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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(0) Abstain(2) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/17/2022

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 09/03/2022

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 22-1200-S43

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 22-1200-S43, Mayor Eric Garcetti's appointment of Jennifer Valdivia to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) as a replacement for resigning Commissioner Quyen Vo-Ramirez for the term ending June 30, 2027. The SCNC has a number of concerns about this important appointment, which is not going to be vetted by a City Council committee. First, Ms. Valdivia has no experience in the Neighborhood Council (NC) system. She was neither a member of a NC committee nor an elected Board member. Experience with the NC system is extremely important, particularly when BONC issues controversial policies such as the Code of Conduct that affect all NCs. Five out of the seven recent BONC commissioners have been former or current NC Board members, which gives them valuable insights that Ms. Valdivia does not possess. Second, she has limited work experience (7 years) other than as a political operative, primarily for the mayor and a LAUSD School Board Member. She has limited private sector and community experience. Finally, Ms. Valdivia omitted from her City Council-submitted resume her involvement with Aristos Strategies LLC, a lobbying firm founded by her father. At a time when DONE is trying to curb the impact and influence of our community-based Neighborhood Council system, we need a commissioner who will be an experienced and supportive voice for stakeholders and NCs, and not a rubber-stamp for DONE bureaucrats, city-hall lobbyists, and contractors. BONC and our Neighborhood Council system deserve better.

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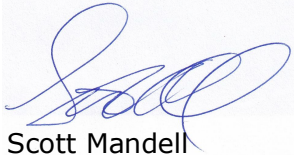
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Sincerely,



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