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05-0894

April 24, 2006

Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor
All Councilmembers
Chief Legislative Analyst
City Administrative Officer
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Controller, Room 300
Accounting Division, F&A
Disbursement Division
City Attorney

RE: APPOINTING A COMMISSION TO EVALUATE THE SYSTEM OF NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCILS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 912 OF THE CITY CHARTER

At the meeting of the Council held April 21, 2006, the following action was
taken:

Attached report adopted as amended.....	<u> X </u>
Attached motion (Hahn - Cardenas) adopted as amended.....	<u> X </u>
Attached motion (Padilla - Hahn) adopted.....	<u> X </u>
FORTHWITH.....	<u> X </u>
Mayor concurred	<u> </u>
To the Mayor FORTHWITH	<u> </u>
Motion adopted to approve communication recommendation(s).....	<u> </u>
Motion adopted to approve committee report recommendation(s)...	<u> </u>
Ordinance adopted.....	<u> </u>
Ordinance number.....	<u> </u>
Publication date.....	<u> </u>
Effective date.....	<u> </u>

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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your

EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS
MAJORITY REPORT

Committee

reports as follows:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Public Comments:	<u>XX</u>	<u> </u>

EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE MAJORITY REPORT (Padilla - Huizar) relative to appointing a Commission to evaluate the system of Neighborhood Councils, pursuant to Section 912 of the City Charter.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Hahn - Zine):

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)**

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the Chief Legislative Analyst nor the City Administrative Officer has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: The Glassell Park Neighborhood Council supports council file 05-0894 on the establishment of a Neighborhood Council Review Commission. In compliance with Charter section 912, this Commission should review and evaluate the Citywide System of NC's and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to ensure the efficacy of the system and its provisions therein. We also support that individual NC's be afforded the opportunity for input throughout the process and that the Commission not be limited or restricted on the issues it reviews.

Summary:

At its regular meeting held on April 11, 2006, the Education and Neighborhoods Committee continued discussion regarding Motion (Hahn - Zine) relative to recommendations for appointing a commission to evaluate the system of Neighborhood Councils as required by Section 912 of the City Charter (912 Commission). A Discussion Draft prepared by Councilmember Alex Padilla was submitted at this meeting and considered by the Committee. The Discussion Draft contains suggested language to be included in the ordinance prescribing the method for appointing the 912 Commission, including, the title of the commission, meeting requirements, scope of review, appointment process, and funding.

In addition, the Discussion Draft proposed an appointment process for the commission with a composition of 19 members and appointed in following manner: a) seven (7) members "recommended" by the Neighborhood Council Presidents serving the seven Area Planning Commission boundary areas, which would be "recommended" to the Mayor and the Mayor would officially "appoint" them to the Commission; b) five (5) members appointed by the Mayor; c) Four (4) members appointed by the President of the City Council; and d) three (3) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the City Council. Councilmember Janice Hahn presented a

*ADOPTED AS AMENDED by Council action of 4-21-06.

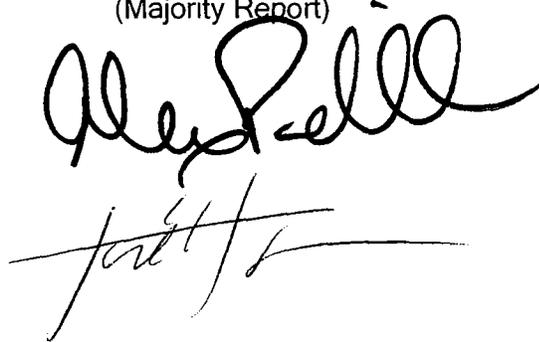
proposal with an alternate appointment process with each Councilmember appointing a member of the Commission and the Mayor appointing seven (7) members chosen from a pool of representatives nominated by the Neighborhood Councils.

During the discussion of this matter, the Committee expressed that the spirit and intent of the Commission be expressed as follows: "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." After some discussion of this item, 2 of the 3 Committee members voted to recommend that the City Attorney be requested to draft an ordinance reflective of the Discussion Draft submitted in Committee on April 11, 2006 and include the statement expressing the spirit and intent of the Commission. Councilmember Janice Hahn voted against this recommendation.

In a minority report, Councilmember Janice Hahn recommends substituting the appointing process stated in the Discussion Draft submitted in Committee on April 11, 2006, with a process that allows each Councilmember to appoint a member of the Commission and the Mayor to appoint seven (7) members of the Commission from a pool of representatives chosen by the Neighborhood Councils. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE
(Majority Report)



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PADILLA	YES
HAHN	NO
HUIZAR	YES

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ADOPTED

APR 21 2006

As Amended

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

See Attached Motions

FORTHWITH

MOTION

I MOVE that the Education and Neighborhoods Committee ^{* Majority} Minority 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} Minority 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:

- ~~One~~ 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.
- 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.

Motion
ADOPTED

APR 21 2006

** As Amended*

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

See Attached Motion

FORTHWITH

PRESENTED BY

Janice Hahn

JANICE HAHN
Councilwoman, 15th District

SECONDED BY

Tony Cardenas

TONY CARDENAS
Councilmember, 6th District

VERBAL MOTION

I 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)**

PRESENTED BY _____
ALEX PADILLA
Councilmember, 7th District

SECONDED BY _____
JANICE HAHN
Councilmember, 15th District

April 21, 2006

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ADOPTED

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FORTHWITH