

July 23, 2012

Council Member Bernard Parks by fax 213-978-1079

cc. Lorenzo Briceno by fax 213-978-1079

Re: File NO. 11-0600-S23

I note that this item will be on the E & N Committee agenda tomorrow July 24, 2012.

Neighborhood Councils are not charged by their Charter to provide financial support to other public agencies. The LAUSD, Fire Department, Police Department, Recreation and Parks and other City Departments and other Agencies have their own budgets.

Neighborhood Councils primary role is to gather community opinion on matters of concern to the community and then provide this information to their Council Person.

These large discretionary funds of the NCs are in addition to the ample funding required to operate the NCs. The allocation and spending of these discretionary funds are often a divisive factor in the NCs. Often those few who are in control of a particular NC divert the discretionary funds to projects and individuals of their choice which can stir up acrimony within the NC.

The NCs can amply afford to pay for their own elections and should do so.

The large amount allocated by DONE for the elections was a wild guess thrown out by a clever NC chair in hopes that the City would give this money to the NCs; it was a waste.

Do not be coerced by the emotional rhetoric which you will hear at the E & N Meeting tomorrow.

J.C. Robertson



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## NC Budget Proposal // WNC opposes any further cuts

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Barbara Broide <bbroide@hotmail.com>

Tue, Jul 24, 2012 at 9:14 AM

To: LANCC Coalition <info@lanccoalition.org>

Cc: richard.williams@lacity.org, Terri Tippit <tmtippit@ca.rr.com>, Steve Spector <steve.spector@macerich.com>, Lisa Morocco <waltzworld@gmail.com>

WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (WNC) opposes any additional cuts to the NC annual allocation. Our NC is having a SELECTION election and the costs to the City are few. The allocations for elections and NC budget reductions already made will more than cover any expense to the City. Given the modest allocation with which NC's already operate, it is unreasonable to suggest additional cuts.

The structural deficits in the City budget must be addressed. Reducing funding of neighborhood councils will not solve the ongoing problems with the City budget.

Submitted on behalf of WNC CHAIR Terri Tippit



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## NC Funding

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ALLYSON VOUGHT <allysonca@mac.com>

Mon, Jul 23, 2012 at 4:54 PM

To: Kevin.bingham@lacity.org, Richard.williams@lacity.org, Ryan.ferguson@lacity.org, Linda Alexander <lalex@cox.net>, Joe Buscaino <joe@joebuscaino.com>, John Larsen <john.larsen@lacity.org>, John CD15 Larsen <John.larsen@lacity.org>

Gentlemen,

I sit on the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council and write to you as a concerned member of the Board.

I have just received information that the Education and Neighborhoods Committee is now considering a proposal that seeks to force all NCs to collectively pay for the costs of upcoming NC elections. Know that the neighborhood council budgets were already cut by \$5000 this year with the understanding that this decrease would in fact cover election costs. Further, the City budget already includes money for DONE to assist in elections to the tune of approximately half a million dollars and neighborhood councils routinely do outreach programs for their elections out of their own budgets. Many neighborhood councils have chosen to carry out self-run board selection procedures. This June, the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council chose to hold a selection at cost that was less than \$1000 which came from the current operating budget.

We and other Harbor Area NC's have been quite successful in performing the selections/elections without *any* City assistance.

Frankly I have serious concerns about the City's ability to perform any election/selection as effectively as we. I personally feel that the length of time, staff oversight, and the funding demands that are required by the city to handle our selections/elections effectively is a tremendous waste of time and resources, and decidedly not needed.

*Leave our budgets alone and let us regulate ourselves without your interference.* If there are ANY NC's that does not exhibit the ability to hold selections/elections without your assistance then step in and administer the process and bill them accordingly, but DO NOT make it a unilateral program that effects all of the NC's that are in compliance.

