

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you Councilmembers Ryu, Koretz, and Bonin for co-presenting CF 20-0416 which will support neighborhood councils by requesting the expedition of the start of virtual meets, that any unspent funds for 2019-2020 be rolled over to the next fiscal year with no decrease in funds for that year (2020-2021) and the facilitation of the funding process for COVID-19 relief efforts. I am writing to express my support for this motion. As mentioned in the motion, neighborhood councils were instructed to discontinue in person meetings in conjunction with the stay at home orders issued in mid-March. It has taken time to work out the details for virtual meetings, so neighborhood councils generally will not be resuming meetings until May. Since meetings occur once per month, it takes time for actions such as approving funding for beneficial community projects to take place. Also, given the uncertainty of when and how stay at home orders will be eased it may not be clear which previously allocated budget items will still need funding. Knowing funds for this fiscal year will still be available next year with no reduction in funding that year will give neighborhood councils the time they need to make appropriate funding decisions and be able to allocate funds to help their council area community members affected by COVID-19 virus impacts with confidence. I urge the city council to approve this motion at the May 6th meeting. Thank you for your support of neighborhood councils and their ability to help their community. Ann Dorsey Northridge, CA 91325