Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to City Council and Committees.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at <a href="https://NCSupport@lacity.org">NCSupport@lacity.org</a>.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(0) Abstain(4) Ineligible(2) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/10/2022 Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information Date: 08/12/2022

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 11-1020-S3

Agenda Date: 08/10/2022

Item Number: 10

Summary: The Woodland Hills – Warner Center Neighborhood Council does not want the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) choosing how these funds are utilized. We are not electing to direct funds to the Department, but rather to a recognized specific alliance or entity. We believe that it is imperative that the funds are dispersed in the exact manner we direct them. The name of the overall fund is not important. What is important is that every city-recognized alliance or entity be capable of raising its own funds from neighborhood councils and that those funds are reserved for its use only. We want the ability to direct our funds to a specific alliance or entity and not to a fund that is allocated by someone not from our council to any organizations without our input or contrary to our direction. Anything less is tantamount to a reduction in our charter-given right to self-organization. Neighborhood councils must have the explicit ability to direct funds to the specific organizations or entities that we select. We ask that the City Council amend this motion to make this clear.

## **Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) for Council File 11-1020S3**

**Summary**: Regarding redefined language that affects funding for the "Budget Advocates" organization by potentially limiting Neighborhood Councils to specify the organization or entity receiving funds as proposed in. <u>CF 11-1020-S3</u>.

The Board of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center-Neighborhood Council [WHWCNC] adopts the following community impact statement, as its own, to **not support** proposed actions in <u>CF 11-1020-S3</u> which seeks to alter names of funding accounts. The Board of the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council opposes these actions for the following substantive reasons:

WHEREAS, the current motion in Council File <u>CF 11-1020-S3</u> contemplates changing the language from "Budget Advocates" to "budget advocacy;"

The Board of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council opposes the action in Council File <u>CF 11-1020-S3</u> seeking to rename the funding accounts administered by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to become designated non-specific.

The proposed action(s) could limit the ability of Neighborhood Councils to direct funds to be transferred for a sole use for a specific recognized organization.

Our Neighborhood Council needs the ability to transfer specific amounts of council funding to a specific organization instead of a fund that can be allocated to any organization without our Board's input.

The Board of the Woodland Hills – Warner Center Neighborhood Council recommends amending <u>CF 11-1020-S3</u> to allow Neighborhood Councils, which donate to a fund — regardless of what it's named, to specify which organization, entity or alliance is to benefit from those donations.

FURTHERMORE, The Board will notify the City Clerk in a CIS, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, Councilmember Blumenfield and Councilmembers of the Budget and Finance Committee of the City Council.

**Board Vote:** Yes 13 No 0 Abstain 4 Ineligible 2