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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: Please see attached PDF.

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The Board approved this CIS for CF 18-0467 by a vote of: 10 Yes, 0 No and 0 Abstain

Date of NC Board Action: 08/20/2018 Type of NC Board: Neighborhood Council

Action: Support if Amended

Motion to adopt comments on Councilmember Ryu's "Neighborhood Council System Reforms"

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Resolved, The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council adopts the following comments on Councilmember David Ryu's "Neighborhood Council System Reforms" (Council File 18-0467).

- *Change the name of DONE to "Neighborhood Councils Department", BONC to "Neighborhood Councils Commission" and phase out "EmpowerLA" branding.*

Support, but change the name to "Department of Neighborhood Councils".

- *Amend LAMC to remove "Community Impact [sic] Stakeholder" and consider adding other definitions by ordinance.*

Strongly support removing the "Community Interest Stakeholder", given the confusion and disruption this has caused, and the impossibility of refining that definition to make it workable.

Disagree with adding other stakeholder classifications: retain "lives, works, or owns property" as a reasonably clear and inclusive stakeholder definition.

- *Amend City Charter to eliminate selections.*

Strongly support the elimination of selections.

Strongly recommend that there be significant outreach and publicity from the City level to publicize the existence, capabilities, and elections of neighborhood councils. This should be in addition to localized outreach and publicity by NCs.

- *Create a one-time review examining NC board seats for equity and provide suggestions to increase equity.*

We are concerned that any allocation of board seats amongst stakeholder types inevitably creates (rather than diminishes) inequities. We recommend removing or minimizing seat allocation by stakeholder types, and recommend open ("at large") seats as a straightforward way of improving equity of representation.

We do not think that the BONC is the appropriate body to oversee an equity review process, and would prefer that it be overseen by an external review body.

Another aspect of equity (not noted in Councilmember Ryu's recommendations) is funding equity across NCs. To preserve funding equity while allowing for flexibility in NC size through subdividing (or combining) NCs, NC funding should be allocated to NCs on a per-stakeholder basis, rather than at a fixed level per NC.

- *Create a uniform minimum voting and board member age.*

Support.

- *Develop required planning and land use training for some committee chairs.*

We disagree with requiring training, but support the development of voluntary training.

We strongly recommend that planning and land use training be developed by PlanCheckNC or other NC participants who have an adequate background for the job, rather than by DONE or another City agency.

- *Ability to roll over a non-cumulative maximum of \$10,000 per year.*

Support.

- *Amend LAMC to permit in-kind or monetary donations to NCs.*

Support.

- *Consider holding all NC elections on a single day citywide.*

Strongly support the idea of a single election day, primarily because it would highlight the need for citywide publicity about NCs, and would make citywide publicity about NC elections clearer and easier to deliver.

- *Develop a process to assist NCs with accessing shared space in City facilities.*

Support.

- *Develop and share a compendium of best practices.*

Support.

- *Develop point of contact lists for City departments and agencies and appoint a single point of contact for each within each NC.*

Support.