

Notice and Agenda

Special Meeting of the La Cañada Flintridge City Council

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 4:00 PM

**City Hall
One Civic Center Drive
La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011**



**Jeanne K. Hobson, Mayor
Stephanie Fossan, Mayor Pro Tem
Quemars S. Ahmed, Councilmember
Kim Bowman, Councilmember
Keith Eich, Councilman**

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4:00 PM City Council Special Meeting**Call to Order****Roll Call**

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 Keith Eich, Councilman

Comments from the Public - Public Comment cards are in the holder on the wall in the lobby.

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Item for Consideration**1) Interviews of Applicants for the Design Commission and Youth Council**

Applicant Name	Commission/Committee	Time
Kevan Blanche	Design Commission	4:00 p.m.
Shail Ravipudi	Youth Council	4:10 p.m.
Winston Choy	Youth Council	4:20 p.m.
Connie Morgan	Design Commission	4:30 p.m.
Todd Soomina	Design Commission	4:40 p.m.
Andre Armen	Youth Council	4:50 p.m.

All interview scheduled times are approximate and may vary

Comments from the City Council**Adjournment****Motion to Adjourn**

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Tania Garcia, City Clerk



New submission from Application for Appointment to City Commission/Committee

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Name of Commission/Committee:
Design Commission
Date
08/12/2026
Are you currently serving on this Commission/Committee and applying for reappointment?
No
Personal
Name
Kevan J Blanche
Address
Phone Number
Email
Address
Number of years lived in LCF:

50

Education

Please describe your education and any related training you possess which would be relevant as a Commission/ Committee member.

I am a licensed attorney and current member of the State Bar of California, having completed by undergraduate degree at the University of Southern California and my law degree at Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law. Having a foundational basis and proper understanding of the property and regulatory rights of stakeholders is, I believe, an essential element to such a position and I have significant experience in dealing with property-related issues as an attorney.

Please describe your relevant experience and skills.

I have traveled to more than 130 countries and territories which has given me a unique perspective on architecture and effective community development, particularly with regard to effective, aesthetically pleasing, and people-friendly community development. I am enthusiastic about architecture and have a personal collection of photography spanning decades that could be a useful illustrative resource for the Commission. I personally redesigned our own family home here in La Canada for which I was offered a draftsman job on the spot by a prominent local architect.

Please outline your involvement in community activities, organizations, and civic engagements.

I am knowledgeable about local history, have closely observed the growth and development of the City over the decades, and am enthusiastic about conservation and in finding ways to effectively and harmoniously preserve and integrate our local natural and community resources. I have appeared on a number of occasions before the LCF City Council or other review boards to bring concerns regarding these matters and other development schemes and standards. I would welcome the opportunity to help shape the future of our city and ensure it remains a uniquely pleasant place to live in Los Angeles County.

Other Information

Include a brief statement outlining your views on the roles and responsibilities of this Commission/Committee. Include key issues you believe are important and detail your goals if appointed.

As outlined, I believe the Commission's role is to work constructively with private property and other stakeholders to adopt plans that not only meet the needs of property owners, but hopefully to improve on their investments by encouraging aesthetically pleasing but functional architectural designs, landscaping, and other development schemes that fit the character of the city as outlined by the City Council, and that balance the needs of all parties involved.

If applicable, include the Commission/Committee on which you have served previously and include the time frame

I have not previously served on a committee or commission in La Canada Flintridge.

Type Your Name as the Applicant's Signature

Kevan J. Blanche



Outlook

New submission from Application for Appointment to City Commission/Committee

From LCF Website Reply <info@lcf.ca.gov>**Date** Wed 5/20/2026 11:11 AM**To** Tania Garcia <tgarcia@lcf.ca.gov>; Arpi Yesayan <AYesayan@lcf.ca.gov>; Arabo Parseghian <aparseghian@lcf.ca.gov>; Madison Dederick <mdederick@lcf.ca.gov>**Name of Commission/Committee:**

Youth Council

Date

05/19/2026

Are you currently serving on this Commission/Committee and applying for reappointment?

