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Brief Summary: HHPNC voted on 6/18/15 to request that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment immediately fill vacant positions.

Additional Information:

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June 18, 2015

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and the Members of the Los Angeles City Council
Ms. Grayce Liu, DONE General Manager
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: DONE to fill approved positions immediately (Council File 15-0600)

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood. To effectively fulfill our mandate, our Neighborhood Council requires adequate support from the City's Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE).

Given that the Neighborhood Council relies on DONE to provide effective support in our community, and given that DONE has been significantly understaffed for many months and continues to lose staff resulting in their now having only 3 Advocates to cover 96 Neighborhood Councils, and given ongoing reports of not receiving any response from DONE in regards to NC inquiries, and given the need to have DONE provide training and support as needed in coming months, the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council calls on the City Council to immediately fund fully the six staff positions already approved.

Additionally, Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council strongly urges the General Manager of DONE to use existing savings to immediately expedite the needed hiring, and move to facilitate NC business, including timely response to inquiries, appropriate direction on how to handle issues, etc.

Furthermore, City Council must replace such savings and add whatever is needed to ensure that all approved positions and the positions of all DONE personnel who have left, or depart moving forward, are filled on a timely basis.

Sincerely,

Monica Alcaraz, President
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council