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

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Agenda Date:

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Summary: Please see attachment.



Tuesday, November 26th, 2019

CF # 19-0600 - S172 Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021
Budget Advocates Recommend Increased Transparency

Dear

The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council (HHWNC) is one of the certified neighborhood councils in the City of Los Angeles.

At a meeting of HHWNC's Board on November 20, 2019, The Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates recommended (by a vote of 21 yay, 0 nay,) that the Mayor present his Proposed Budget on February 1st, 80 days earlier than the charter mandated date of April 20th.

We believe that the development of the Budget must be an open and transparent process where all interested parties, including Budget Advocates, have ample time to review, analyze, and comment. There is not sufficient time under the current timetable.

Unfortunately, the Mayor rejected this recommendation that we made on July 24th and September 3rd, which is why the Budget Advocates are asking the Neighborhood Councils to approve and file the following Community Impact Statement in Council File 19-0600.

Make our voices heard!

**Community Impact Statement from the Hollywood Hills West
Neighborhood Council
(Council File 19-0600)**

Whereas, according to the City Charter, "each Neighborhood Council may present to the Mayor and Council an annual list of priorities for the City budget."

Whereas, on July 24 and September 3, the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates recommended that the Mayor present his Proposed Budget on February 1st, 80 days earlier than the charter mandated date of April 20th.

Whereas, this recommendation was rejected.

Whereas, the Budget Advocates believe that the development of the Budget must be an open and transparent process where all interested parties, including Budget Advocates, have ample time to review, analyze, and comment upon the budget.
Whereas, the extra 80 days will allow for increased transparency.

Therefore, the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council supports increased transparency into the development of the City's Budget and finances and strongly recommends that the Mayor present his Proposed Budget on February 1st, 80 days earlier than the charter mandated date of April 20th.

Furthermore, the Neighborhood Council supports the filing of this Community Impact Statement in Council File 19-0600 (Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2019-20) or subsequent budget file for the Fiscal Year 2020-21.

For your information, here are Budget Advocates' recommendations to Mayor Eric Garcetti for his consideration when preparing his Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Policy and Goals.

<https://www.citywatchla.com/index.php/budget-advocates/18417-la-s-budget-advocates-to-mayor-garcetti-address-structural-and-service-deficits-stop-stealing-from-our-kids>

Kind regards



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