



12682 Pleasant Pl. Garden Grove, CA. 92841 - (714) 316-9478

July 16, 2021

Dear Mayor Steve Jones and City Council Members,

LOLA Foundation stands for "Live Out Loud with Autism" and was founded in 2019 to enhance the lives of individuals and families impacted by Autism. Our Foundation is a 501 (c)3 non-profit in Garden Grove, CA. Our foundation strives to not only increase Autism awareness and Autism acceptance in the communities of Orange County, CA, but we particularly wish to break the stigma involved in raising children and individuals impacted by Autism.

Disabilities carry a stronger stigma in certain cultures compared to the Western culture and LOLA Foundation wishes to diminish this stigma. When a family feels shame and guilt for having a child with special needs, they may be hesitant to reach out for support or bring their child out into the community for fear of being ostracized or judged.

**LOLA Foundation's Main Focus:**

- To increase Autism Awareness in the underserved communities
- To provide social outings, which may build social skills and self-esteem in ASD individuals, as well as build parent's support systems, and will provide opportunities for the community to engage with ASD individuals and families
- To provide support for caregivers and siblings
- To provide the community and families with resources regarding Autism Awareness and interventions

Many families feel alone and lost in the care for their Autistic child. In addition to providing resources and support to the Autism community, **the LOLA Foundation provides free events for individuals and families, as we wish to connect families to assist building connections and increase their support system. Lola aims to provide a safe space in the community for these individuals and families.**

We are a grassroots foundation and due to our limited funds, as we are kindly requesting the use of Atlantis Park on 9/11/21 free of charge for our event called "End of Summer Bash" which includes a petting zoo, pony rides, train ride, arts and crafts, balloon twisting, Autism resource booth, water balloon toss, an obstacle course and more (please see attached flyer). Many Autistic individuals have elopement issues (running off), and due to Atlantis Park's enclosure, it is a safe and appropriate venue to hold events for individuals diagnosed with Autism. The event is opened to individuals impacted by Autism and their families. Families can reserve their spots by emailing us at [LiveOutLoudwithAutism@gmail.com](mailto:LiveOutLoudwithAutism@gmail.com).

Not only is the LOLA Foundation located in Garden Grove, CA, but the founder (myself) was born and raised in Garden Grove as well. I attended schools in Garden Grove and am currently a homeowner in Garden Grove. Two of my children also currently attend schools in our beloved district.

We extend the invite to you and your family. Please attend our event to see what the LOLA Foundation is doing to support our Autism community. We would be greatly honored to have your presence and to meet our Garden Grove City Council Members.



**LOLA Foundation**  
"Live Out Loud with Autism"

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To find out more about the Live Out Loud with Autism Foundation, please visit:

Website: [www.LOLAFoundation.org](http://www.LOLAFoundation.org)

Facebook: @LOLAFoundation

Instagram: @LiveOutLoudwithAutism

We thank you for your time and support and look forward to hearing from you.

With utmost respect and gratitude,

**Linda Nguyen, President and Founder**  
LOLA (Live Out Loud with Autism) Foundation

**"The world hears Autism and assumes a disability. What they don't realize is with Autism, comes REMARKABLE abilities."**