



NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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City Clerk Los Angeles, CA
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Subject: NHWNC RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE PROPOSED NC FUNDING AND
ELECTION PROCESS-COUNCIL FILES 11-1020-S1 & 111912-S1

At a Brown Act General Board Meeting, the North Hills West Neighborhood Council voted unanimously to oppose the potential funding cuts which the City wants to impose to help balance the City budget and may violate Charter Section 911. DONE has proposed that the department merge its efforts with the City Clerk to conduct Neighborhood Council elections in 2014. The NHWNC hereby demands that the City fully fund the 2014 elections and conduct them in Spring 2014 as planned. It is our belief that continuity of timing and full funding of the elections are mandatory items and are non-negotiable.

DONE reported that it is recommending a new checking account system to allow Neighborhood Council's 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 Council 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 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra Francisco". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Debra Francisco
Secretary NHWNC

cc: Tino Julian/President
cc: Councilman Mitchell Englander
(councilmember.englander@lacity.org)