

Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 01/10/2017

Type of NC Board Action: Against unless Amended

Impact Information

Date: 04/06/2017

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 15-1022-S2

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: (Note: this is a resubmittal of a CIS that was not posted to the City Clerk website)

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The ERNC believes that all of the above can be accomplished for less than \$552,000, and could virtually eliminate the time-consuming, expensive, and embarrassing election challenges and grievances suffered by the City of Los Angeles as a result of the 2016 Neighborhood Council elections. Taxpayer funds are better spent on ensuring the integrity of the NC voting system first, before they are spent on experiments to increase numbers on paper.

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**COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT
CF# 15-1022-S2**

March 13, 2017

We declare that on January 10, 2017, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) at which a quorum was present, and the following motion was passed unanimously:

Whereas the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council, whose 2012 election spurred the creation of the “Public Interest Stakeholder” category on NC boards, and whose Immediate Past President served on all of the Election Challenge/Grievance Panels for the 2016 NC Elections, has unique perspective on NC voting systems in Los Angeles;

Whereas in 2016 the ERNC experienced first-hand the confusion and poor training of City employees and volunteers, which resulted in the disenfranchisement of several in-person voters at the ERNC elections, who were turned away from the polls for illegitimate reasons;

Whereas the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment’s online voting experiment in 2016 cost the City of Los Angeles at least \$552,000, while only 34% (8,694) of the 25,571 total voters in that election voted online, for a cost of \$63.50 per voter, therefore be it

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DAG', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Greene
Immediate Past President, Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council

cc:
Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee
Councilmember José Huizar
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment