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The ConnectLA moniker is great, but a mobile application is not what is needed. What is needed is an ethos of ‘sharing’ and ‘transparency.’ Something else is in place and if you read The LA CityWatch or any of the other articles we’ve written recently, it is clear that DONE should be radically reformed with some fixed rules that prevent the kind of shameless term-extension...that being contemplated and executed under Mr. Ryu’s...leadership.

The current “outreach” on offer is beyond pathetic. DONE should be required to promote Prop K meetings. DONE should be desperate to get the word out to the community. When that does, the people suffer from lack of information which is devastating to community.

---Original Message-----
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Cc: Andre Hennon <andre.hennon@lacity.org>; newstips <newstips@latimes.com>; Eric Garoetti (eric.garoetti@lacity.org) <eric.garoetti@lacity.org>
Sent: Mon, Jul 24, 2017 4:17 am
Subject: Re: Proposal: Outreach Bill of Rights Fwd: GMs Message + Open House, Congress 2017, and Disaster Preparedness

Hi, Eric,

Hope all is well. Thank you for your email. I will forward your suggestion for a NC outreach bill of rights to the Board of Neighborhood Commissions. I do not have the ability to put a “nc project, SCNC can make the request, however, if they want to hold further community meetings.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
Gaye Liu
General Manager
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

On Jul 23, 2017 7:17 PM, <esp3800@lacity.org> wrote:

General Manager Liu:

I know you are in New York with the Aspen Institute “learning and sharing” about the Neighborhood Council system but here in Los Angeles it’s imploding.

In 1999 the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment emerged to connect neighborhoods to the resources necessary to empower their communities and constituents to meaningful participation.

All these years later, last week in Studio City, a Local Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee [LVNOC] was convened for a voter-approved Prop K Community Center, project of project that requires local engagement to be appropriately customized to the unique needs of each neighborhood, but the community was never notified.

There were no drawings or pictures posted until the sixty-minute 6pm meeting began despite numerous public record requests for information about the project. There was nothing a review or share among our residents. There were actually more Bureau of Engineering and Rec and Parks employees at the meeting than community members in attendance.

Studio City Neighborhood Council did not send out a single notification about this LVNOC meeting and it was allegedly the last and there hadn’t been one for 591 days.

Failing to notify the community should be considered a serious violation of an all new Neighborhood Council-Wide Ordinance on the subject of outreach. The City of LA needs an Outreach Bill of Rights.

Going forward all NCs should be required to UPDATE by eblast all taxpayer funded Neighborhood construction projects that impact the community. And the department should also outreach criteria for other types of projects.

If an NC fails to provide adequate outreach, as in the painful example of the Prop K project in Studio City, the department should step in to take over and issue sanctions.

For an empowerment organization, disempowerment must be treated as something that will NEVER be tolerated. [If] not negotiable, data driven, and there is no panel to turn it into Outreach is required, whether you favor or disfavor the news.

Even the most diligent community members will fall on their faces is, as Greg Nelson put in it a recent CityWatch column, the electeds remain “outright hostile to any plan that would public the ability to stick their noses under the tent with stronger voices, and increased transparency.”

I would ask that you and Mayor Garoetti put a ‘hold’ on the Studio City Rec Center Prop K project and any future work on the project, until we can facilitate a community meeting, the community is actually invited to.

Kindly confirm receipt.

Eric Preven
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City Attorney:
7. BOE staff informs that staff of Council District 2 has done additional outreach to stakeholder organizations such as the Studio City Neigh Council and the Studio City Residents Association. Whether those stakeholder organizations disseminated the notice and agenda for the 7 LVNOC meeting to their own membership is within the purview of the leadership of those organizations and is not within the purview of the Proposition K Program nor its program staff.
GM's Message 07.21.17

I hope our newsletter finds you well. We had a change of officers on the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners on Monday. Vice President Joy Atkinson from the South area was elected President, and Commissioner Eli Lipmen from the west area was elected Vice President. Many thanks to outgoing President Leonard Shaffer for his great leadership these past three years! The Commission will be taking on a lot of policy issues this year from refining the Neighborhood Council subdivision policy to looking at the equity in the distribution of the annual funding allocation for Neighborhood Councils.

On Monday night, I had the pleasure of assisting the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council in electing the executive officers for their newly seated board. It was super to see the new board in action, particularly after they had taken the time to do several learning sessions on Neighborhood Council policies and procedures conducted by long time CSPNC board member and former Commissioner, Doug Epperhart, prior to their first meeting. Much appreciation to Doug and to the new board members for their dedication to start their term with the necessary knowledge to advocate for their community.

I’ll be doing the final session for the Aspen Institute on Innovative and Inclusive Cities in New York City this weekend through Tuesday next week. It’s been such a privilege to be a part of a national group to look at standardizing best practices for public engagement that brings in all parts of the community in creative ways. I’m looking forward to learning and sharing about the Neighborhood Council system.

Speaking of civic engagement, we’ll be offering another workshop on how to work with census information tomorrow in the South/Harbor area so you know who is in your neighborhoods. Check out our EmpowerLA Calendar for the location. On Sunday, the Congress of Neighborhoods Planning Committee will be meeting at the Hollywood Constituent Center to finalize the Congress workshops. You can still join in to help prepare for the September 6th Congress. Just stop on by!

Thanks for all that you do to Empower LA! Have a wonderful weekend!

