

For: Education and Neighborhoods Committee Councilmembers
Paul Krekorian, Dennis Zine and Janice Hahn

Cc: Recording Secretary, and Records Dept.

Re: Council File # 09-0600-S159, Public Comment

February 16, 2010

Dear Councilmember,

Date: 2/16/2010
Submitted in ESN Committee
Council File No: 09-0600-S159
Item No.: public comment
Deputy: _____

I'm David Levin, a Neighborhood Councils Services Provider. Councilmembers and fellow Angelenos, our budget crisis demands fast and bold solutions. The BudgetLA group's proposal to SAVE money, make government more effective and partner with the City is a solution with appropriate checks and balances, prudent budgeting, monitored funding and cost-effective elections. It's a win-win-WIN for you, Neighborhood Councils and the City!

Due to you and your colleagues' support, Neighborhood Councils have been created and work all over Los Angeles on issues that concern ALL of us. THOUSANDS of volunteer Neighborhood Council Member hours have been donated to public/private partnerships for law enforcement, disaster recovery, business, quality of life and other community involvement, and in helping to solve our budget crisis, outreaching, advising and serving your constituents and voters, and the City. These first-responders and others have proven they've got your back when there's a crisis. Now is no different. There are many other volunteers ready, willing, able and energized to help you.

Neighborhood Councils have created opportunities for involvement for THOUSANDS of people in their communities, City government and democracy. Neighborhood Councils HELP you and your fellow Angelenos create financial solutions. Let's re-engineer the system, not destroy it! Let prudent Neighborhood Councils keep most of their annual funding and rollover funds, and maintain an effective and independent Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to partner with Neighborhood Councils. Your continued support of the Neighborhood Council system will HELP you and your fellow Angelenos get through the current financial challenges and IMPROVE government services. THANK you for your support.

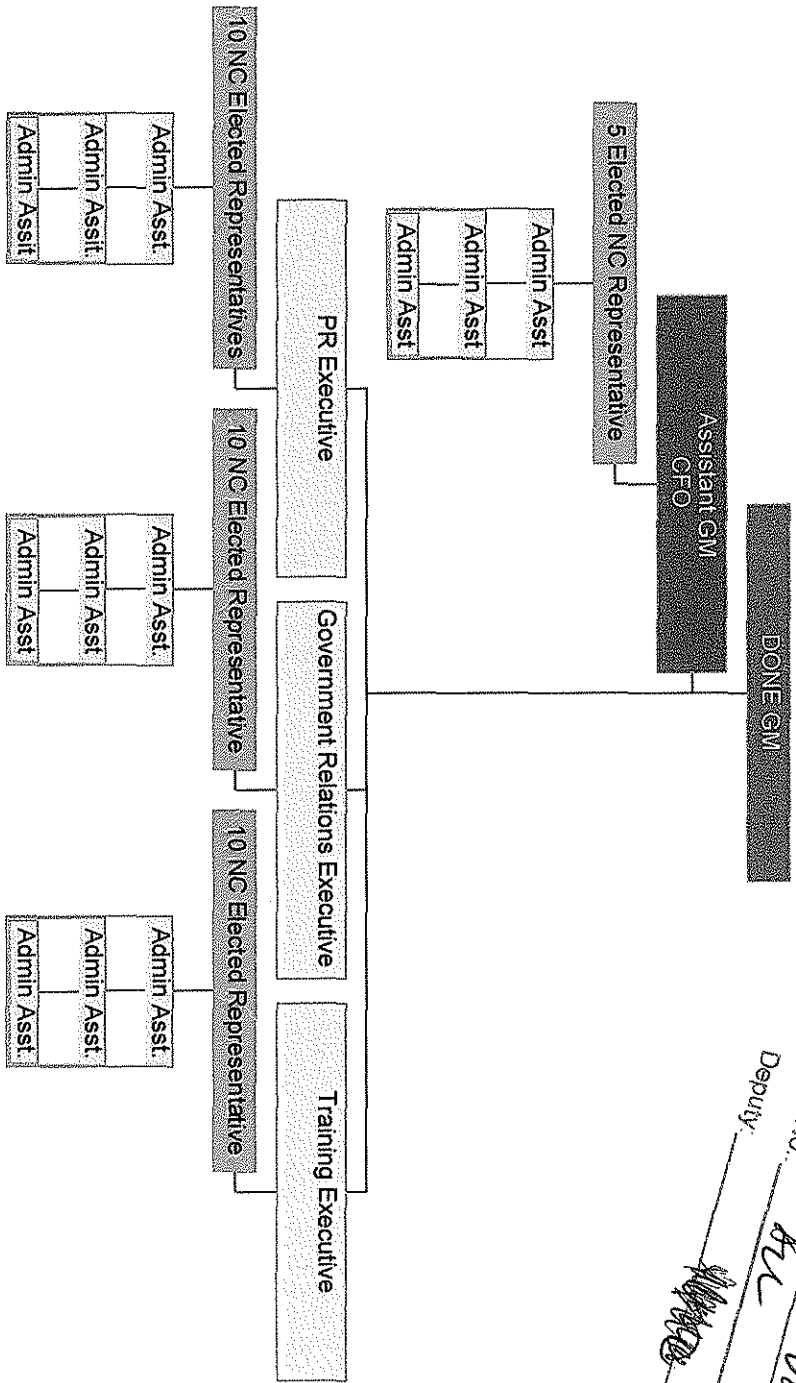
Thanks for all you do.

