

Community Voices Lead Summer Efforts in Reseda

Election 2026: Reseda in the Spotlight



Written by: Erin Huffer-Ethial

Election season is upon us, and the Reseda Neighborhood Council is working to ensure residents are informed about the candidates and issues impacting their community. This election is especially significant for Reseda, as leadership changes will directly affect local representation.

Based on results from the June 2nd primary Nithya Raman, Councilwoman for CD4, will challenge incumbent Karen Bass for Mayor in November. As of this writing Tim Gaspar and Barri Girvan will run to replace Councilman Bob Blumenfield for CD 3 will be vacating his seat in December when his term ends.

To help voters prepare and stay informed for the upcoming election, the Reseda Neighborhood Council co-sponsored a Council District 3 candidate forum on April 27, 2026. The event was a collaboration with the Tarzana, Winnetka, Canoga Park, and Woodland Hills Neighborhood Councils, and was hosted at Magnolia Science Academy.

The forum included candidates C.R. Celona, Barri Worth Girvan, and Tim Gaspar. The event began with performance by MSA cheerleaders featuring a song by Beyonce.

Alex Cohen, an Emmy Award-winning journalist from Spectrum News, served as moderator and guided a thoughtful and engaging discussion among the candidates.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Make sure you are ready to vote by confirming your registration and creating a voting plan.

Visit registertovote.ca.gov for more information and to register.

Important Dates:

- **October 19, 2026: Deadline to register to vote**
- **November 3, 2026: Election Day**

Reseda NC Members Honored at Community Leadership Awards



Written By: Douglas Smith

Celebrating what the Neighborhood Council System has come to realize is its guiding pledge, and principle of community engagement, Assemblyman Jesse Gabriel and his office gave tribute and recognition to people who have answered a calling and contributed to our neighborhoods in ways that are both varied and inspiring.

In particular, with clarity and foresight, the Reseda Neighborhood Council, under President Jamie York's direction, prepared itself to support and show allegiance to our fellow Reseda citizens by informing businesses, families and others of their legal rights to get us through what were trying and difficult times in the summer of 2025. In response to the troubling and unconstitutional immigration policies of the current administration, the Council distributed information and materials to every single business in its area, as well as its schools and an inestimable number of citizens alike. The Neighborhood Council's efforts also made a point of expressing its approval and strong support of the City Council's role in combating and resisting the unconscionable and illegal ICE activities terrorizing its members citywide. Paying tribute to the Reseda Neighborhood Council's efforts, along with other valuable members of our community, the Assemblyman once again has honored those who have selflessly contributed to the betterment of society. In so doing, The Assemblyman bestowed upon the council the award of "Community Activists of the Year."

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Reseda NC Launches First-Ever Student ArtBox Contest



Written By: Outreach Committee

Earlier this year, the Reseda Neighborhood Council, in partnership with the RNC Outreach Committee, Magnolia Science Academy 1, and Magnolia Science Academy 5, launched its first-ever Student ArtBox Design Contest, giving local students the opportunity to help beautify the community through public art.

Inspired in part by Reseda's recent signal box mural by veteran artist Mary Beth Caccitolo at Victory and Reseda, the contest invited students to create original ArtBox concepts reflecting creativity, community, and neighborhood pride. First place was awarded to California Aguilar (MSA 5) for "Sea Corals," second place went to Natalia Rodriguez-Suarez (MSA 1) for "Seeds of Kindness," and third place was awarded to Zahir Parameño (MSA 5) for "El Primero."

The first and second place designs will be transformed into painted ArtBox installations later this summer by artist and Grover Cleveland High School Art Department Chair Louis Barreto ahead of a public reveal.

The Reseda Neighborhood Council hopes this project continues to encourage artistic expression, civic engagement, and community beautification throughout Reseda.

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Several of this year's honorees were also members of other Neighborhood Councils, proving good work is being done across the Valley, in relation to volunteering for the community in a multitude of ways.

The evening's ceremony was both humbly and deliciously held at Woodland Hills' Local Peasant, featuring a sublime flourless chocolate mousse cake that would have been just

reward for any occasion. "We were thrilled to honor so many amazing community leaders and organizations at our Fifth Annual Valley Community Leadership Awards.

Congratulations to all of the honorees and thank you for your dedication to serving the San Fernando Valley!", Said Gabriel. It is the Council's hope that similar activities will encourage others to engage in community efforts more and more, knowing this type of involvement is most certainly a way of continually being both vigilant and making a tangible difference in our city together.

Reseda Advocates for Charter Reform

Written by: Karla Escobar

The Reseda Neighborhood Council has continued advocating for meaningful Charter Reform focused on transparency, accountability, and strengthening Neighborhood Councils across Los Angeles. Through many Community Impact Statements submitted to the Charter Reform Commission, the Council has pushed for guaranteed public participation rights, stable Neighborhood Council funding, stronger ethics oversight, and protections against administrative overreach. The RNC has also supported the creation of a permanent Charter Review Commission and an elected Public Advocate position to improve long-term accountability and responsiveness within City Hall. Additional concerns raised include emergency governance preparedness, balanced budgeting, and ensuring residents maintain a stronger voice in local government decisions.

Throughout the process, the Reseda Neighborhood Council has emphasized that Charter Reform should serve the people of Los Angeles by promoting transparency, civic engagement, and public trust in government.





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