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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary:



Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable members of the Los Angeles City Council,

Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWA) advocates for maintaining the funding for Neighborhood Councils at the previously budgeted amount of \$42,000. Neighborhood Councils advocate on issues such as homelessness, housing, land use, emergency preparedness, public safety, parks, transportation, and sustainability. We also provide local expertise and a local voice on the delivery of City services to our communities. Neighborhood Councils are an integral part of Los Angeles. We've offered extensive assistance to our stakeholders before COVID 19 and will continue to do so during and after the current crisis.

For over 15 years, ECWA has regularly used our resources to educate our stakeholders about planning and development in our area. We provide a platform through which stakeholders engage and liaise with police officers, fire fighters and local officials. Recently, we hosted RYLAN training, Fire Service Day and National Night Out. We've held tenant/landlord forums. We sponsored a Holiday Meet and Greet, which allowed stakeholder to meet their local representatives. We held a Black History Month Celebration, where we educated stakeholders about ballot measures and the importance of participation in the 2020 Census.

During the COVID 19 crisis, ECWA has distributed groceries to senior citizens and diapers to families in need. We work with local non-profit groups and our City Councilmembers to keep our stakeholders aware of available resources and testing centers.

Neighborhood Councils are a valuable resource for Angelenos, because we are more accessible and can interact and respond more quickly to their needs than the larger City Council. While we are unpaid, we are elected and appointed officials, who require consistent funding in order to fulfill our city mandated charter to serve our stakeholders. We understand that COVID19 has plummeted us into challenging financial times, but the value of Neighborhood Councils should be recognized, and therefore we request that we continue to be funded at \$42,000 annually.

Thank you for your consideration.

Empowerment Council West Area NDC