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Title

CHARTER SECTION 912 / COMMISSION TO EVALUATE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SYSTEM

Subject

Motion - It has been five years since the enactment of the new Los Angeles City Charter and the institution of our system of neighborhood councils. During that time, we have made great strides in a very difficult and challenging task of implementing a system of neighborhood councils for the second largest city in the Nation. To date, we have been successful in instituting 86 neighborhood councils. Section 912 of the Charter requires the Mayor and Council to appoint a commission as prescribed by ordinance to evaluate the provisions of the Charter relative to neighborhood councils, the Regulations adopted for neighborhood councils, and the efficacy of the system of neighborhood councils no later than seven years after the adoption of the Charter. Such a commission shall make recommendations to the Council regarding changes to the Charter or the Regulations, as it deems appropriate. Now is the appropriate time to begin the process for complying with the Charter requirement to evaluate our neighborhood council system. THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst, working in conjunction with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the assistance of the City Attorney, to report with recommendations for appointing a commission to evaluate our system of neighborhood councils as required by Section 912.

Last Change Date

09/21/2006

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Archive History

5-4-05 - This day's Council session

5-4-05 - Ref to Education and Neighborhoods Committee

5-4-05 - File to Education and Neighborhoods Committee Clerk

10-4-05 - For ref - Communication from Chief Legislative Analyst 05-05-0742, dated September 28, 2005, relative to establishment of the Neighborhood Council Review Commission.

10-5-05 - Ref to Education and Neighborhoods Committee - to Committee Clerk

10-13-05 - Communication from Glassell Park Neighborhood Council, dated October 13, 2005, relative to Community Impact Statement.

10-27-05 - For ref - Communication from the Chief Legislative Analyst 05-10-1665, dated October 25, 2005, relative to the formation and implementation of commissions over which City Council has jurisdiction.

10-27-05 - Ref to Education and Neighborhoods Committee - to Committee Clerk

12-14-05 - For ref - Communication from the Chief Legislative Analyst 05-06-0990, dated December 14, 2005, relative to appointing a commission to evaluate the Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils.

12-14-05 - Ref to Education and Neighborhoods Committee - to Committee Clerk

2-24-06 - For ref - Communication from the City Administrative Officer 0220-04145-0000, dated February 23, 2006, relative to the potential costs and staffing for the 912 Commission.

2-24-06 - Ref to Education and Neighborhoods Committee - to Committee Clerk

3-10-06 - Council Action - Education and Neighborhood Committee report ADOPTED to:

1. APPROVE that \$500,000 be included in the 2006-07 Unappropriated Balance for expenses related to the establishment of the Commission to review the system of Neighborhood Councils pursuant to Section 912 of the City Charter.

2. APPROVE the Neighborhood Council Review Commission Proposed Time Line (attached to the council file) for consideration and adoption of an ordinance prescribing the method for appointing a commission to evaluate the system of Neighborhood Councils.

3. DIRECT the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to: 1) report back with a list of staff members that will be attending Neighborhood Council meetings to inform and solicit the participation of the Neighborhood Councils in the drafting of the ordinance prescribing the method for appointing a commission to evaluate the system of Neighborhood Councils, including the dates attended and names of the Neighborhood Councils visited, and 2) provide feedback from the staff members that attend the Neighborhood Council meetings for the above described purpose with comments and responses from the Neighborhood Councils.

3-20-06 - File to Education and Neighborhoods Committee Clerk OK

3-23-06 - Communication from Silver Lake Neighborhood Council, dated March 23, 2006, relative to Community Impact Statement.

4-10-06 - For ref - Communication from the Mayor, dated March 31, 2006, relative to various provisions to be included in the ordinance to create the "912 Commission" which will evaluate the City's system of Neighborhood Councils.

4-11-06 - Ref to Education and Neighborhoods Committee

4-11-06 - File to Education and Neighborhoods Committee Clerk

4-20-06 - Communication from Van Nuys Neighborhood Council, dated April 3, 2006, relative to Community Impact Statement.

