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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Council File Number: 22-0600-S66

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: On June 8, 2022, at a Brown Act Compliant Meeting, NoHo Neighborhood Council voted unanimously to support CF 22-0600-S66 if it is amended. See the attached statement for further details.

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PASSED 14-0-0 on June 8, 2022

Council File: [22-0600-S66](#)

Title: 2022 Budget Recommendation / Department of Neighborhood Empowerment /
Neighborhood Council / Election Funding

Position: SUPPORT IF AMENDED

Summary:

On June 8, 2022, at a Brown Act Compliant Meeting, NoHo Neighborhood Council voted to support CF 22-0600-S66 if it is amended.

Neighborhood councils are expected to be the “boots on the ground” for LA city government and are often the first place stakeholders turn when having issues. Our service to the City and our communities is on a volunteer basis, but there is a limit to how much time and labor each of us can give. When the pandemic hit and all departments were asked to cut their budgets, Neighborhood Councils took a disproportionate 24% reduction. We need our budgets restored to their original \$50,000 plus an adjustment for inflation which would bring our budgets to \$82,000 per year.

We have to decide between basic operational expenses and making a difference in our neighborhoods. If we fully fund a single neighborhood purpose grant and that's over 15% of our yearly budget. Similarly, the department expects us to spend almost 15% of our budget every other year on outreach for elections; NoHo Neighborhood Council currently allocates 13% of

our annual budget to comply with city inventory rules. Many NCs are made up by relying on the free labor of our board member volunteers and we are getting exhausted and worn out. This has a disproportionate effect on disadvantaged communities where board members do not have the luxury and privilege of time to dedicate hours upon hours to service of their communities. It has become clear that the City is leaning very heavily on our free labor and the situation is untenable and will drive active volunteers out of the NC system.

It is incredibly difficult to function on our current \$32,000 a year allocation and make a significant impact on our communities. That we are able to do so is a testament to the dedication and perseverance of our Council Members. If the NC system is to survive and thrive, we need our budgets restored to their original \$50,000 plus an adjustment for inflation which would bring our budgets to \$82,000 per year. The city recently found \$700,000 in its pockets to help maintain the new Sixth Street Viaduct; certainly it could find \$1,800,000 to bring the operating budgets of NCs back to \$50,000 each and the additional \$3,200,000 to adjust our budgets for inflation.