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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(6) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(2) Recusal(0)

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Item Number: V(h)

Summary: Please see the attached



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October 6, 2018

Re: CF 18-0467 – Neighborhood Council System Reforms

Dear City Council and Health, Education and Neighborhood Council Committee:

On Thursday, September 6, 2018 the Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council held our General Board Meeting. An agenda item called for us to submit our final recommendations and obtain public comments on CF 18-0467. With a vote of 6 -0 -0 the following Community Impact Statement was approved and is herein submitted for your consideration:

- Increase Neighborhood Council budgets/allocations possibly considering a version of the cost-of-living increase on a periodic basis.
- NC's should be allowed to rollover unspent monies from the prior fiscal year to the next fiscal year and have access to those funds in addition to the regular budget allocation.
- Training on best practices for Event Producing
- Specific to DONE
 1. Provide more regionally based training
 2. Provide more promotion of Neighborhood Council's in non-election years
 3. Revamp the website as current site is old, convoluted making it difficult to navigate
 4. Produce and distribute and informational guide containing City contacts/liaisons for City services
 5. Distribute the City counterpart for each Neighborhood Council Liaison
- Increase City attorney staff to achieve a more realistic CA to NC ratio



- Provide a Legal version of the Plan Check meetings instead of only rendering advise when a crisis arises.
- Create NC exit interviews to assist with transition from old to new NC Board Members after an election. Should contain what works, what doesn't work, local directories of stakeholders, NPG accounting, etc.
- NC Presidents
 1. Require a 1-year tenure on a NC before someone can be President of an existing board. This would not apply to newly formed NC's where presumably, everyone is new to serving.
 2. NC President Leadership Training suggestions:
 - Developing leadership skills
 - Avoiding burnout
 - How to run a meeting
 - How to develop board consensus
 - Dispute resolution and mediation with fellow board members and with the community
- Require mandatory Parliamentarian on all NC's
- The City should provide free meeting space for NC's along with security codes for access. Said space should conveniently located in the NC's region at no more than 2 miles away, should contain office supplies, a photocopier and ample work space.
- The NPG process needs to be streamlined and made more user friendly as we have received feedback from our stakeholders that the current process is confusing.
- Mandate that NPG recipients report back on how the grants funds were spent.



- Land Use – All development projects that fall on the border (within 500 feet) of two NC's should be voted upon by both NC's as there is an immediate impact on the adjoining NC's stakeholders.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

Ms. Thryeris Mason, President
Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council