

Los Angeles City Council -- *Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee* Councilmember Herb J. Wesson, Jr., Chair 200 North Spring Street, Room 430 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Councilmember Jose Huizar 200 North Spring Street, Room 465 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson 200 North Spring Street, Room 450 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Dear Councilmembers: The Greater Valley Glen Council unanimously passed at its regular board

meeting on March 6, 2017 the following motion:

Ordinance No. 184526 adding Section 22.819 to the Los Angeles Administrative Code establishing a procedure for stakeholders to create a certified Neighborhood Council within the boundaries of one or more existing certified Neighborhood Councils is deficient and is in need of amendment. With respect to neighborhood council subdivision as created by this ordinance, review and approval of procedures, rules and regulations made by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and decisions made in accordance with those procedures, rules and regulations should be subject to approval by and /or appeal to the Board of Neighborhood Councils. Presently, procedures and rules now in place as promulgated by DONE are in variance with the regulations for neighborhood council creation as set forth in Ordinance No.176704. Additionally, neighborhood councils affected by a proposed subdivision should be duly notified of such subdivision submittal but remain neutral in the process prior to the election determining approval of the proposed subdivision. Furthermore, subdivision submittals accepted by DONE but found to be deficient shall remain in effect with the submitting entity given the opportunity to correct any deficiencies necessary to meet subdivision requirements as needed to move on to the election stage.

We respectfully request that staff from the *Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee* meet with interested and affected stakeholders to develop principles that will lead to measures that will correct deficiencies in the present Neighborhood Council

Subdivision process and to review DONE's implementation of those ordinances that specify creation of Los Angeles neighborhood councils.

Sincerely,

Carlos Ferreyra President, GVGC

Walter D. Hall Chair, Government Relations Committee

C: Mayor Eric Garcetti Councilmember Paul Krekorian General Manager, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Members, Board of Neighborhood Councils.