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June 26, 2013

The Honorable Bernard C. Parks
Councilmember, Eighth District
Room 460, City Hall
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Honorable Councilmember Parks:

On October 23, 2012, Councilmember Huizar presented a motion to the City Council (CF 12-1682) instructing the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department), with input from the Neighborhood Councils, to prepare a review of the definition of a Neighborhood Council stakeholder, currently defined as a person who "lives, works, or owns property in the neighborhood and any individual who declares a stake in the neighborhood and affirms the factual basis for it." –Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.811 (a) (2).

The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Commission), being responsible for policy setting and oversight for the Department, has worked closely with the Department and Neighborhood Councils over the last nine months to conduct a comprehensive review. The review has included extensive discussion, debate, gathering of feedback, and consensus building. The Commission first sent the issue to its three (3) regional standing committees, comprised of leaders representing forty (40) Neighborhood Councils. Next, the Commission drafted a motion and provided Neighborhood Councils with two (2) months to provide feedback. The Neighborhood Councils responded with twelve (12) board resolutions, seventy-two (72) survey responses, and eighty (80) individual emails. With this feedback, the Commission returned the issue again to its committees for additional input. Concluding the process, the Commission on June 17, 2013 passed the following, which is now presented to you for your consideration:

The Commission "recommend[s] that the City Council amend the Administrative Code Section 22.811 (a) (2) and the Plan for Neighborhood Councils to remove the current definition of factual basis stakeholder and substitute with the community interest stakeholder defined as a person who affirms a substantial and ongoing participation within the Neighborhood Council boundaries and who may be in a community organization such as, but not limited to, educational, nonprofit, and or religious."

Date: 8/20/13

Submitted in E+N Committee

Council File No: 12-1682 + 11-0600-559

Item No.: 7

Deputy: Communication
from Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

I am available to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Park', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Paul Park, President
Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

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