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MOTION HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

With the recent adoption of the Comprehensive Homeless Strategy and the focus on funding homeless programs and services in the Mayor's Proposed 2016-17 Budget, the City continues to take significant steps to address homelessness on all fronts. Proposed actions include: implementing the No Wrong Door philosophy as a key policy element by empowering all City departments with the ability to connect homeless individuals to service providers; working with the philanthropic community to leverage resources; and partnering with the County to address homeless policy on a coordinated level.

Additional partners already engaged with homeless individuals but not fully utilized by the City are our Neighborhood Councils. The Neighborhood Councils are an important and untapped resource as they interact with homelessness on the street level, and therefore have a unique perspective on how our communities and residents are impacted.

Given that the Neighborhood Councils, through the Budget Advocates program, have shown the ability to organize, highlight important issues to Council, and make policy recommendations, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment should report to Council on how Neighborhood Councils can further the City's efforts to address homelessness.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to report on a process that would incorporate input from our Neighborhood Councils, including establishing a Homeless Advocate Program, as the City increases its investment in addressing homelessness.

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