

Communication from Public

Name: Happy Independence Day

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Council File No: 11-1020-S3

Comments for Public Posting: Happy Fourth of July, Los Angeles! As I reflect on this holiday, I see that the independence of neighborhood councils is being threatened. Therefore I felt it was my patriotic duty to leave a comment on the council file to warn against the vast over reach that this motion represents. Neighborhood councils were invented 20 years ago to give a voice to every neighborhood. Now a tyrannical department wants to control our voices and our money. It is time to throw the tea in the ocean Los Angeles. Vote no on this council file.

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Name: Kay Hartman

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Comments for Public Posting: Council File 11-1020-S3 moves that the fund created for the Budget Advocates be renamed to Budget Advocacy. Budget Advocacy is an activity. It is not an organization. To whom is the check written? This is the primary question raised by this motion. The fund was named Budget Advocates from its inception and the checks from Neighborhood Councils were made out to the Budget Advocates. Then in 2020, Budget Advocates were removed from the Contribution Form the NCs used to make donations. In 2021, the Contribution Form changed again, this time to add Budget Advocacy. In 2021, some Neighborhood Councils attempted to contribute to Budget Advocacy with the request that the money go to the Budget Advocates. Those donations were rejected. How then are the NCs to fund the Budget Advocates and the work they do, including producing Budget Day? The motion states that the Budget Advocates is “an alliance of local leaders which is not an official group or entity.” While the Budget Advocates are not specifically mentioned in the City Charter, Administrative Code, or the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils, we ask the City Council keep in mind that the Budget Advocates have been an institution in the City since the term of Mayor Hahn. In that time, the Budget Advocates have worked with each Mayor and City Council. The Budget Advocates provide a service to the Neighborhood Councils and the City at large. The “local leaders” who are Budget Advocates come from all of the City’s service regions and are elected by Budget Representatives appointed by the individual Neighborhood Councils. Any ordinance derived from this motion must require that legitimate budget advocacy alliances such as the Budget Advocates be allowed to raise funds from the Neighborhood Councils without undo interference from DONE.