Peter Postlmayr

Planning & Land Use Chair,

Sylmar Neighborhood Council

Subject: Sylmar Neighborhood Council Support for the Let’s Make a Difference Rx Prevention Project & Alcohol Delivery Project

Dear Mr. Postlmayr,

Thank you for the opportunity to present our drug and alcohol prevention projects with the Sylmar Neighborhood Council. When it comes to safe & drug-free communities, the Partnership recognizes the importance of neighborhood councils as catalyst for community engagement.

The San Fernando Valley Partnership is currently working with other county-funded agencies to reduce the likelihood of youth accessing and misusing both alcohol and opioids/prescription medications. Did you know that for the first time in history, Americans are more likely to die from a drug overdose than from a car accident. Moreover, when it comes to underage drinking, alcohol plays a factor in the four-leading causes of death for young people (homicide, suicide, car crashes and unintended injuries).

In terms of our projects: 1. The “Let’s Make a Difference” campaign works to address to number one source of access to opioids and prescription medications by promoting “safe medication practices” (safe storage, not sharing and proper disposal of all unused or expired medications); and 2. The Alcohol Delivery Project, based on our initial “Merchant Committed” project, works with local retailers to reduce the likelihood of youth accessing alcohol via delivery and prevent possible citations for sales to minors.

We would welcome the opportunity to once again, work with the Sylmar Neighborhood Council to promote our efforts to the Sylmar community.

Sincerely,

Bart Trevino **-** Neighborhood/Prevention Specialist

San Fernando Valley Partnership, Inc.