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To: The Honorable Paul Krekorian
City Council Member, CD2

From: Daniel Wiseman
Secretary, L.A. Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)

Re: Budget Recommendations for DONE & the NCs

Dear Sir:

Today, over 60 NC Stakeholders representing NCs from every part of the City met at the Hollywood Constituent Center. It was the 7th such meeting with 60 or more participants, this year. In all of these meetings the principle subject was the Current City Budget Crisis. We heard presentations from Controller Wendy Greuel and John R. Mumma (Director, L.A. Police Protective League). We all recognize the seriousness of our situation and are anxious to work with all City agencies in finding successful solutions.

Of specific concern, today, were the recommendations related to the operations (funding) of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and the Neighborhood Council which will come before City Council on Tuesday, February 9, 2010. After considerable deliberation, the LANCC participants acted with an overwhelming vote (one "Naye" and no "Abstains") to advise the City Council:

1. LANCC wants the City Council to consider outsourcing the fiscal responsibilities of DONE to a non-profit, public service corporation (such as the California Community Foundation).

This is recommended because of DONE's difficulties in creating and managing a satisfactory accounting system for the NCs. These difficulties are well known to NC Treasurers all across the City. They were documented in the Controller's recent audit of the NCs.

2. LANCC wants the City Council to know that LANCC is developing a proposal for an alternate organization for DONE with much greater involvement of the NCs in the areas of Public Relations, Government Liaisons and Training (Education).

We heard and began development on such a program, one designed to save the City over \$ 3.4 millions.

3. In consideration of the above, LANCC will ask the City Council to send the C.F. #09-0600-S159 Items (9 – 10(e)), (9 – 18), (9 – 19), (9 – 20), (9 – 21) to the E&N Committee for further review and deliberation; deliberations which involve the NC Stakeholders in the process of devising, refining and presenting a more specific proposal.

LANCC plans to send a designated spokesperson and a contingency of Stakeholders to present our concerns and suggestions to the City Council and its Education & Neighborhoods Committee on Tuesday, February 6, 2010.

LANCC asks your support in these endeavors.

Very truly yours,

Daniel Wiseman
Secretary, LANCC