

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Subsection (b) of Section 5.517 of Chapter 117, Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to substitute the term “budget advocacy” for “the Budget Advocates,” and adding Subsection (c) to authorize the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to promulgate rules and regulations to administer and appropriate funds for the Congress of Neighborhoods and neighborhood council budget advocacy.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Subsection (b) of Section 5.517 of Chapter 117, Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended to read as follows:

(b) There is hereby created and established within the Treasury of the City of Los Angeles a special fund to be known as the **Neighborhood Council Fund** for the deposit and disbursement of funds appropriated to the City Clerk for the operations and expenses of Neighborhood Councils. The Neighborhood Council Fund shall be administered by the City Clerk. However, funds appropriated for budget advocacy and the Congress of Neighborhoods shall remain in the Department Fund. The City Clerk is authorized to promulgate all procedures, rules, and regulations, as well as issue any directives necessary for the administration of the Neighborhood Council Fund. All interest earnings accruing on money in the Neighborhood Council Fund shall be credited to the General Fund of the City. Money in the Neighborhood Council Fund shall not revert to the Reserve Fund of the City; provided, however, that City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, or over the Mayor's veto by a two-thirds vote, may transfer unencumbered money in the Neighborhood Council Fund to the Reserve Fund or the Unappropriated Balance. For purposes of this subsection, money appropriated to Neighborhood Councils shall be deemed to be encumbered.

Sec. 2. Subsection (c) is added to Section 5.517 of Chapter 117, Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to read as follows:

(c) The Department shall promulgate procedures, rules, and regulations, as well as issue any directives necessary for the administration of the Department Fund and the appropriation of funds therefrom for the Congress of Neighborhoods and budget advocacy, in conformity with Section 909 of the Los Angeles City Charter, which allows certified Neighborhood Councils to present annual City budget priorities to the Mayor and City Council.

Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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By 
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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____