

Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(18) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The Echo Park Neighborhood Council supports Council File 18-0467 and the proposed reforms for the Neighborhood Council system, as enumerated in Councilmember David Ryu's motion, to make the system a more valuable asset for the Stakeholders of Los Angeles.

ECHO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

1226 Alvarado St., L.A. CA 90026



Community Impact Statement (CIS)

Council File Number: 18-0467

Support for Proposed Reforms to the Neighborhood
Council System

June 26, 2018



**CERTIFIED NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL
APRIL 16, 2002**

To: Honorable City Council, Los Angeles City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, room 395, Los Angeles, CA 90012 c/o Office of the City Clerk.

The Echo Park Neighborhood Council (EPNC) is requesting that the aforesaid CIS be attached to Council File No. 18-0467. On June 26, 2018, with a quorum of 18, the EPNC Board of Governors held a Brown Act-noticed meeting and with a vote of 18 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, the EPNC voted to submit this CIS.

The Echo Park Neighborhood Council supports Council File 18-0467 and the proposed reforms for the Neighborhood Council system to make the system a more valuable asset for the Stakeholders of Los Angeles. We support the following reforms:

1. Amending City Charter 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". The NCD will always stay as its own Chartered Department and never merged under another Department. CF18-0600-S11
2. Amending the L.A. Admin. Code to remove the "Community Interest Stakeholder" and recommendations for including specific additional definitions by ordinance of eligible voters and Boardmembers of Neighborhood Councils to be created by a panel of Neighborhood Councilmembers selected by the Neighborhood Councils.
3. Amending City Charter to remove any reference to "selection" and clarify that Neighborhood Council Boardmembers will be elected.
4. Recommendations for adopting regulations to provide a uniform minimum voting age and Boardmember age to allow consistent participation across the City.
5. Recommendation for developing and adopting a planning and land use training required for all Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and committee members of Neighborhood Council planning and land use committees to better understand the process and protect the needs of the communities they serve.
6. Recommendations on a process to allow NC's to roll-over a non-cumulative maximum of \$10,000 in any given fiscal year.

7. Recommendation removing Section 5.485.h of Chapter 88 of Division 5 of the LA Municipal Code in order to remove the expiration of the ability for NCs to accept in-kind or monetary donations.
8. Report on the costs of holding all Neighborhood Council elections on the same day in order to provide for a uniform citywide advertising and outreach campaign to inspire Stakeholders to increase their participation in the process.
9. Develop a process, with the assistance of GSD and the City Clerk, to assist Neighborhood Councils with accessing shared space in City facilities, as authored by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council in Council File 16-0298
10. 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 in partnership with additional training through the NCD.
11. 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 the 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.

Respectfully,



Tad Yenawine
Chair, Echo Park Neighborhood Council