

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to greater participation by Neighborhood Councils (NCs) in City Council meetings, and implementation of recommendations per review of the Plan for a Citywide System of NCs.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to continue with the current Community Impact Statement (CIS) process which lists on the City Council agenda the names of the NCs that have filed a CIS and the NC's position on that Council file:

For

For if Amended

Against

Against unless Amended

No Position (Council file was discussed and acted upon, but NC could not muster enough votes either way)

Neutral Position (Council file was discussed and NC decided to take no action at all)

2. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to not include the full CIS text on the City Council agenda. The City Clerk has offered to place an instruction on the agenda directing those who want to read the full CIS text to the attached Agenda E-Packet PDF, which the City Clerk already prepares for each City Council agenda.
3. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to standardize procedures for the titling of Council files, i.e. have a naming protocol, and when a sub-file number is added to a Council file in order to be clear so stakeholders can more easily track the issues. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) has discussed this matter with the City Clerk, and the City Clerk is reviewing possible solutions in the current LACityClerk Connect Council File Management System.
4. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to report with a revision of the Council Rules that will set aside separate time at any City Council meeting or Council committee meeting for NCs to provide feedback and ongoing dialogue with regard to officially submitted NC CIS. This time should be early in the meeting and separate from public comment. If possible, the feedback opportunity should be set up so that NC representatives "have a seat at the table."
5. REQUEST the City Attorney to report back with a draft ordinance that will set aside separate time at any City Board or Commission meeting for NCs to provide feedback and ongoing dialogue with regard to officially submitted NC CIS. This time should be early in the meeting and separate from public comment. If possible, the feedback opportunity should be set up so that NC representatives "have a seat at the table."
6. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to hold all other recommendations listed in the DONE Report dated June 25, 2015 and keep the Council file active for future deliberations on these matters.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The DONE reports that there will be an impact to the General Fund

should implementation of recommendations which require additional staffing or technology resources be adopted by the City Council. These additional resources may not only be for the DONE, but also for the Controller, City Attorney, City Administrative Officer, and City Clerk as inasmuch as DONE relies on these Offices in providing support to the NCs. The DONE reports that it can make a better determination as to the approximate amount once more information is known as to the direction of the recommendations.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

For:

- Chatsworth Neighborhood Council
- Valley Village Neighborhood Council
- Los Feliz Neighborhood Council
- West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council
- Glassell Park Neighborhood Council
- Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council
- Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council
- Winnetka Neighborhood Council
- Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
- Venice Neighborhood Council
- Northridge East Neighborhood Council (Council file No. 15-0389 only)

For if Amended: Northridge East Neighborhood Council (Council file No. 15-0524 only)

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on August 21, 2015, the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee considered Motion (Wesson - Krekorian) (Council file No. 15-0389) relative to greater participations by NCs in the City Council meetings, Motion (Wesson - O'Farrell) (Council file No. 15-0524) relative to implementation of priority recommendations from the review of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils, and a report from the DONE dated June 22, 2015 that responds to both motions. Additionally, the Committee Chair submitted into the record a set of revised recommendations in lieu of those in the DONE report.

The General Manager of DONE, the City Clerk's Executive Officer, and the City Attorney assigned to the Committee were present at the meeting to provide background on the matter and respond to related questions. During discussion, the Committee's City Attorney called to the attention of the Committee a concern relative to Motion (Wesson - Krekorian) which places the Neighborhood Council alliances on the same level as the NCs. The City Attorney noted that the NC alliances are non-City entities and that providing them with the same level of basic benefits of the NCs, such as additional time to speak on matters before the Council and having a "seat at the table," could open the door for other non-City entities to request the same. The City Attorney advised that there are other options that the Council can consider. The Committee Chair thanked the City Attorney for the information and expressed the Committee's desire to move forward on that issue in a manner in which both the Council and the City Attorney are comfortable.

After consideration and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the revised recommendations. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS
COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

REW
8/26/15
FILE NOS. 15-0389, 15-0524

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