No

Personal**Name**

Shail Ravipudi

Address**Phone Number****Email****Address****Number of years lived in LCF:**

17

Education**Please describe your education and any related training you possess which would be relevant as a Commission/Committee member.**

I am currently a Junior at La Canada High School. I am a very strong student, and continue to commit to a challenging course load. I am a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and the National English Honors Society.

Throughout my years in high school, I have participated in the student council, as class officer, president, and ASB officer. I love bringing people together, and have naturally stepped into a leader amongst my peers. I have truly enjoyed making the highschool experience for everyone better. Last summer, I was awarded a scholarship to participate in the Sister Cities International Youth Leadership Summit in Washington DC. In December, I had the honor of being recognized by the La Canada City Council at their Council meeting. The program I attended was focused on developing diplomacy skills for students my age, who can then help contribute to the mission of advocacy and civil responsibility within and amongst nations or towns. I found this journey very helpful to my leadership and communication skills. It was the first time I left home on my own, including travel, landed in a city that I had to quickly navigate, and immerse myself in a brand new group of people. I absolutely loved it. I connected with students throughout the country and from abroad and while it was out of my comfort zone, I was able to leverage my strengths in making meaningful connections and driving groups towards an outcome. The program also taught me about negotiation in the real world, and how to bring policy forward and drive change through engagement and bridging differences. I have also participated in Mock Trial, and attended the Mock Trial Institute at UCLA. That was amazing! My dad is a trial lawyer so I've watched and listened to him all my life, but having the chance to be in a courtroom simulation, play the role of a lead attorney, and put together fact pattern and case law was incredible. In addition to these opportunities, I have served as a volunteer for several non-profit organizations. I am a Junior Ambassador for Children's Hospital Los Angeles, and similar to the La Canada Youth Council, this program empowers youth to get involved in fundraising for an important mission. Following this, I was a part of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Student Visionaries of the Year Campaign, and worked with a group of my peers to set a goal and drive towards it in support of this organization's mission. I spent a week volunteering with the YMCA's Camp Lolek program as a counselor, having responsibility for a number of kids at the camp. Growing up in La Canada, I have had the great experience of playing in La Canada recreational sports. I am now playing baseball and football. These sports emphasize teamwork and leadership, and are necessary for success. I find that throughout my life, I have always attempted to better my leadership and teamwork skills. I am a proud member of the city of La Canada, born and raised here, and with the experience above and my desire to continue to learn and grow, I feel I would be a great asset to the La Canada City Youth Council!

Please describe your relevant experience and skills.

I am the middle of three brothers. My oldest brother Dhilan graduated from LCHS 2 years ago and my youngest brother Brij will be a freshman at LCHS in the Fall. My older brother has DiGeorge syndrome, and as a neurodiverse student, I watched him grow up in our town and thrive, thanks to the support of a loving community (aunties, uncles, extended aunties and uncles, teachers, coaches, friends throughout), a school with guidance and resources, and of course my parents who will help make anything possible for us. He is now attending Pathways at UCLA and is doing great. And when he comes home, he'll be the first to high-five a familiar face. Having Dhilan as a brother, makes my job as his younger brother unique. I am not sure I have figured it out entirely yet, but I do know with 100% certainty I will be there for him for his lifetime, and will want to make sure he continues to have access to the world of support my parents opened up for him. Brij and I will do that together. I am excited to have Brij join me at school next year for my final year at LCHS, especially as I drive him.

