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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(16) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)
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Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

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Council File Number: 14-0881
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Item Number:

Summary: Los Feliz Neighborhood Council opposes Councilman Ryu's motion to reactivate the now expired CF14-0881. In April/June 2015, the LFNC advised the proposed Franklin Hills Residents Association (FHRA) sponsored community renaming / boundary expansion application be denied based on stakeholder input and discussion at open public meetings. At that time, Boardmembers (14) voted against the proposal citing opposition of numerous affected residents; that 'Franklin Hills' already has a designated community boundary and the proposal's sponsors were merely seeking to enlarge it; petition signers (including those who later rescinded their support) were not made aware of the full implications of what they were petitioning; the touted benefits of the change were speculative; and residents felt that FHRA had not sought their membership's opinion of expanded boundaries, only that of the group's leadership. Boardmembers (2) in favor cited FHRA had performed community service projects and deserved the council's approval in recognition of those efforts. On July 19, 2016, LFNC voted unanimously against reactivating the expired council file as moved by Councilmember Ryu. Boardmembers cited continued opposition from residents in the affected area and reiterated concerns filed in 2015. Boardmembers noted that LFNC had not been apprised of the motion to extend the deadline. Contentions that the petition's 20% signature threshold would be raised to "50+1%" by the new reactivation motion could not be substantiated, and appeared to be in contravention of City policy as set by 02-0196. LFNC strongly recommends adherence to the guidelines and time constraints set by City policy. Given doubts about the original petition's signatures, requests from some signers to have their names removed, and change in the composition of residents, LFNC strongly urges that the process not be extended. Renewed efforts to achieve the aims of 14-0886 should be initiated under a new application and process.