**I STRONGLY urge you to reconsider this proposal and reject any further budget reductions. City interference will only decimate the already stretched finances of each and even one of the City's Neighborhood Councils and limit their effectiveness.**

Thank you for your consideration,

Allyson Vought  
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council



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## E&N Committee - Neighborhood Council Election Expenses

Carrie Scoville <Carrie.Scoville@csulb.edu>

Mon, Jul 23, 2012 at 5:09 PM

To: Kevin Bingham <kevin.bingham@lacity.org>, Ryan Ferguson <ryan.ferguson@lacity.org>, Ricard Williams <richard.williams@lacity.org>

Cc: Jacob Haik <jacob.haik@lacity.org>, John Larson <John.larson@lacity.org>, "Linda Alexander (lalex@cox.net)" <lalex@cox.net>

Gentlemen,

Once again I urge you to reject the proposal to charge Neighborhood Councils \$5,000 each for election operations.

So far, only two Neighborhood Councils in CD15 have asked for the services of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to conduct an Election. Half of the Councils are actually conducting their own "Selections," at their own expense and outside of DONE. This added deduction means the same service will be paid for twice.

<u>Method</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Selection/Election Date</u>
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NC Conducted Selection:

	Coastal SPNC	May 19, 2012
	Central SPNC	June 12, 2012
	Northwest SPNC	June 19, 2012
	Harbor Gateway South NC	September 9, 2012

DONE Conducted Election:

	Harbor Gateway North NC	October 20, 2012
	Watts NC	October 20, 2012

Undetermined:

	Wilmington NC	(only 3 of 21 seats elected)
	Harbor City NC	(may decline election)

I am performing the role of Neutral Third Party for oversight of the upcoming Harbor Gateway South NC Selection. As of this writing there is only one seat remaining without a candidate and the filing period doesn't close for a few weeks yet. It is sure to be a great turnout and it is being conducted at very minimal expense.

Neighborhood Councils give back to our community in sponsoring projects for our youth and underserved populations that are being so severely cut by the lack of Federal and State funding. Please allow us to continue this valuable work and do not support this proposal to further undermine our funding.

Regards,

Carrie Scoville, Boardmember\*  
Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council

\*For identification purposes only.



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## possible budget cuts to NCs to pay for elections

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President UNNC <info@unnc.org>

Mon, Jul 23, 2012 at 10:03 AM

To: info@lanccoalition.org

Cc: Richard.Williams@lacity.org

I really needed to respond to the article in City Watch regarding possible further budget cuts to NCs to pay for elections.

I speak for myself only. UNNC has not voted on the comments I make herewith.

I am very much opposed to the City slashing our budget any more for this year in order to pay for elections.

If the City wants NCs to be responsible for the total cost of our elections, then that should be figured in the City budget that is proposed and voted on.

UNNC has been a very fiscally responsible NC. We have adjusted our projects for neighborhood improvements through the years due to budget cuts. We are committed to using a sizeable portion of our budget for elections outreach this year. To take away more of our funding to pay for the entire election leaves us with very little to make a difference in our community.

I wish the City was as fiscally responsible as they demand of NCs.

Sincerely,

Stevie Stern

President

United Neighborhoods of the historic Arlington Heights,

West Adams and Jefferson Park communities

Neighborhood Council

president@unnc.org

visit our web site at [www.unnc.org](http://www.unnc.org)



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## Education and Neighborhoods Committee Vote on NC Election Funding (CF#11-0600-S23)

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Elizabeth Fuller <zilf@leapinliz.com>

Tue, Jul 24, 2012 at 10:20 AM

To: Richard.Williams@lacity.org, info@lanccoalition.org

Cc: councilmember.labonge@lacity.org, Benjamin Seinfeld <ben.seinfeld@lacity.org>, "Humphreville, John E." <jackh@targetmediapartners.com>, "Gresham, John" <JGresham@swst.com>, "Smith, Owen" <osmith1930@sbcglobal.net>

To Whom it May Concern –

On behalf of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council, I would like to register our strong opposition to the idea of deducting funds from Neighborhood Councils' fiscal 2012-2013 budgets to pay for the NC election process.

