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To: Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Chairman  
Education and Neighborhoods Committee

RE: Immediate Cancellation of Neighborhood Council Elections

I am writing to urge you, the Education and Neighborhoods Committee, and the entire City Council, to vote NO and not support the cancellation by the Mayor and/or City Council of the upcoming elections for the Neighborhood Councils in 2010. The potential for disaster is real and imminent if this rash action is pursued. Monies were already subtracted from Neighborhood Council Funds in order to support these elections to be performed by the City Clerk for this year. Some Councils may not have enough money left in their budgets to perform their own elections for this year with such short notice.

You may not be aware, but there are two region elections pending immediately. Region A has elections for 10 councils to be held on March 2 and Region B has 10 elections on March 27. To change the process now would derail these elections, create chaos in the neighborhood council system, and greatly damage the credibility of Los Angeles' city government. The money already spent by the City Clerk for salaries and supplies will be wasted as a result of this cancellation as well as impact the City with more costs.

I ask you to carefully consider your committee's recommendation to the City Council on Wednesday. I respect your thoughtful approach to all that you do and expect nothing less regarding this issue. Please do not recommend this change that will cause chaos in our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Dan McManus, President  
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

cc: Board of Neighborhood Commissioners  
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

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