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There are several major issues pending before the City Council and there is legitimate concern that our neighborhood councils are either not informed, or they have not discussed them and taken positions, or they do not realize the extent of impact to their communities these issues would have, or they have not communicated their views to the City Council. For example, the Board of Public Works has recommended adoption of an Exclusive Franchise agreement for the collection of solid waste within the City of Los Angeles. The Exclusive Franchise Agreement would apply to waste collection for all commercial property owners and tenants and multifamily properties, including rental units covered by the Rent Stabilization Ordinance. This action is intended to generate a higher waste diversion rate by requiring mandatory commercial recycling.

The major issue related to residential neighborhoods is the location of the waste-sheds that are to be located throughout the City. The waste-sheds serve as the temporary repository for waste separation of recyclable materials. These facilities will produce environmental issues which will be of concern to the residents in adjacent and nearby neighborhoods. It is also likely that the waste-sheds will produce odors, attract vermin, and possibly lead to ground contamination. Any and all of these conditions may affect the quality of life for adjacent and nearby residential neighborhoods. These issues should be fully investigated and findings shared with residents in affected neighborhoods.

It is critical that single-family property owners, tenants and small multifamily property owners in the neighborhoods located within the affected radius of the eleven proposed waste-sheds are provided with an opportunity to hear the arguments for and against the proposed Exclusive and Non-Exclusive Franchise agreements. This is an example of a major issue which requires open and well publicized meetings to allow testimony by all concerned parties and to disclose findings from studies and reports related to the proposed Exclusive Franchise Waste Collection Agreement. We also need to know the extent of outreach conducted by our City departments to neighborhood councils on these major issues.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Neighborhood Councils be requested to report to the Education and Neighborhoods Committee on their process for community outreach efforts as well as on the status of their understanding and awareness of major, key issues pending before the City Council, including, for example, the proposals to establish eleven waste-sheds in their neighborhoods to serve as the temporary repository for waste separation of recyclable materials, as well as other key issues.

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