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Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2022

To: Los Angeles City Council

Re: Council File #11-1020-S3
Neighborhood Council Funding Program / Budget Advocates / Term Substitution
Budget Advocacy / Los Angeles Administrative Code / Amendment

Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

The PICO Neighborhood Council (“NC”) strongly opposes Council File 11-1020-S3. NCs are expressly authorized to form alliances when they wish to work together on common interests within the City of Los Angeles.

NCs should be able to contribute specifically to alliances that NCs chose to support. Every recognized alliance can raise its own funds and those funds must be reserved for its use and its use alone. The PICO NC wants to *retain* the ability to direct our funds to a specific alliance and not to a fund that is allocated by Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (“DONE”)’s General Manager without our input and creates a temptation to reward political friends and punish perceived political enemies.

The Budget Advocates provide a vital and valuable service to the NCs, including but not limited to their annual white paper, Budget Day, and a wide variety of compelling townhalls. Many NC board members participate in their events with 94 of the 99 neighborhood councils participating in their events this fiscal year. The PICO NC notes that given the very limited funds available to neighborhood councils, it is imperative that our public funds be used in the exact manner the PICO NC directs without second guessing or interferences from DONE’s General Manager, who is a political appointee and serves solely at the pleasure of the Mayor.

Given our previous concerns regarding DONE’s unaccountable or discharging its obligations, the PICO believes the alliances are best suited to determine how any donations to those organizations are utilized. Anything less is an affront to the people who elected the PICO NC’s board members and the volunteers who devote countless hours to the betterment of our communities. We ask that the City Council amend this motion to make this clear.

Sincerely,

Brad S. Kane
President