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Agenda Date:

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Summary: Please see attached CIS.

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**COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

March 4, 2019

Health, Education, and Neighborhood Councils Committee  
Los Angeles City Council  
200 N. Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Committee Members:

On February 5, 2019, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held with a quorum of 15 board members present and that by a vote of 14 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstentions, the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) adopted the following Community Impact Statement concerning Council File 17-0600-S41, Budget Recommendations / Department of Neighborhood Empowerment / Neighborhood Council Translation Services:

In the “Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils,” approved May 30, 2001, Article VII, Responsibilities of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, 12(d), states: “Assure equal opportunity to form and develop Certified Neighborhood Councils. DONE shall assist groups and Community Stakeholders seeking Certified Neighborhood Council status by: [...] mitigating barriers to participation, such as the need for translation and childcare services.” The subsequent regulations for the Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils were codified into the Los Angeles Administrative Code via Ordinance 176704. The ERNC believes that these “barriers” continue past the point of certification of neighborhood councils, and as such maintain unequal opportunity regarding access to participation in the Neighborhood Council System.

One such barrier is the lack of childcare at neighborhood council meetings. Currently DONE does not provide or facilitate designated funding for childcare services at monthly neighborhood council meetings. As a result, many parents, particularly those who are low-income or single parents/caregivers, may not be able to regularly attend meetings and/or consider running as candidates because childcare is not provided. The ERNC supports the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council’s proposal requesting that the City amend the proposed budget for the neighborhood council system to fund a childcare services funding program, to be paid through the annual fund for neighborhood councils. Such a program would serve the monthly neighborhood council board meetings by providing two (2) qualifying adult caregivers for up to three (3) hours at a rate of \$15.00/hour. Furthermore, the City should provide a system to arrange childcare services for meetings outside of monthly neighborhood council board meetings, such as town

halls and committee meetings; each neighborhood council could elect to pay those costs from their individual neighborhood council budgets.

Although CF 17-0600-S41 (Budget Recommendations / Department of Neighborhood Empowerment / Neighborhood Council Translation Services) was finalized via council action on January 18, 2019, the ERNC believes that the Council File should be amended and/or a new Council File introduced to address childcare services as an additional barrier to participation in the current neighborhood council system.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this important issue.

Respectfully,

The Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council

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