4-21-06 - Council Action - Education and Neighborhoods Committee Majority report ADOPTED *as amended to REQUEST the City Attorney to draft an ordinance, prescribing the method for appointing the Commission to evaluate the system of Neighborhood Councils as required by Section 912 of the City Charter, that is reflective of the Discussion Draft submitted in the Education and Neighborhoods Committee on April 11, 2006 (attached), *except as amended by Council action of April 21, and include the following statement, expressing the spirit and intent of the Commission: "By adoption of this ordinance the Mayor and the City Council do hereby request that the recommendations that come from the Commission be intended to improve upon the Neighborhood Council system that has been established." *(Hahn - Cardenas) - (Education and Neighborhoods Committee Minority report RECEIVED and FILED).

4-21-06 - Council Action - *Amending Motion - Hahn Mover 2006 / Cardenas - ADOPTED - MOVE that the Education and Neighborhoods Committee Majority Report relative to the appointment process for the Neighborhood Council Review Commission, #36 on today's City Council agenda (CF 05-0894) BE AMENDED to adopt the following appointment and confirmation process in lieu of what is contained in the Majority Report:

* Each City Councilmember shall be allotted one (1) nomination to the Neighborhood Council Review Commission. These nominations shall be subject to Council confirmation.

* The Mayor shall be allotted a total of ten (10) nominations to the Neighborhood Council Review Commission, seven (7) of which will be based on recommendations from the Neighborhood Councils. These 10 nominations shall be subject to Council confirmation.

Recommendations from the Neighborhood Councils:

a. Nominee shall be selected by Neighborhood Councils residing in each of the Area Planning Commission boundary areas, for a total of seven (7) recommendations by the Neighborhood Councils. If for any reason, the Neighborhood Councils in a given Area Planning Commission area cannot agree on a nominee, each neighborhood council shall submit their own recommendation, which will be submitted into that Area Planning Commission area's pool of nominees, from which one (1) shall be selected by the Mayor.

b. Neighborhood Councils shall select their representatives to the Commission at the Congress of Neighborhoods on June 17, 2006. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment will ensure that this matter is placed on the agenda for this Congress and provide all necessary accommodations.

4-21-06 - Council Action - *Verbal Amending Motion - Padilla Mover 2006 / Hahn - ADOPTED - HEREBY MOVE that Council AMEND the Amending Motion (Hahn - Cardenas) in connection with the appointment process for the Neighborhood Council Review Commission (Item No. 36, CF 05-0894), as follows:

1. The Mayor shall be allotted a total of 14 nominations to the Neighborhood Council Review Commission. These seven nominations shall be subject to Council confirmation. The next seven will be based on recommendations from the Neighborhood Councils, as described below.

2. Recommendations from the Neighborhood Councils:

a. Two nominees shall be selected by Neighborhood Councils residing in each of the Area Planning Commission boundary areas, for a total of 14 recommendations. *Neighborhood Councils have the option to rank their nominees. *(Greuel - Padilla). The Mayor shall select seven from this pool of nominees.

b. Neighborhood Councils may select their representatives to the Commission at the Congress of Neighborhoods on June 17, 2006. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment will ensure that this matter is placed on the agenda for this Congress and provide all necessary accommodations.

3. Establish the quorum for the 29 member commission at 15. *(Cardenas - Parks).

4-24-06 - File to Education and Neighborhoods Committee Clerk

4-24-06 - For ref - Communication from the City Attorney R06-0111, dated April 24, 2006, relative to a draft ordinance prescribing the method for appointing a commission to evaluate the citywide system of

neighborhood councils as required by Charter Section 912.

4-24-06 - Ref to Education and Neighborhoods Committee - to Committee Clerk

4-25-06 - Communication from the City Clerk dated April 25, 2006, relative to a draft ordinance prescribing the method for appointing a commission to evaluate the system of Neighborhood Councils and the responsibilities of the City Clerk - attached to file.

4-26-06 - Council Action - Verbal Motion - Padilla Mover 2006 / Garcetti - ADOPTED *AS AMENDED - HEREBY MOVE that Council ADOPT the following recommendation of the City Attorney (Item #2, Special Meeting CF 05-0894,) as amended, relative to prescribing the method for appointing a commission to evaluate the system of neighborhood councils.

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE prescribing the method for appointing a commission to evaluate the system of neighborhood councils - ORDINANCE ADOPTED - (Education and Neighborhoods Committee waived consideration of the above matter).

4-26-06 - Council Action - *Amending Motion - Padilla Mover 2006 / Garcetti - ADOPTED - MOVE that the matter of Communication from the City Attorney and Ordinance First Consideration relative to prescribing the method for appointing a commission to evaluate the system of neighborhood councils, and related actions, Item 2 on today's Special Council agenda, CF 05-0894, BE AMENDED to present and adopt the attached ordinance in lieu of the ordinance attached to the file in order to clarify the role of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment relative to the selection of neighborhood council members to the Neighborhood Council Review Commission.

