February 5, 2010

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 
LANNC 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