

BEAUTIFICATION AND WEED ABATEMENT COMMITTEE:

Report for period ending June 30, 2026 required per 2026 Bylaws/Standing Rules.

NO FORMAL MEETINGS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN OVER TWO YEARS, AND POSSIBLY LONGER.

This started out as two committees with beautification chaired by Tom Baker, and Weed Abatement chaired by Barbara Nitkin. Both members have over 50 years as residents of the Valley, and specifically Northridge. Beautification has been a standing committee for many years, with weed abatement perhaps existing for 2025 fiscal year.

Tom Baker has worked independently on beautification of the business district, and for many years has done care issues on the Reseda Blvd. business area, watering the many plants that have been added with a 400 gallon tank, he trucks on his pickup truck. He has a deep understanding of plants, and avows the use of succulents to minimize water need while keeping the area beautiful. While he recovers from a recent surgery, he may need assistance in the duties he selflessly provides for our Northridge community. Both Tom and Glenn Bailey have cleaned the bus benches along the transit system, with Glenn giving particular priority to the bus benches with the NENC advertising (currently at the 7-11 at Balboa and Nordhoff, and across the street from the Devonshire police station). I

Barbara has focused on her immediate area of Zelzah to Balboa, and Nordhoff to Lassen:

Over the years, she has cleared the gutters on Nordhoff near Amestoy of debris to eliminate pooling during rainy season. The debris from the homeless near the Nordhoff Balboa bus stops is often cleared by Barbara down to Dearborn Park. She has on several occasions made sure Councilman Lee grant money for weed abatement was used on Plummer, Balboa and Nordhoff. Barbara has resigned formal status on the Beautification and Weed Abatement Committee but continues with an informal relationship with chairman Tom Baker.

Committee needs and goals:

Need is for more volunteer effort in keeping our community clean.

Stakeholders need to call Councilman Lee's office to request assistance on clearing weed and debris buildup to allay the pooling of water on Nordhoff particularly in the rainy season.

Contact **Tom Baker via email at**