Sincerely,

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 Submitted in ERL
 Council File No.: 04-0600-51 Committee
 Item No.: AVL
 Deputy: [Signature]



DEPARTMENTAL FOCUS

ADMINISTRATION	PR	GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	TRAINING
<i>Responsible for the efficient running of the DONE office</i>	<i>Charged with creating over all City wide NC campaign to encourage stakeholder participation in the NC system</i>	<i>Forging new relationships with city departments and furthering the NC's ability to communicate to City Hall</i>	<i>To create and maintain serviceable training programs to create strong boards and seamless transitions</i>
*Departmental Budgets	*PSA	*MOU's	*Roberts Rules
*Reports	*City Wide Paper	*City Service Partnerships	*Executive Committees
*Administrative support	*City Wide NC Events	*City Liaison	*Treasurer
*Funding Liason	*Advertising	*Certification	*Best Practices
	*Website	*NC City Hall Issues: City badges, Speaker time, NC files, CIS	*Mediation

Outsource Funding to Non-Profit

- Administer the Neighborhood Council Funding Program, ensuring that each neighborhood council's bills are paid in a timely manner, and that the city's financial processes and rules of accountability are followed.
- Create and track a petty cash system with tighter regulations and stronger oversight.
- Assist neighborhood councils find, acquire, and administer grants.
- Perform timely audits on Neighborhood Councils keeping detailed records for the City Controller.
- Saves money in city salaries and benefits while providing more efficient services.

2009-2010 Proposed Budget

• Salaries & Benefits	• Salaries & Benefits
\$4,342,224	\$1,328,153
• Overhead	• Overhead
\$1,033,783	\$967,400
• Elections	• Elections
\$2,200,000	\$1,100,000

Savings \$ 4,180,454
32%

	2009 - 2010	Proposed	Net Savings	
Salaries	\$ 2,995,820	\$ 480,000	\$ 2,515,820	5 Executives Salaries
Overtime	\$ 12,000	\$ 440,000	\$ 428,000	11 Administrative Salaries
Salaries	\$ 3,507,820	\$ 920,000	\$ 2,587,820	16 Total Positions
Pensions & Retirement	\$ 835,178	\$ 295,455	\$ 539,723	28%
Human Resources Benefits	\$ 499,226	\$ 152,598	\$ 346,628	17%
Benefits	\$ 1,334,404	\$ 408,153	\$ 926,251	44%
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 4,342,224	\$ 1,328,153	\$ 3,014,071	69%
Printing & Binding	\$ 87,120	\$ 122,000	\$ 34,880	
Contractual Services	\$ 158,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 108,000	
Transportation	\$ 11,200	\$ 8,000	\$ 3,200	
Non Profit Financial Outsourcing	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	
Office & Administrative	\$ 48,000	\$ 48,000	\$ -	
Operating & Supplies	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	\$ -	
Communications	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	
Water & Electricity	\$ 5,355	\$ 5,000	\$ 355	
Building Services	\$ 118,975	\$ 70,000	\$ 48,975	
All Other	\$ 596,733	\$ 350,000	\$ 246,733	
Capital Finance & Wastewater	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Liability Claims	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Office Expenses	\$ 1,033,783	\$ 1,059,400	\$ (25,617)	-2%
Total Costs	\$ 5,376,007	\$ 2,387,553	\$ 2,988,454	
Costs Allocated to Other Budgets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Direct Cost of Operation	\$ 5,376,007	\$ 2,387,553	\$ 2,988,454	56%
Elections	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,200,000	every other year
Total Operations	\$ 7,576,007	\$ 3,387,553	\$ 4,188,454	
NC Funding Program	\$ 4,005,000	\$ 4,005,000	\$ -	
Rollover	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ -	
Total	\$ 12,981,007	\$ 8,792,553	\$ 4,188,454	32%
GM	1			
CEO/Asst GM	1			
IPR Exec	1			
Government Liaison Exec	1			
Training Exec	1			
Administrative Assl.	11			
Total Positions	16			