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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the Neighborhood Council System Reforms as proposed by the Councilman David Ryu, addressing leadership requirements for Alliances, and completion of the Neighborhood Councils Funding Equity Study. Also noted were the following points: •Changing the name of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) is not a sufficient reform to this agency which should be properly repurposed as a supporting agency to the NCs, and away from their current role as bureaucratic overseers. Additionally, if it is not already the case, all DONE employees should undergo the same ethics training and Code of Conduct requirements as all neighborhood Council board members. •A single election day for all neighborhood councils would go a long way towards better City-wide outreach and hopefully better voter participation. •A recognition that not all neighborhood councils may have the exact same structure and, given each neighborhood council's history and initial formation, these diverse structures should be respected. •NC Alliance leaders should be required to take Ethics Training just as Board Members, and to have knowledge of the Brown Act.



Neighborhood Council System Reforms – Council File #18-0467

On July 11, 2018 at a properly noticed meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council Board, the following resolution was passed unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Approved Board Resolution:

Be it resolved that the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council supports the Neighborhood Council System Reforms as proposed by the Councilman David Ryu, addressing leadership requirements for Alliances, and completion of the Neighborhood Councils Funding Equity Study.

Also noted were the following points:

- Changing the name of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) is not a sufficient reform to this agency which should be properly repurposed as a supporting agency to the NCs, and away from their current role as bureaucratic overseers. Additionally, if it is not already the case, all DONE employees should undergo the same ethics training and Code of Conduct requirements as all neighborhood Council board members.
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Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Hoffman, Secretary
Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council

