The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 15-1022

Honorable Members:

On November 23, 2015, this Office transmitted a draft ordinance (City Attorney Report No. R15-0294) amending Section 22.806 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to authorize the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners to define community interest stakeholders in the Neighborhood Council system. If City Council adopts the ordinance, we recommend that Council also approve the enclosed resolution, so that the changes to the LAAC will be consistent and reflected in the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils. This revision reflects a change requested by the City Clerk.

Background and Summary of Ordinance Provisions

On September 28, 2015, City Council requested our Office to draft an ordinance authorizing the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (Commission) to further define a community interest stakeholder. A community interest stakeholder currently is a person
who “affirms a substantial and ongoing participation within the neighborhood council’s boundaries....” (LAAC §22.811(a)(2).) The proposed draft ordinance authorizes the Commission to define the types and duration of contacts that a community interest stakeholder must have in order to demonstrate the person has “substantial and ongoing participation” within the community. The proposed ordinance includes an addition requested by the City Clerk that specifies that any change to the community interest stakeholder definition will not take place during an election cycle but will be implemented during the next election. In addition, the proposed ordinance amends Section 22.806 to ensure Subsection (b) is consistent with this ordinance.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Clerk with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Darren R. Martinez at (213) 978-8197. He or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

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