

Dear Artist,

Northridge West Neighborhood Council is very excited to invite you to participate in the painting of utility boxes within our neighborhood. Our stakeholders care deeply about our community, and we would like to reflect that in the art that is selected to represent our amazing neighborhood.

We selected a theme of CONNECTION because it embodies what it means to live and work in our community today. The connection we have to each other, to our neighbors, and those who work and serve the community is more important than ever before. And the definition of connecting has been reshaped with the COVID pandemic:

- Northridge first responders and frontline workers **connect** every day with the community to ensure our safety and security.
- NWNC **connected** with volunteer stakeholders who sewed over 500 masks in 10 days to donate to local homeless shelters and food pantries in the first month of COVID outbreak.
- Families and neighbors are routinely checking-in with each other to **connect** on their physical and mental well-being.
- Teachers are **connecting** with students in new and creative ways to ensure their educational needs are met. (Nobel Middle School, Topeka and Beckford Elementary Schools).

But this does not define Northridge alone. Northridge has long **connected** with our community to keep our streets clean, to enjoy our beautiful surrounding trails and hillsides, and to celebrate our neighbors who make Northridge a wonderful place to live.

We thank you for submitting your artwork for our neighborhood project and appreciate your interpretation of what CONNECTION means to you.

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