This idea was brought up to us only AFTER our individual budgets were voted on (as per DONE's instructions), and after a great many councils voluntarily elected to reserve unused funds from their 2011-2012 budgets for the elections. Reducing the amount of our budgets for the current fiscal year - after the cuts we've already sustained from last year's allotted funding - will leave NC's with even less money for general operations and community improvement projects, which are just about the only two things we can still afford (and even those are at greatly reduced levels). Further budget cuts, to fund an election process that is already underway and which we had no voice in budgeting, would be extremely detrimental.

We would also like to register our extreme disappointment with the timing of this vote by the Education and Neighborhoods Committee. It came up with almost no notice, during the peak of summer vacation season, with little or no chance for the NCs to discuss as a group or take official board actions on the topic. For our group, in particular, it's actually impossible -- our president is out of the country, without e-mail access, until the end of the month. And our next scheduled board meeting is not until August 8, well after the scheduled vote.

The available members of our executive committee, election committee and our city budget representative would strongly urge a NO vote on using NC funds for the elections.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Fuller  
Secretary, GWNC





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**E&N agenda item 11-0600-S23**

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**Paul Radke** <paulyip@ca.rr.com>

Mon, Jul 23, 2012 at 9:13 AM

To: info@lanccoalition.org

Cc: Richard.Williams@lacity.org

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa strongly opposes E&N agenda item 11-0600-S23.

Funding for neighborhood councils has already been reduced by \$5,000 this year. We were told that the decrease would cover election costs. We know that the DONE budget contains about \$500,000 to assist with elections.

Paul Radke

LANCC Representative



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## Lake Balboa NC -

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Cynthia Weichelt <cweichelt@yahoo.com>

Mon, Jul 23, 2012 at 6:58 AM

Reply-To: Cynthia Weichelt <cweichelt@yahoo.com>

To: "Richard.Williams@LACity.org" <Richard.Williams@lacity.org>, "info@lanccoalition.org" <info@lanccoalition.org>

Lake Balboa NC:

We are very interested in participating to stop any further deductions from our annual budget. The election costs we already bear are eating into our regular commitments to the neighborhood. Further cuts into our budget would make it even harder to make a positive difference in the neighborhood this fiscal year.

Please advise us of opportunities for participation on this matter.

Regards,

Cynthia Weichelt  
Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council  
President



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**CF 11-0600-s2**

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**diana nave** <diananave@gmail.com>

Sun, Jul 22, 2012 at 5:15 PM

To: info@lanccoalition.org

Cc: richard.williams@lacity.org, joe.buscaino@lacity.org

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes the proposal to charge Neighborhood Councils for DONE to conduct NC elections. This is tantamount to another cut in our budgets after we have already been cut from \$50,000 to \$37,000. Furthermore our Neighborhood Council conducted its own selection process and will not be participating in the DONE conducted elections.

Diana Nave, President  
Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council



Richard Williams <richard.williams@lacity.org>

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**RE: ALERT! Stop the backdoor attempt to cut nc budgets**

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Brian Frobisher <froby@earthlink.net>

Sun, Jul 22, 2012 at 5:08 PM

To: "Leonard J. Shaffer" <info@lanccoalition.org>

Cc: Richard.Williams@lacity.org, Brian Frobisher <froby@earthlink.net>

My response to this would be the following:

I live in Glassell Park and am a founding board member of this council in the early 2000's.

Our NC is so "Backdoor" that I would love to see their budget cut to ZERO

It's is unfortunate, but they do not have an up to date website, they do minimal outreach.

So, as far as I am concerned the NC system is a failure in my neck of the woods.

Brian Frobisher

Glassell Park

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**From:** Leonard J. Shaffer [mailto:info@lanccoalition.org]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 22, 2012 3:45 PM

**To:** Leonard J. Shaffer

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Do not cut our budgets anymore. It was already budgeted -- Please keep the agreement.

Fred Mariscal

GWNC Budget Rep.

Outreach Committee Member

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He's right. NCs are the only source of neighborhood support (other than CD 4).

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No to cutting into the neighborhood council's budget

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Sun, Jul 22, 2012 at 4:42 PM

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Mr. Williams:

What authority do you have to now attempt to cut the NC budgets further, as made public ,you might be the backroom architect, and are attempting to do, by Mr. Gelfand, as noted below?

