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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(7) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(1) Recusal(0)

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#### Impact Information

Date: 08/25/2018

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Council File Number: 18-0467

Agenda Date: 08/22/2018

Item Number: 5c

Summary: The Zapata King Neighborhood Council voted for if Amended on CF 18-0467 titled Neighborhood Council System Reform in effort to explore possible improvements to the Neighborhood Council system in order to strengthen their influence within City government, on City services in their communities, and on planning efforts in their communities; however, we do take exception to certain motions. We have added our recommendations and opinion to each of the following motions in which we support and against, please see attached.

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The Zapata-King Neighborhood Council (ZKNC) supports:

1. Changing the name of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) to better reflect the role of each department to the Neighborhood Councils. However, the ZKNC believes that the theme of “empowering LA” should be retained as the goal of DONE and BONC due to our mission of empowering stakeholders in our communities.
2. Developing and adopting a planning and land use training required for all Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Neighborhood Council planning and land use committee. Such training is paramount in today's age when developers are moving inside our communities at a rapid pace; however, there should be required trainings for other committees as well.
3. Recommendations and next steps on a process for Neighborhood Councils to be able to roll-over a non-cumulative maximum of \$10,000 in any given fiscal year.
4. Develop a process, with the assistance of GSD and the City Clerk, to assist Neighborhood Councils with accessing shared space in City facilities, as envisioned in Council File 16-0298. Accessing shared space in City facilities, with the recommendation to have access to the facilities, WIFI, printer and other services in the facility that would assist in conducting the meeting.
5. Developing an ongoing compendium of best practices generated from Neighborhood Councils and share those on a periodic basis with all Neighborhood Councils and include ‘how-to guides’ for accomplishing those best practices.
6. Develop point of contact lists for key city departments and agencies, including DCP, DOT, Public Works’ Bureaus, Aging, Disability, HCID, DCA, LADWP, ...

The Zapata-King Neighborhood Council (ZKNC) is against:

1. Amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code to remove the Community Impact Stakeholder. The Community impact stakeholder has increased the democratic participation of our community and has played a positive role in reflecting the opinion of our stakeholders. It should be the choice of each individual neighborhood council to include specific definitions as to how a stakeholder should be defined.
2. Recommendations and next steps for amending City Charter Article IX Section 901. d and 904.f to remove any reference to “selections” ...
3. Recommendations and next steps for adopting regulations to provide a uniform minimum voting age and board member age to allow consistent participation across the City, and

what that age should be. The ZKNC recommends the uniform voting age to remain at the age of 16 to increase youth participation in voter turn-out within NC's. Our youth are one of the most energetic and passionate stakeholders and should have a voice in any decision making that involves their community and standard of living.

4. The recommendations for creating a onetime review process, overseen by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, to evaluate Neighborhood Council by Laws to determine if board seats are equitably allocated amongst stakeholder types.
5. The ability for Neighborhood Councils to accept in-kind or monetary donations ... It creates conflict in the future with state ethical standards, can cause confusion in the purpose of NC's, and can leave opportunity for misuse of funds and dishonesty.
6. On the costs and other implications of holding all Neighborhood Council elections on the same day in order to provide for a uniform citywide advertising and outreach campaign.