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Additional Information:

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May 3, 2013

We, Michael J. Sonntag and Valaida Gory, declare that we are the President and Secretary, respectively of the Mid-City Neighborhood Council and that on April 8, 2013, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by the Mid-City Neighborhood Council with a quorum of 14 board members present and that by a vote of 13 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstentions the Mid-City Neighborhood Council adopted the following resolution:

Council File Number: 11-1020-S1

### SUMMARY:

The Mid-City Neighborhood Council expresses its support of the Neighborhood Council Funding Proposal ("Proposal") due to the benefits this funding proposal will bring to the neighborhood council system and DONE.

#### **FULL COMMENT:**

We find that the Proposal offers a number of benefits to the neighborhood council system and DONE:

DONE reported that it is recommending a new checking account system to allow Neighborhood Councils to make expenditures from their annual budget allocations. This new system will provide DONE with increased oversight and allow it to conduct monthly audits of Neighborhood Councils expenditures (instead of quarterly as in the current system). Under the proposed new checking account system, each Neighborhood Council will be required to prepare and submit monthly reconciliations to receive its next monthly allocation of funds. Additionally, the system will allow the reconciliations for each Neighborhood Council to be posted online, providing greater transparency.

We believe this new system will protect the taxpayer dollars as well as make each council fully accountable. Further, we demand that the City reinstate the full funding of \$50,000.00 to each Neighborhood Council, as well as sufficient and full funding to the Department (DONE) in order for both to no longer be materially impaired in its efforts to fulfill their Charter Section 900 mandates, as well as the governing ordinance.

Signature Of President	5/3/13 Date
Print Name: Michael J. Sonntag	
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Signature Of Secretary	Date
Print Name: Valaida Gory	