

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I do not support this council file. This council file feels like a direct assault on the independence and autonomy of neighborhood councils. We elect budget representatives. We vote on whether to contribute money. Neighborhood councils are the first and last say on which institutions we support. That is not the role or responsibility of the Department. Too often, I have felt like neighborhood councils are being drawn away from their core mission as an advisory body to the City. Instead we are constantly having to defend our institutions and our existence. Its exhausting. But perhaps that is the intent. Under this general manager, the department is chaotic and contradictory. The focus seems more on controlling neighborhood councils than empowering us.