

Communication from Public

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Council File No: 20-0416

Comments for Public Posting: All City Councilmembers should support the passage of Council File 20-0416. I am thrilled to see my representative of the 4th District as one of the presenters of this important motion. Due to the most unusual of circumstances, neighborhood councils were effectively prevented from expenditures during a time of year ordinarily associated with heavy budget usage. NCs were unable to submit many expenditure requests for Board approval during this time, and as such, the funds have remained sitting in the budget, yet unable to be accessed, absent the emergency use amount. I anticipate a greater need for NC access to funds as the City eventually takes steps to reopen and your support of CF 20-0416 will help ensure that issues of funding do not encumber the important work all NCs will be tasked with as the pandemic situation evolves toward recovery, especially as many projects or other financial obligations and initiatives put on hold during the current fiscal year are rolled over to the summer, fall, and other periods on the subsequent 2020-21 calendar that already have expenditures scheduled. Furthermore as I'm sure many other NC Boardmembers from all over the City would similarly state, because NCs did not have the ability to meet, the vast majority of NCs would likewise be unable to submit a CIS for this file, meaning it falls to us as individuals to express our support and advocacy. I cannot predict what a full NC vote would look like had meetings been facilitated and virtual trainings completed sooner, but I can speak as an individual, and it is my position, recommendation, and request that the funds be permitted to roll-over and Department of Neighborhood Empowerment provide necessary assistance to NCs to meet via teleconference. For identification purposes, I am the Secretary of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council.

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Name: Susan Lustig

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Comments for Public Posting: It is critical that the LA Neighborhood Councils retain those funds not used in this fiscal year and have them roll-over to next year, especially since it seems the budgets for each NC are going to be reduced by \$10,000. No one can forecast with 100% accuracy what is going to happen with the pandemic, but we know this is not going to end any time soon. It is important that the NCs continue to function and continue their outreach and communication with their community and with their elected officials. Now is not the time to cut back on the ability of NCs to be able to outreach to their community with crucial assistance especially to my community of Sun Valley that is not wealthy and many are non-English speakers. The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council needs to be able to continue to help with past issues, and figure out new ways to help their community get through the pandemic. Regards, Susan Lustig