The new language reads as follows:

"Neighborhood councils may nominate their representatives to the commission at the Congress of Neighborhoods on June 17, 2006, or locally, by collective action, among the neighborhood councils within each Area Planning Commission area. Whichever venue or method the neighborhood councils choose, the Department of Neighborhood empowerment will provide accommodations to facilitate the selection process."

4-27-06 - File to Mayor for signature FORTHWITH

5-10-06 - File to Calendar Clerk

5-17-06 - File to Education and Neighborhoods Committee Clerk OK

5-18-06 - File in files

6-16-06 - For ref - Communication from the City Clerk, dated June 15, 2006, relative to the appointments made by the City Council to the Neighborhood Council Review Commission.

6-16-06 - Ref to Education and Neighborhoods Committee

6-16-06 - File to Education and Neighborhoods Committee Clerk

6-20-06 - Council Action - Verbal Motion - Padilla Mover 2006 / Huizar - ADOPTED - HEREBY MOVE that Council RESOLVE that the various City Councilmember nominations to the Neighborhood Council Review Commission are APPROVED and the members are hereby appointed, as follows:

Council District 2 - Mr. Jonathon Zasloff

Council District 3 - Mr. Len Shaffer

Council District 4 - Mr. Mark Siegel

Council District 5 - Dr. Irving Lebovics

Council District 7 - Mr. Javier Angulo

Council District 8 - Mr. Frank Prater

Council District 9 - Ms. Sandra Bryant

Council District 10 - Mr. Guy Leemhuis

Council District 11 - Mr. Tom Ponton

Council District 12 - Mr. Joe Vitti

Council District 14 - Ms. Jessica Wethington McLean

(Education and Neighborhoods Committee waived consideration of the above matter).

6-20-06 - For Council - Communication from the City Clerk, dated June 20, 2006, relative to the appointment made by the City Council to the Neighborhood Council Review Commission for:

Council District #15 - Ms. Toni O'Donnell

6-20-06 - File to Calendar Clerk

6-21-06 - Council Action - Verbal Motion - Greuel Mover 2006 / Hahn - ADOPTED - HEREBY MOVE that Council ADOPT the following recommendation in connection with appointments of various members to the Neighborhood Council Review Commission (Item No. 31, CF 05-0894):

RESOLVE that the appointment of Ms. Toni O'Donnell, Council District 15, to the Neighborhood Council Review Commission, is APPROVED.

6-21-06 - File to Calendar Clerk

6-23-06 - Council Action - Verbal Motion - Reyes Mover 2006 / Parks - ADOPTED - HEREBY MOVE that Council ADOPT the following recommendation in connection with appointments of various members to the Neighborhood Council Review Commission (Item No. 16, CF 05-0894):

RESOLVE that the following appointments to the Neighborhood Council Review Commission, are APPROVED:

Council District 1 - Evelyn Montes

Council District 6 - Dennis O'Sullivan

Council District 13 - Reverend Altagracia Perez

6-30-06 - File to Education and Neighborhoods Committee Clerk OK

7-3-06 - File in files

9-6-06 - For ref - Communication from Council District Fifteen, dated September 6, 2006, relative to the appointment of Mr. John Mavar to the Neighborhood Council Review ("912") Commission, who is replacing Ms. Toni O'Donnell.

9-8-06 - Ref to Education and Neighborhoods Committee

9-8-06 - File to Education and Neighborhoods Committee Clerk

9-12-06 - Council Action - Verbal Motion - Padilla Mover 2006 / Hahn - ADOPTED - HEREBY MOVE that Council ADOPT the following recommendation in connection with the appointment by Councilmember Janice Hahn of Mr. John Mavar to the Neighborhood Council Review Commission (Item No. 46, CF 05-0894):

RESOLVE that the Councilmember's appointment of Mr. John Mavar to the Neighborhood Council Review Commission is APPROVED and CONFIRMED. Mr. Mavar will fill the vacancy created by Ms. Toni O'Donnell, who resigned. Mr. Mavar resides in Council District 15.

9-18-06 - File to Education and Neighborhoods Committee Clerk OK

9-21-06 - File in files