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EDUCATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
FEBRUARY 23, 2022 – 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
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Commissioner Suzanne N. Llamas
Commissioner Nicole Mohr
Commissioner Olivia Robledo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Vice Chair David Govea

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PRESENTATIONS

- A. LAUSD Community of Schools Administrator: Eduardo Solorzano or Elizabeth Beltran
- B. Board Member Kelly Gonez

DECORUM AND ORDER

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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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1) DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF THE MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH**
- 2) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2021-2022 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND RELATED MATTERS**
- 3) REVIEW OF DONATION LETTER**
- 4) TEACHER SPOTLIGHT**

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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 24 hours prior to the meeting.

*Linda Bowden-Moreno, Administrative Assistant
Signed and Posted: February 16, 2022 (4:00 p.m.)*

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To: Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez and Commissioners

From: Julian Venegas, Director of Recreation and Community Services

Date: February 23, 2022

Subject: Discussion and Selection of the Student of the Month for March 2022.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Education Commission:

- a. Discuss the nominees for the December 2021 and January 2022 for Student of the Month for the theme of “Leadership”;
- 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 February 2022.

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 November 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 December 2021 and January 2022.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with approving this item.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends selecting a student of the month for March 2022, select 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: February 23, 2022
Subject: Discussion Regarding the 2021-2022 Student Scholarship Essay Contest Program and Related Matters

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Education Commission

- a. Discuss and provide direction for compelling the submitted essays for the Commissions’ review.
- b. Discuss the Scholarship fund balance (Attachment “A”)
- c. Discuss the possible date and location for the scholarship awards ceremony.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The San Fernando Education Commission (Commission) was established on May 5, 2011, and acts as the liaison 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 2021-2022 scholarship essay submission deadline was Friday, February 19, 2022. A total of 69 essays were submitted this funding cycle. A breakdown of the essays submitted for each scholarship is listed below:

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>No. of Essays</u>
Gabriel Fernandez Memorial	27
Elias Rodriguez Memorial	22
Pahola Mascorro – Why Not You?	2
Nursing and Healthcare	10
Environmental Sustainability	0
Unheard Voices	4
Gerry’s Kids	4
Republic Services – César Chávez	0

Discussion Regarding the 2021-2022 Student Scholarship Program and Related Matters

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Staff will review all essays for eligibility and present a slate of candidates for each scholarship to the Education Commission. The slate of candidates is anonymous so that any possibility of practicality or bias is removed from the review process. The current scholarship balance is \$6,560. The Scholarships Donors and Accounts (Attachment "A") provides a breakdown of the available funds of each scholarship.

The Education Commission recognizes that the scholarships are funded through generous donations and the Commission is aware that these donations are not assurances year to year by the donors. Hence, the Commission has taken a proactive stance and drafted a letter highlighting the goals of the scholarship program and soliciting donations. City Council reviewed the letter and directed staff to rewrite the letter and bring back the item for approval at a future City Council meeting.

The RCS staff recommends that the Education Commission start discussion regarding the awards ceremony. The RCS Department staff is responsible for a multiple programs and services throughout the year. Facilitating an award ceremony adds one more event staff will need to plan and implement. Staff is requesting that Education Commission select a tentative date and location for the award ceremony so that preliminary planning can start.

BUDGET IMPACT:

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

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the Education Commission Discuss and provide direction for compelling the submitted essays for the Commissions' review. Discuss the Scholarship fund balance (Attachment "A"), and Discuss the scholarship awards ceremony.

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Scholarship fund balances

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

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	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

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



AGENDA REPORT

To: Chair Zobel-Rodriguez and Education Commissioners

From: Julian Venegas, Director of Recreation and community Services

Date: February 23, 2022

Subject: Discussion Regarding the San Fernando Teacher Spotlight Program and the Nomination, Selection, and Presentation Procedures

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Education Commission discuss the Teacher Spotlight program and provide recommendations, as applicable.

BACKGROUND:

In July 2020, the first Teacher Spotlight recipient was nominated and awarded during a City Council meeting in September 2020. The Education Commission continues to seek applications from students to nominate Teachers or Staff members for the Teacher Spotlight.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with approving this item.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the Education Commission discuss and review the Teacher Spotlight program and the nomination, selection and presentation process for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.