As described in the previous paragraph, I have been in ASB my whole life. I have held various positions, including Class President. I have helped create spirit week ideas, coordinate assemblies, and make the overall experience of high school the best possible. Just as important, I have been really effective at taking this beyond the classroom, bringing people together through organized basketball tournaments (funds raised) after school or on the weekends or simply to gather and have a good time. I bring people together from different schools, and have great friendships across campuses in La Canada and beyond. I also spent time as a tutor for underprivileged students through the Partnership for Success program. I was paired with a student, JoJo, with the aim of helping him build his math and science abilities. I appreciate spending time with kids and giving them a path that will help them reach their goals. I have developed skills that work well in new environments and bringing people together towards a common goal. I feel strongly that I could represent the voices of many, and bring my peers and other youth together in discussion,

planning, and purposeful work.

I am social, a very open person, and look to make the communication between my peers comfortable. I pride myself in my honesty skills and abilities to work with anyone. I like to engage people, I thrive when with my peers, and I am not afraid of uncertainty or a challenging task. In the face of adversity, I am confident in my ability to push through, and I am always prepared to drive change, ready to stretch and grow with each opportunity given in order to achieve it. I am a good person, I wear my smile everywhere, and I believe the city's Youth Council is a perfect platform for me to put these skills to use and make a difference for the community of youth I am a member of, and hope to represent!

Please outline your involvement in community activities, organizations, and civic engagements.

I shared some of this above already but I have completed over 150 service hours throughout high school. As a counselor with Camp Lolek for one full week, I was given the youngest group of kids and it was a challenge. I had to have patience and kindness in order to make it through the week and it was a huge growth opportunity for me personally. As mentioned, I have participated in several fundrasing groups dedicated to developing youth in the field of advocacy. As a junior ambassador for CHLA, I have had to share my personal connection to the hospital and why I believe it is a mission worth everyone's attention. My older brother had heart surgery there, and the place has a very special place in our family's hearts. It is why I joined the Junior Ambassador group. And as an LLS student visionary campaign member, I was able to tell a story of the much needed support for research to help further the scientific advances towards improved treatment and cures.

I love my community!

Other Information

Include a brief statement outlining your views on the roles and responsibilities of this Commission/Committee. Include key issues you believe are important and detail your goals if appointed.

The roles and responsibilities of the Youth Council in La Canada matter to me because I want the youth of La Canada to have a voice in the changes within our city. It is important for adults to hear what the youth have to say, what the youth are dealing with daily, and how the city council could help contribute to their upbringing and experience in La Canada. It may sound cliché, but the youth are the future, and I believe learning from their perspectives is crucial to being able to advance and build futures. If I had the privilege of serving as a member of the Youth Council, I would first look to my youth community to see what's top of mind, what's most important for their safety and happiness, and I would love a chance to then bring forward ideas on their behalf or contribute to any city policy or procedure that represents this vital voice.

Thank you very much for considering my application.

Attach a current resume (optional)

- [SHAIL-R.-RAVIPUDI-RESUME-2026.docx](#)

Type Your Name as the Applicant's Signature

Shail Ravipudi

SHAIL R. RAVIPUDI

HIGHSCHOOL CLASS OF 2027

OBJECTIVE

Ambitious, hardworking high school junior with strong leadership and communication skills, seeking an internship in a law firm the summer before senior year. Eager to learn, observe, develop hands-on experience, and contribute to the success of a team-oriented law firm. Looking to further interest in law and specifically trial advocacy.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

August 2023–Present

Student Leadership

- Class President, Freshman Year
- Class Officer, Sophomore Year
- ASB Secretary, Junior Year
- *Currently Running: Class President, Senior Year*

August 2023 - Present

150 plus hours Volunteer Service

- Los Angeles Regional Food Bank
- Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Junior Ambassador
- Leukemia Lymphoma Society (LLS)
- Camp Lolek, Counselor

June 2024, Sister Cities Leadership Summit

Scholarship Recipient

July 2024

UCLA Mock Trial Institute

January 2025 - Present

Echelon Scholar Program (IEE Research)



EDUCATION

La Canada High School,
La Canada, CA

Expected Graduation: June 2027

GPA: 4.3

Advanced Coursework:

AP Human Geography
AP Chemistry
AP English Language and
Composition
AP US History
AP Biology
AP Pre-Calculus
AP Spanish

Honors Coursework:

Honors Geometry
Honors English
Honors Spanish

Academic Awards:

National English Honor Society
National Honors Society
National HS Honors Society



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Youth Council

Date

04/03/2026

Are you currently serving on this Commission/Committee and applying for reappointment?

