

**Grants Committee Recommendation –
Palisades Charter Elementary/Palisades Enrichment Programs (PEP) and
Marquez Charter Elementary/Friends of Marquez**

The PPCC Grants Committee is pleased to recommend a grant of **\$500** each to both Palisades and Marquez Charter Elementary Schools from donations that PPCC has received to help with their planned community activities to be held in the month of October 2026.

Marquez. The Halloween “Boo Bash” has historically been one of the school’s largest and most anticipated gatherings, welcoming not only Marquez families but neighbors and community members across the Palisades. This event has not been held the past two years because of the Fire. By re-instituting and holding the Boo Bash back on the Marquez campus, the intent is to re-anchor the school as a hub of neighborhood warmth and stability. The mission of the project is to deliver a joyful, memorable, and safe celebration that reaffirms strength and continuity for the children after a period of prolonged transition.

Palisades. “Yee Haw Day” is one of the school’s largest annual fundraisers, bringing together hundreds of students, families, neighbors, and local businesses. This year’s event will be held at their temporary location of Brentwood Science Magnet as the school remains displaced from its permanent campus. Yee Haw Day provides an important opportunity to bring the displaced community together, continue a beloved Pali tradition, and create a fun and familiar experience for the children and families while the school and neighborhood continue to rebuild.

The Grants Committee agrees that these traditions are essential to the larger return of the Palisades.

The Grants Committee requests that the PPCC Board approve a \$500 grant (\$1,000 total) to both Palisades Enrichment Programs and Friends of Marquez for the purposes described above.

By the PPCC Grants Committee:

Quentin Fleming, Chair; Janet Anderson, Lorie Cudzil, Daphne Gronch, Allison Holdorff* (ex officio), Sue Kohl, Caroline Nick, Kevin Niles, Chris Spitz,* Andrew Wolfberg. (* not attending)*

Note: Caroline Nick recused herself from this grant vote.

Prepared in connection with the September 24, 2026, PPCC Board meeting.