

HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code, Section 22.819, in relation to the reforms in the Neighborhood Council Subdivisions.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Ryu - Cedillo):

REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code, Section 22.819, to include the following revisions and instructions:

- a. Hold subdivision elections no more frequently than once every four years.
- b. Hold the next subdivision elections in 2022 or later, to give time for the new subdivided Neighborhood Councils to become established and provide the department time to draft and adopt these regulations and other ordinance changes spelled out in Council file No. 12-1681-S1.
- c. Hold no more than three subdivision elections per subdivision election cycle. If more than three petitions are submitted, the three fully completed petitions with the largest number of residents, based on the latest data available from the American Community Survey of the US Census or related government data set if the American Community Survey is no longer available, shall be accepted.
- d. Not accept subdivision applications that include boundaries within a Neighborhood Council that has already had a subdivision election, whether successful or unsuccessful, until the third subdivision cycle after any previous subdivision election.
- e. Not accept subdivision applications that encompass less than 10,000 residents, based on the latest data available from the American Community Survey of the US Census.
- f. Not accept subdivision applications that encompass more than 50 percent of the residents of the existing Neighborhood Council (or 50 percent of the Neighborhood Council which is losing the most residents to the proposed subdivision if more than one Neighborhood Council is being proposed for subdivision), based on the latest data available from the American Community Survey of the US Census.
- g. Require subdivision petitions to contain at least 500 signatures from stakeholders of the proposed Neighborhood Council boundaries.
- h. Require subdivision formation committees that have submitted a subdivision application to sit down with board representatives from the Neighborhood Council they seek to subdivide in at least one mediation session moderated by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. The mediation should include invitations to any Council Offices with overlapping boundaries and the Neighborhood Commissioner for the area. The mediation should endeavor to determine if the existing Neighborhood Council and the Formation Committee can agree to bylaws changes at the existing Neighborhood Council that satisfy enough of the Formation Committee's concerns in order for the subdivision application to be rescinded. If a mediated agreement cannot be achieved, the application could move

towards a public hearing and review by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners as stipulated in the ordinance.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 28, 2018, the Health, Education, and Neighborhood Councils Committee considered Motion (Ryu - Cedillo) relative to the reforms in the Neighborhood Council Subdivision.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendation reflected above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

RYU: YES
CEDILLO: YES
WESSON: ABSENT

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