No

Personal**Name**

Winston Choy

Address**Phone Number****Email****Address****Number of years lived in LCF:**

16

Education**Please describe your education and any related training you possess which would be relevant as a Commission/Committee member.**

I am a current junior at La Canada High School. I have been at La Canada High School since seventh grade and have been within the LCUSD school system throughout elementary school.

Please describe your relevant experience and skills.

At La Canada High School, I am the founder and president of the Investing Club. I give presentations to educate peers about financial literacy and investing, which I think is especially critical as they enter the workforce. I give such lessons when we meet every two weeks. On top of that, I am currently a newspaper contributor to a student-run newspaper called the Outspoken (started in 2018 by an LCHS alumnus). I write articles every two weeks, focusing on economics and social issues. Just within the past month or so, I finished an article about a passage from Barbara Ehrenreich's novel Nickel and Dimed, focusing especially on the implications of the lack of social mobility and the struggle to make a living with minimum-wage jobs. It should be published within the next month.

Please outline your involvement in community activities, organizations, and civic engagements.

Currently, I volunteer at a homeless kitchen (Care Mission USA) in Temple City. I help with cleaning, food preparation, and packaging. I have amassed over 150 volunteer hours since joining in the fall of 2024, and volunteer once or twice per month. I see this experience as a way to give my time to a worthy cause. I also help students from across the continent by being a volunteer tutor with Schoolhouse. I lead small group sessions of two to four people to teach concepts needed to prepare for the SAT, especially in math. I wrapped up a review series for the March SAT recently and spent around four hours weekly doing so. I was recently accepted to be a leader for the College and Career Center at La Canada High School, and I will start in August. There, I will help other students navigate the college admissions process and provide personalized application assistance to my peers.

Other Information

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Include key issues you believe are important and detail your goals if appointed.

I believe that a member of the La Canada Flintridge Youth Council should uphold integrity and work towards solving issues that affect the younger generation. I see this role as a way to promote youth involvement in our community and to provide hands-on experience in the workings of policy-making and city government. The Youth Council should be a forum to discuss youth-related issues and to inspire change among the youth.

I want to address the issues of mental health and community involvement. In terms of mental health, I would seek to educate students about the impacts of the lack of sleep. At La Canada High School, late bedtimes are common, meaning that students suffer sleep deprivation and the consequences that come with that. I would want to help students manage their time effectively so that they can wake up refreshed the next day. Next, I want to make community events more widespread and known. To do this, I would like to create a monthly newsletter for parents and their children to inform them of community events. This would allow the youth to be able to build a sense of camaraderie with their peers and have fun activities to do outside of the home. While these are my initial goals, I would be happy to look into other issues that my fellow Youth Council members would bring to the table and discuss potential solutions to them.

If applicable, include the Commission/Committee on which you have served previously and include the time frame

N/A

Attach a current resume (optional)

- [Winston Resume.pdf](#)

Type Your Name as the Applicant's Signature

Winston Choy

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EDUCATION

La Cañada High School

Grade: 11

Fall 2023 – Present

- Cumulative Weighted GPA: 4.47
- President and Founder: Investment Club
- National Spanish Exam: 99th percentile, Gold Medal
- Young Investors Society Finance Knowledge Bowl Finalist: top 5% nationally

ACTIVITIES

Investing Club

Fall 2025 – Present

Founder, President

- Created 10+ informational slideshows and taught financial literacy
- Managed communications with 15+ members
- Controlled club portfolio

Soup Kitchen Senior Volunteer

Fall 2024 – Present

Care Mission USA

- 150+ volunteer hours
- Prepared meals, cleaned facilities, and organized packaging materials
- In charge of volunteer scheduling for meal distribution

