

## In Support of File #12-1681 (Item #1; 2/17/15 E&N Agenda)

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EDUCATION & NEIGHBORHOODS, L.A. City Council c/o City Clerk

RE: File #12-1681 (Item #1; 2/17/15 Agenda)

Honorable Council Members,

I strongly support passage of the proposed "subdivision policy" for L.A. City Neighborhood Councils as recommended by the Commission and now on the Education & Neighborhoods Committee agenda for Tuesday, Feb. 17. 2015.

L.A. neighborhood councils were formed quickly a dozen years ago and communities and the NC system have all changed in ways that make some current councils unworkable. Our council, for example is a "coalition" and most other communities in it don't have our same concerns. This kind of "filtering" actually works to move us, as stakeholders, further away from speaking to our elected officials.

If you were to plant different and unique kinds of plants together in one large pot - they would likely grow at different rates. But if a gardener transplanted the most rapidly growing plant to another pot, not only will it continue to grow, but it will also give the remaining plants more room to grow.

Likewise, a council originally made up of several distinct neighborhoods could benefit from separation to allow for growth. A flexible sub-division policy doesn't penalize would not penalize and stagnate communities whose participation grows faster.

Thank you,

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