Best,

Grayce Liu,
General Manager
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (aka) EmpowerLA
Empower Yourself. Empower Your Community, EmpowerLA
Mayor's Message

New City resources will help Angelenos better understand how they can play a role in helping their unsheltered neighbors. Mayor Eric Garcetti today [July 20, 2017] convened more than 100 religious leaders from across L.A. to launch Days of Compassion - an interfaith...

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Come on in! Open Houses

Join the community as LADOT holds open houses. Online registration for the 10th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair (the largest in Los Angeles) is now open. Please encourage your friends to register and attend by visiting www.ValleyDisasterFair.com. Registration will also be available at the Fair. Registrants...

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The annual Congress of Neighborhoods is the your Council to the media and the public. Here are Neighborhood Council system’s largest event of the year on what to include and how to lay it out. Great year, bringing over 800 Neighborhood Council press kits are concise but complete, with content they’re always given tips from LA as City and formatting that tells your story in the most a...
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The ConnectLA moniker is nice, but again, Herb J Wesson and Mayor Garcetti, have been pouring a particularly strong but toxic brew of red-ink ad absurdum. By making the public speak roughly the size of #Bumenfield’s nose in the telecast, while featuring one another and anyone connected to the Olympics in full sized living color, the public trust is betrayed.

The attached PDF will be uploaded here:
Read the letter and consider how devious: The City Council of Los Angeles has been. How effectively they have been working at disconnecting.

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Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

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Sent: Fri, Jan 6, 2017 5:34 pm
Subject: Re: Cease & Desist Demand Re: Council Rule 93 [via Fax & email]

Mr Preven,

We will forward your communication to the Office of the President of the City Council.

On Fri, Jan 6, 2017 at 5.19 PM, Eric Preven <esp3800@aol.com> wrote:

Kindly confirm receipt.
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Mon, Aug 14.

Talking the talk is one thing but how about walking the walk?

The public shown equitably every single day in the Channel 35 telecast and refrain from giving ITA one nickel until such time as that matter is resolved. Two years of nothing has been d

July 1, 2015 - Eric Preven re CP and rule 93 https://youtu.be/WJU9c3-Z5sO

July 1, 2017 - Eric Preven public debate/open https://youtu.be/k2Zj85dNJ

Regards,

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On Mon, May 1, 2017 at 3:17 PM, Eric Preven <esp3800@aol.com> wrote:

April 27, 2017

Eric Preven: Good Morning, Councilmember Krekorian and Budget Committee. I am very excited for the budget and there are multiple departments, today we have City Attorney, Ethics Commission on the docket. To speak for sixty seconds—without hearing the presentation from the department—is challenging. Because, that would be twenty seconds per... What I would do, is ask, going those of us who follow the budget and in the public who are interested, if there is a presentation by a department to provide a short period to comment, would be great. We have a nine point billion dollar budget but 25 billion when you consider all the voter approved stuff... Now I was up in HHF and I wrote about it for CityWatch coming up tonight—we need to do a better job of it public to really have meaningful input, when we asked about—what’s the percentage that the city takes on a 3.5 million dollar HHF project, the response was: We’re not taking comments it’s from the floor, which is crazy because it was a hidden meeting in the middle of the fifth floor anyway. So, I would really ask, Sir, I know you care about transparency, to get people a to speak on point. The Ethics Commission, Mitch O’Farrell needs to return some contributions. I’ve been trying to get them--

Krekorian: So, you’re off topic, Mr. Preven, just so you know, we are going to be taking public comment every single day. So if you hear something today and you want to come and come day feel free to come on and talk about it.

Eric Preven: No, and I will.

Krekorian: This is not a back and forth. And then you know in addition we’ll be taking comment before we vote on our reports back. We’ll also take additional public comment later what it in the council so... you’ll have plenty of opportunities.

May 1, 2017

Eric Preven: Thank you Mr. Krekorian, did you get the message about Joshua Preven’s Time, would I be granted the extra minute?

Krekorian: No, you can speak on his behalf...

Eric Preven: You mentioned you were going to draw as much public comment as you can... and I think sixty seconds on I think nine or ten major departments including the department of the department of neighborhood empowerment, the city clerk—do not interrupt me, Sir—it’s not tenable, it’s five seconds per item—You’re interrupting me, Sir, it’s not appropriate.

Krekorian: No, I will interrupt you.

Eric Preven: That is the meeting.

Krekorian: No. I will interrupt you because as I instructed you at the beginning, you are not here to speak about process you are here to speak about the budget or else your time is going to.

Eric Preven: 22 million dollars to redo the Merced Theatre for the ITA, which is on the agenda, is not appropriate, Sir...when you are reducing... look at the diminution of Jack Humphreysville of the budget hearings to day three. On day one we was visible on day three he’s not visible. What you’re doing is blocking... and what is the budget for the budget hearings? Why are you to get out of here by 1:30p? And why were you in such a rush? And why are we going to cut days off the budget as we did last year? Public input is critical, Sir, and I’m going to have to write issues. You know I’ve had issues with the Department of neighborhood empowerment, it’s on the budget today...the clerk is on the budget today, all of these are important things... GSD is not today... these are the people with the real property... It’s not appropriate, Sir.

Day one big Jack
April 26, 2017 – Jack Humphreyville
Day two medium Jack

April 27, 2017 – Jack Humphreyville (medium)
Day 3 little Jack