Newspaper Contributor

Winter 2026 – Present

The Outspoken

- Wrote 500+ word articles every two weeks
- Focused primarily on economics and social issues

Volunteer SAT Tutor

Winter 2026 – Present

Schoolhouse.world

- Led small group sessions of 2-4 to prepare for the SAT Math section twice per week
- Created personalized lessons to target specific skills for learners
- Received 100% positive feedback

Atomic Chess

Online

Fall 2022 – Present

- Played games and competed in online tournaments
- Practiced openings and developed extensive opening preparation
- Reached 6th globally on chess.com (out of 41,000+)

Chess

Winter 2021 – Present

In-person and online

- Played in-person tournaments, took part in around 20,000 online games, and practiced tactics
- 1644 official USCF rating (90th percentile overall nationally, 95th percentile for under 21)
- 99th percentile in rapid and bullet time controls on chess.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: English (native) and Spanish (B1 level, can speak in basic dialogue and understand main ideas)

Interests: Writing, Fountain Pens, Chess, Investing



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Name of Commission/Committee:
Design Commission
Date
08/12/2026
Are you currently serving on this Commission/Committee and applying for reappointment?
No
Personal
Name
Connie Morgan
Address
Phone Number
Email
Address
Number of years lived in LCF:

43

Education

Please describe your education and any related training you possess which would be relevant as a Commission/ Committee member.

B.A. University of Virginia (musicology); M.A. Smith College (musicology); MBA Anderson School of Management, UCLA

Please describe your relevant experience and skills.

I am not an architect or design professional. However, through my work onsite at the Los Angeles Zoo as president of the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association (GLAZA) (2002-2019), I participated in multiple design and construction projects for major capital improvements. GLAZA partially funded the \$42 million Elephants of Asia project among other master plan projects, built a new World of Birds Show and the Tom Mankiewicz Conservation Carousel, funded both design and planned for construction of a new multi-use park and obtained funds for an environmental parking lot project. In 2018, I also participated as a team member in the Zoo's design for a new Master Plan. I have a good understanding of the work that goes into project planning components, construction and landscaping, as well as the municipal guidelines/ordinances/approvals that inform them.

Please outline your involvement in community activities, organizations, and civic engagements.

Over the years, I participated in La Canada life through children's activities including scouts, softball, soccer, six years of National Charity League, and all that parents do with their kids. I am currently on the board of an HOA undertaking capital improvements of a fifty year old property. However, caring for community as a nonprofit executive shaped my most important contributions to civic life in greater Los Angeles. I was a founding executive of the Los Angeles Opera, building the fundraising program to start and support a new international company now celebrating its fortieth year. From 2002-2019 I was president of the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association, the nonprofit arm of the Zoo. Both positions required reaching out across greater Los Angeles to advocate to and involve multitudes of people in the lives of those institutions through fundraising, events, board and volunteer development and capital building projects. As Zoo Association president, I worked regularly with the Los Angeles City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst in negotiating and reporting on MOU's and funding commitments, represented GLAZA to the Zoo Commission and Los Angeles City Council and advocated for the Zoo to the public and the media.

Other Information

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Forty three years ago, I drove up Foothill from JPL at the suggestion of my husband, a young, newly appointed scientist at the lab. He ran through La Canada and thought it might be the right town to look at for purchasing a home. At the time, the Foothill Boulevard business district was decidedly nondescript; its promise did not match its residences and natural setting. That day, I specifically chose to enter the real estate office of Lazare Johnson because its sign was the most aesthetically attractive in town. I found our realtor there, and we purchased the second home we saw. It turns out that how the realtor company presented itself visually was the initial contributing factor leading to the largest purchase of our lives at the time.

