candidates.

The statements will be compiled and posted on the City Clerk's website as well as at the Polling Place on Election Day, if submitted within the submission deadline of Thursday, February 25, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.

Voting will take place on Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Galpin Honda Showroom at 11151 Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Mission Hills, CA 91340. Sign up to be a poll worker by emailing the NC Pollworker Sign Up Volunteer Program at [Clerk.ElectionPW@lacity.org](mailto:Clerk.ElectionPW@lacity.org).

## FEATURED MISSION HILLS BUSINESS:

A Message from Kent Palmer, Manager of Pinnacle Estate Properties, Mission Hills:

Pinnacle Estate Properties, Inc. was founded in 1985 with the goal to create an environment of independence, professionalism, and accountability. A company that would be able to meet the most stringent demands of each and every client with their real estate needs. A company built upon a foundation of integrity, energy, and drive – never wavering in the goal to achieve 100% client satisfaction.



We are happy to report that we have been able to attain our goal of becoming one of the most productive real estate companies in the San Fernando Valley. Our Mission Hills branch office at 10328 Sepulveda Blvd. is home to over 100 agents, all working hard to serve the residents of our community with the finest real estate service possible. Our company growth is a direct result of the hard work, integrity, and outstanding customer service that each of our agents provide to their clients.

We are community minded. Even in a difficult market we have continued to raise money for Children's Hospital and Make a Wish Foundation. We have agents who are actively involved with animal shelters and pet adoptions. Every year our agents collect toys for the "Spark of Love" toy drive put on by the Los Angeles Fire Department.

As the manager of Pinnacle Estate Properties, Inc., Mission Hills I want to say thank you to all the residents of our community who have supported us over the years. We absolutely love working in Mission Hills. You can contact us at (818) 365-0677.

## BOARD NEWS

The Neighborhood Beautification and Cultural Affairs Committee is creatively brainstorming on projects to carry forward in 2010. If you have any ideas to make our neighborhood a better, more beautiful place to live, please join our monthly meetings. For info contact the committee chairperson, Yolanda Anguiano at [yanguiano@mhnconline.org](mailto:yanguiano@mhnconline.org) or call 818-504-3911.

### UPCOMING MHNC MEETINGS

**All board and committee meetings are held at the Mission Community Police Station, 11121 Sepulveda Blvd. Please check the MHNC website at for the dates of upcoming meetings, events and important community news.**

The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council would like to extend an opportunity to the community to submit information pertaining to Mission Hills to be published in upcoming newsletters or listed on our website. The newsletter is delivered to nearly 8,000 addresses in Mission Hills. Have your voice heard - submit your news or suggestions at [www.mhnconline.org](http://www.mhnconline.org). Sign up for the MHNC eNewsletter and to receive timely updates or email us at [mhnc@mhnconline.org](mailto:mhnc@mhnconline.org)

Submit your Candidate Filing Form  
By FAX: 213-978-0376 or by Mail:  
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