Thus, why you are not even able, as a paid City employee, along with others, to have the authority to sell Charmin to LAUSD from DONE, to wipe the GRYD offenders clean, before they are headed for jails, since LAUSD is not a member of the GRYD – get the picture?



When might DONE be able to have LAUSD sign the GRYD and end the "no my job" answers given me by not so Honorable Kerkorian, not so Honorable Truntanich and others, all avoiding to have City Ordinance 45.04 adjudicated – get the picture, as they claim "not my job" to meddle in the affairs of schools – get the Miramonte picture?

Mr. flashlight shining his light on the truth

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 05, 2012 6:54 AM

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**Subject:** Will the Mayor's Legacy include a failed 2007 initiated GRYD to fix, or at least his failed attempt to reduce student trancies, and therefore now become an issue in the upcoming elections?

Good day Mike Dundas, Claire Bartels and Ricardo Hong (see back of page for details):

As you know, with your help I have done my homework, to learn that the City and County have no

automated accountability as to student truancies [571,000 in LA County last year], that on paper as one can read it is to have; and thus now with your help might we begin to do as Rodney King asked "why can't we all just get along" and therefore have you become the solution to have the City, County and LAUSD begin to work together to have for starters, an accountability solution, as to truancies, starting with the use of a some invented 21<sup>st</sup> Century tools of automation, and end the excuses by others who state "not my job" to meddle in the affairs of schools?

Thus Mike. please confirm the following, as we previously discussed, copy attached:

1. As to Operation Bright Future, as signed as a MOU between the City and LAUSD the following (copy attached):
  - a. On page 3 of the MOU, item 5 it states that "two sets of labels", to then process manually, were to be sent your office **after five (5) truancies**, and that for the period of this MOU being in place **ZERO** "two sets of labels" were received by your office. Thus as part of my proposal below to automate, using now 21<sup>st</sup> Century tools of automation, at no new costs, only savings I added step #2, as noted below.
  - b. On page 4 of the MOU, item 12, it states that "**Copies of truancy letter[SARB] #1, letter #2**" must have been sent a parent and the your office, and that for the period of this MOU being in place **ZERO** information was made available to your office. And according to the legal office at LAUSD they do not even have records of any Letter #2 were sent to parents.

And, now thus Claire and Ricardo. please confirm the following, as we previously discussed, copy attached:

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  - b. **And, as of last week**, Ricardo Hong, as a dedicated employee in the City, working in the Mayor's office, you stated to me that you **no MOU has been signed** and thus the GRYD has no ability to be a working product, since according to at least Councilmember Paul Krekorian the City has no authority to meddle in the affairs of schools.

Therefore, in my opinion, as an alternative to continue to do nothing in at least at least LA County, and by the City of LA within the County borders, the time is now to have in at least L A County have implemented an automated an "early warning system" in "real time" [ based on the 1998 CDE bulletin, copy attached as file #3] at no added costs, only savings, that will be so simple to implement when a student is not in school and thus transfer the burden of follow-up to the City and County, from the schools, per their numerous on papers' well intended promulgations, leaving Teachers/Schools to be "educators" not "babysitters", a win-win for all as follows:

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2. **After five truancies** send required by law SARB letter #2 and possibly have letter #2 sent on a City Attorney's letterhead for added leverage by stating a SARB hearing is to be held, per the SARB Law in place since 1975 and other well intended promulgations in place, including City of Los Angeles City Ordinance 45.04.

3. **After nine truancies** send required by law SARB letter #3 and possibly have letter #3 sent on a County letterhead for added leverage by stating a County investigation could begin, per numerous promulgations in place and now share the data electronically as needed with local City and County government, as deemed best, electronically, including County of LA Ordinance 96-009.

**Thank you now on behalf of students not aware they need our help and we end the statement made "not my job" to meddle in the affairs of schools by some staff in government, and begin to have a "little collaborator" as was the vision of former City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo and former LAUSD Superintendent Admiral Brewer III, when they signed the MOU in 2008.**

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