La Canada Flintridge is a young city seeking to grow its economic vibrance. We want businesses to come and residents and visitors to frequent them. Over the years, I have watched the Foothill Boulevard district slowly improve and become a more coherent visual entity. Still, we have work to do in creating the "character" that best reflects our city. It's difficult. Character is not one uniformly one thing--it's a combination of a lot of people with a lot of life experiences. We have struggled with this, notably in the development of larger projects within the business district.

I understand the Design Commission as having an advisory role to the Planning Commission/Council/staff etc., while interacting directly with business owners to ensure that plans they are submitting for building design, signage, landscaping, drainage improvements, etc. adhere to City policies. I understand the limitations of a commission within a municipal structure, and I hope to contribute by asking good questions, understanding where misalignments occur and how they might be remedied in future course corrections. I will work to be a human connection between our community members and our government with the purpose of bringing our city's character into sharper focus.

Having said this, I believe that change is constant and time moves on. How we adapt to new times, new styles, new consumer tastes while enhancing our city's character, is important to its future economic well being. As a commissioner I would work to ensure that future design policy and standards revisions are flexible enough to incorporate changes that will inevitably come. In a more narrow context, I note that with state regulations calling for more housing, some of which will occur in the business district, some design elements could come under the commission's review. If this is the case, my intent would be to contribute as per city guidelines at that time, to the best of my ability.

If applicable, include the Commission/Committee on which you have served previously and include the time frame

I have not served previously on a La Canada Flintridge commission or committee. But, I look forward to the possibility with great interest and enthusiasm!

Attach a current resume (optional)

- [Connie-Morgan-2020-Resume-revised-1.pages-.pages](#)

Type Your Name as the Applicant's Signature

Connie Morgan



Connie M. Morgan



Profile

Experienced senior executive with a demonstrated history of success in the non-profit industry. Strong business development professional skilled in Organization Management, Budgeting, Fundraising, Earned and Contributed Revenue, Event Management, Board Development, Volunteer Management, and Public Speaking.

Experience

MORGAN ASSOCIATES, LA CANADA, CALIFORNIA – 2019 - 2020

Non-profit management specialist and consultant.

PRESIDENT, GREATER LOS ANGELES ZOO ASSOCIATION, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA - 2002-2019

President of non-profit partner of the public Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Gardens, directing marketing, public relations, fundraising, endowment, membership, publications, concessions and volunteer management. Responsible for \$38 million annually in earned and contributed revenue. Reported to Board of Trustees.

Negotiated MOU with City of Los Angeles to assume marketing and strategic branding of the L.A. Zoo with goal of raising the Zoo's visibility in the competitive L. A. marketplace and increasing Zoo attendance and admissions revenue and other earned income. Created L.A. Zoo Lights as a strategic initiative to immediately boost attendance/earned revenue. This annual month-long event drew 266,000 visitors and over \$4 M in ticket revenue in FY18. Initiated marketing sponsorship program on 3-year plan to build \$1 million in corporate sponsorships annually.

Regularized annual and capital development programs and raised \$44 million in capital gifts for master plan projects, including \$20 million for 6-acre Elephants of Asia habitat. Grew membership program to the largest among LA cultural institutions, totaling \$6.3 million in annual revenue. FY17 50th Anniversary Beastly Ball raised \$2.85 million.

Commissioned/funded signature projects: Tom Mankiewicz Conservation Carousel, a whimsical Los Angeles-centric carousel generating \$500,000 plus annually; Angela Collier World of Birds Theater, a complete reconstruction central to patrons' zoo experience; infrastructure improvements including a \$13 million environmental demonstration parking lot at the Zoo's front entrance and street lighting for the Zoo's central interior area to help extend hours for revenue generating events.

FUNDRAISING CONSULTANT, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA – 2000 -2002

Clients included Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Hammer Museum, Opera Santa Barbara, and Partners in Care.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, LOS ANGELES OPERA, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA – 1985-2000

Founding member of senior executive team that established this major new American opera company, now the nation's 4th largest. Developed full spectrum advancement program of annual and major gifts and signature Los Angeles gala events. Grew fundraising base to support the largest contributed income program for a Los Angeles performing arts institution in that era. Worked closely with Board of Directors.

