

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to Neighborhood Council presentations during City Council and Council Committee meetings, and City Board or Commission meetings.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. ADOPT the following Council Policy:

The Presiding Officer of the City Council, or the Chair of a Council Committee, shall provide an opportunity for duly authorized members of a Certified Neighborhood Council board in the City of Los Angeles, to address the City Council or Council Committee on matters for which a Community Impact Statement has been submitted and posted to the Council File currently under consideration. This opportunity will allow Certified Neighborhood Councils to elaborate on issues raised in filed Community Impact Statements, on behalf of that particular Neighborhood Council, in a manner consistent with opportunities provided to City departments or commission officials.

The opportunity to speak may be provided early in the meeting, and shall be considered separate from the public comment process. The Presiding Officer/Chair may exercise his/her discretion in allocating an amount of time for Neighborhood Council comments. In addition, authorized board members of Certified Neighborhood Councils shall be asked to identify themselves for the record, the Neighborhood Council to which they are a member, and the position(s) they hold on the Neighborhood Council board. Comments shall speak directly to the Community Impact Statement and the official position of the Neighborhood Council.

2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE dated December 16, 2015, adding Section 22.819 to the Los Angeles Administrative Code to enable a City Board or Commission to give enhanced consideration to a Neighborhood Council's position on a pending item for Neighborhood Councils.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) nor the City Attorney. The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

- Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council
- Mid City West Neighborhood Council
- Northridge West Neighborhood Council
- Canoga Park Neighborhood Council
- Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
- Northridge East Neighborhood Council
- Los Feliz Neighborhood Council
- Winnetka Neighborhood Council
- Valley Village Neighborhood Council
- Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council

Venice Neighborhood Council
Chatsworth Neighborhood Council
West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council
Glassell Park Neighborhood Council
Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At a special meeting on April 5, 2016, the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee considered CLA and City Attorney reports relative to consideration of a draft Ordinance and Council Policy to provide enhanced consideration of a Neighborhood Council's position on an item pending before a City Council, Council Committee, City Board or Commission.

A CLA representative was present at the meeting to provide background on the matter and respond to related questions. The CLA noted there are currently no written provisions in Council Rules to allow Neighborhood Council members to speak during City Council or Council Committee meetings, and when Neighborhood Council members are allowed to speak, it is only as an informal courtesy at the discretion of the Presiding Officer. However, in its report, the CLA recommended approval of a Council Policy to enable Neighborhood Council members to speak during City Council and Council Committee meetings, and approval of the draft Ordinance to allow Neighborhood Council members to speak at City Board or Commission meetings. If the Council Policy and Ordinance are approved, the CLA stated Neighborhood Council members shall only be allowed to speak on matters where a Community Impact Statement has been submitted on an agenda item and only on the formal position a Neighborhood Council has taken. In addition, the time allowed for Neighborhood Council members to speak would be under the discretion of the Presiding Officer and may be more than the time allotted to members of the general public.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the recommendations in the CLA report and Ordinance. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

**RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND NEIGHBORHOODS
COMMITTEE**

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
WESSON:	YES
HUIZAR:	ABSENT
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

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