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Summary: CHNC represents thousands of stakeholders who reside, own property and conduct business within our boundaries. As requested, we are providing input and recommendations about proposed reforms to the Neighborhood Council System based on the feedback from our Legislative Action Committee and Board.



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Mayor Eric Garcetti & Los Angeles City Council

200 N. Spring St.
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RE: CIS in support of CF 18-0467 Neighborhood Council System Reforms.

The Central Hollywood Neighborhood council represents tens of thousands of stakeholders who reside, own property and conduct business within our boundaries. As requested, we are providing input and recommendations about proposed reforms to the Neighborhood Council System based on the feedback from our Legislative Action Committee and Board.

Our input and recommendations are as follows:

- Amend City Charter Article IX to change the name of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) to the Neighborhood Councils Department (NCD), the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) to the Neighborhood Councils Commission (NCC), and phasing out the use of the term/branding 'EmpowerLA' due to the confusion reported by the public and the perception of Neighborhood Council members that DONE's role should be primarily to support Neighborhood Councils, which the name Neighborhood Councils Department would better reflect.
 - **CHNC Recommendation - SUPPORT**
- Amend the Los Angeles Administrative Code to remove the "Community Interest Stakeholder," which has caused substantial confusion and disputed elections, and recommendations and next steps for including specific additional definitions by ordinance of eligible voters and board members of Neighborhood Councils, such as student or parent/guardian of a student.
 - **CHNC Recommendation - SUPPORT and define "community interest stakeholder" to be**
 - **community members whose official primary residence is within the council boundaries OR**
 - **Community members who own real property within the council boundaries OR**
 - **Business owners or their designated representatives, full time students of a school within the council boundaries, people**

experiencing homelessness who self identify using a public address such as that of the local library, recreation center or shelter.

- Amend City Charter Article IX to remove any reference to “selections” and clarify that Neighborhood Council board members will be elected.
 - ***CHNC Recommendation - SUPPORT, with clarification on requiring elections for filling board vacancies.***
- Create a one-time review process, overseen by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, to evaluate Neighborhood Council bylaws to determine if board seats are equally allocated amongst stakeholder types and provide formal suggestions to Neighborhood Councils on way to adjust board seats as needed to increase equity.
 - ***CHNC Recommendation - OPPOSE.***
- Adopt 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.
 - ***CHNC Recommendation - SUPPORT. The minimum voting and board member eligibility age should be 16, in compliance with CHNC bylaws.***
- Develop and Adopt a planning and land use training required for all Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Neighborhood Councils planning and land use committees.
 - ***CHNC Recommendation - SUPPORT***
- 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.
 - ***CHNC Recommendation - SUPPORT***
- Recommendations and next steps for removing Section 5.485.h of Chapter 88 of Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code and recommendations for other amendments to that Chapter, in order to remove the expiration of the ability for Neighborhood Councils to accept in-kind or monetary donations.
 - ***CHNC Recommendation OPPOSE due to the potential for perceived impropriety or corruption.***
- City Clerk report back 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.
 - ***LAC Recommendation - SUPPORT, with Elections, outreach and advertising to be funded by the City.***
- Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and all other relevant departments be INSTRUCTED to Develop a process to assist Neighborhood Councils with accessing shared space in City facilities.
 - ***CHNC Recommendation - SUPPORT***
- Develop 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.
 - ***CHNC Recommendation - SUPPORT***
- **Develop point of contact lists for key city departments and agencies**, including DCP, DOT, Public Works’ Bureaus, Aging, Disability, HCID, DCA, LADWP, Port, Airport, Cannabis Regulation, Emergency Management, Animal Services, LAPD,

LAFD, Recreation and Parks, Zoo, Finance, Library, Economic and Workforce Development and BIDs, with assistance from those listed departments and agencies, and share those lists with Neighborhood Councils, facilitate the training of those points of contact at those relevant departments on the most fruitful ways to assist and communicate with Neighborhood Council members, and coordinate with Neighborhood Councils to formally appoint a point of contact at each NC to communicate between each NC and the point of contact at each department, thus creating a single line of communication.

- ***CHNC Recommendation - SUPPORT***