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, HOUSTON GRAND OPERA, HOUSTON, TEXAS – 1981-1984

DIRECTOR, TEXAS INSTITUTE FOR THE ARTS, HOUSTON, TEXAS -- 1984

While directing all opera education programs including student matinees, touring and in-school programming, enlisted by Opera General Director to form a separately incorporated non-profit institution that produced rigorous aesthetic education programming across a variety of artistic disciplines. Program drew on artistic resources of five major Houston arts institutions and the skills of nationally recruited teaching artists; area's three major school districts signed on to train teachers how to look at and teach students to look at works of art, including year-round professional arts programming and three-week summer session for educators. Designed and administered institute's first year of programming, secured initial funding, recruited first Board of Directors and statewide advisory board of important artists, including author James Michener.

Education

UCLA, Anderson School of Management, Los Angeles, California – M.B.A

Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts – M.A., Musicology

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia – B.A., Music



Outlook

New submission from Application for Appointment to City Commission/Committee

From LCF Website Reply <info@lcf.ca.gov>**Date** Tue 7/14/2026 3:56 PM**To** Tania Garcia <tgarcia@lcf.ca.gov>; Arpi Yesayan <AYesayan@lcf.ca.gov>; Arabo Parseghian <aparseghian@lcf.ca.gov>; Madison Dederick <mdederick@lcf.ca.gov>**Name of Commission/Committee:**

Design Commission

Date

07/14/2026

Are you currently serving on this Commission/Committee and applying for reappointment?

No

Personal**Name**

Todd Soomian

Address**Phone Number****Email****Address****Number of years lived in LCF:**

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Education**Please describe your education and any related training you possess which would be relevant as a Commission/Committee member.**

I hold a degree in Communication Studies from California State University, Northridge, which provided training in effective communication, public engagement, collaboration, and the evaluation of diverse perspectives. I am also

currently enrolled at Purdue Global Law School as a Juris Doctor candidate, where I am developing skills in legal research, statutory interpretation, policy analysis, and structured decision-making. Together, this education would support my ability to review complex issues, communicate clearly, and contribute thoughtfully and objectively as a Commission or Committee member.

Please describe your relevant experience and skills.

I am a Realtor and the manager of a real estate office in La Cañada Flintridge, giving me direct experience with local properties, neighborhoods, development considerations, and the needs of homeowners. I was born at Verdugo Hills Hospital and have lived in the western foothills throughout my life. I have explored the area's trails extensively and have toured and evaluated many local homes over the years, providing me with a strong understanding of the community and its character.

I have also personally renovated and sold three homes. Through these projects, I developed practical experience in residential design, remodeling, project coordination, and completing improvements in accordance with applicable city requirements. I would bring local knowledge, real estate expertise, attention to detail, and a strong appreciation for thoughtful development and preservation to the Commission or Committee.

Please outline your involvement in community activities, organizations, and civic engagements.

This application is my first step toward formal civic involvement. As a lifelong Foothills resident and local real estate professional, I hope to contribute my experience and become more actively engaged in the community.

Other Information

Include a brief statement outlining your views on the roles and responsibilities of this Commission/Committee. Include key issues you believe are important and detail your goals if appointed.

I believe the Commission's role is to evaluate projects fairly while protecting the architectural character and long-term appeal of the community. An important issue is ensuring that remodels and new construction are thoughtfully designed, compatible with surrounding homes, and respectful of La Cañada Flintridge's timeless and distinctive neighborhoods. If appointed, my goal would be to support responsible improvements that meet city standards while preserving the charm, elegance, and visual quality that make the community unique.

