

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Albert Farias and I am the chair of the Voices Neighborhood Council and an Assistant Professor at the Keck School of Medicine at USC. I am also a resident of South LA, CD9. It is clear that minority populations are most impacted by higher rates of incidence and mortality from COVID-19 in the city of LA. I understand that as a city we are facing unprecedented times and will need to make budget cuts. However, the NC system is the closest form of government to stakeholders and we know the unique needs of neighbors. If the unspent NC funds are put back into the general fund, they will be redirected and taken away from communities most impacted by COVID-19. The neighborhood councils have our pulse on the needs of our neighbors and with the roll over funds we will be able to grant additional neighborhood purpose grants to non-profits to give back directly to our neighbors. I urge the city council to pass the motion to permit NCs to carry over our funds.