

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, City Council requested that the Office of the City Attorney prepare and present a draft ordinance changing the Los Angeles Administrative Code to establish Regional Grievance Panels for the Neighborhood Council system that would consolidate the two-tiered grievance and complaint process into one system and also allow the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners the authority to vacate board seats as an alternative to decertification of a Neighborhood Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the requested changes to the Los Angeles Administrative Code should also be reflected in the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article VI, Section 4 of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

**4. Grievance Against a Neighborhood Council.**

Any grievance against a Certified Neighborhood Council shall be filed with DONE, on a form prescribed by DONE in accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.818.

2. Subsection (a) of Section 5 of Article VI of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

(a) DONE shall complete an "Application to Decertify a Neighborhood Council/Request to Declare One or More Board Seats Vacant" on a form prescribed by DONE and immediately transmit a copy of the application both to the Commission for consideration at its next regularly scheduled meeting and to the affected Certified Neighborhood Council.

3. Subsection (d) of Section 5 of Article VI of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

(d) During the decertification hearing, the Commission shall either: (1) approve or reject the decertification application; or (2) rather than decertify the Neighborhood Council, determine that the best interest of the Neighborhood Council is served by declaring that one or more board seats shall be vacated. If the Commission declares more than a quorum of the board seats are vacated, then the Department shall be authorized to conduct an election or selection process to fill the vacant board seats. The Commission may defer its decision to its next regularly scheduled meeting in order to receive additional information on a matter brought to its attention during its public hearing or to allow for more time to consider the application.

4. Subsection (e) of Section 5 of Article VI of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

(e) If the Commission determines that the Neighborhood Council shall be decertified, then the affected Neighborhood Council shall no longer be recognized as a Certified Neighborhood Council in the City of Los Angeles.