If applicable, include the Commission/Committee on which you have served previously and include the time frame

N/A

Type Your Name as the Applicant's Signature

Todd Soomian



New submission from Application for Appointment to City Commission/Committee

From LCF Website Reply <info@lcf.ca.gov>

Date Fri 3/20/2026 5:15 PM

To Tania Garcia <tgarcia@lcf.ca.gov>; Arpi Yesayan <AYesayan@lcf.ca.gov>; Arabo Parseghian <aparseghian@lcf.ca.gov>; Madison Dederick <mdederick@lcf.ca.gov>

Name of Commission/Committee:

Youth Council

Date

03/20/2026

Are you currently serving on this Commission/Committee and applying for reappointment?

No

Personal**Name**

Andre Armen

Address

[REDACTED]

Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Email

[REDACTED]

Address

[REDACTED]

Number of years lived in LCF:

17

Education

Please describe your education and any related training you possess which would be relevant as a Commission/Committee member.

I have taken 5 total AP classes so far and one PCC dual enrollment course. I have worked at Spartan All Stars Sports camp for kids ages 5-12 for about 22 weeks total during the last four summers. I spent a solid portion of that time

working in the camp's head office where I had the privilege of shadowing professionals and learning the inner workings of a large business while also allowing me to have an outlet to propose my ideas on how to improve the business for the future.

Please describe your relevant experience and skills.

I have experiencing representing other students ideas and concerns as I have been in ASB for five years and worked as president for three With this I have taken feedback from my peers regarding events, spirit weeks, and School wide assemblies and I present them in our class meetings. Furthermore, every year I have been in ASB school improvement committees such as LCAP came in looking for feedback and concerns and in those meetings I vocalized concerns that I have heard from other students along with many of my own suggestions.

Please outline your involvement in community activities, organizations, and civic engagements.

I am extremely comfortable reaching out and talking with people in my community. At this time I apply this to my work as an intern for La Canada mayor Kim Bowman where I drop off signs for his campaign at doorsteps and converse with people at events in order to get to know them and inform them of the campaign.

Other Information

Include a brief statement outlining your views on the roles and responsibilities of this Commission/Committee. Include key issues you believe are important and detail your goals if appointed.

As a member of the committee I will make an effort to speak to students across my school, my teachers and advisors, along with parents in the community in order to gain consistent and diverse perspectives on issues regarding the city. With this, I will go to committee meetings contributing all ideas including my own, and ensure that they are met with real consideration and tangible response through events or any other possible way.

Attach a current resume (optional)

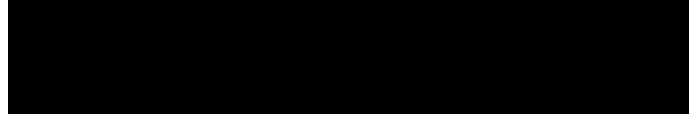
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Type Your Name as the Applicant's Signature

Andre Armen



ANDRE ARMEN



EDUCATION

La Canada High School

Expected Graduation: June 2027

GPA: 4.37

California Scholarship Federation member

National Honors Society

WORK EXPERIENCE

Summer Sports Camp Junior Counselor

9,10,11

- Assist in supervising and leading daily sports activities for children
 - Support skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship
 - Help ensure camper safety and smooth daily operations
 - Manage schedules, transitions, and equipment setup
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ATHLETIC EXPERIENCE

LCHS Junior Varsity & Varsity Track

9,10,11

- JV League Champion

Simi Valley Pole Vault Club

- Reno National Pole Vault Summit: 11'6 jump, tied for second best height out of 24 competitors
 - 11'6 PR
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VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

LCHS Event Volunteering

9,10,11

- Student President of the 2027 Class
- Assist in planning and execution of school-wide events
- Lead the student body in setup and cleanup processes

KFC Club, LCHS

10,11

- Fostering a sense of community through food experiences
 - Assist in merging different groups together
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Special Skills:** Project Management, Campaigning
- **Languages:** English, Armenian
- **Mock Trial Club:** Witness sophomore year, member of club leadership and attorney second year
- **LCHS Choral Program:** Mens ensemble for 5 years