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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(3) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council [WHWCNC] echoes the concerns expressed by Reseda Neighborhood Council and other NCs in the Council File regarding the spending patterns and possible failures of oversight by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment [DONE] and the City Clerk's Office for the 2021 Neighborhood Council elections and their impact on candidate recruitment and voter engagement. City agencies and departments must give NC Elections the same scrutiny and effort as other City Office elections. As documented by the Reseda NC, possible leadership failures by the DONE permeated the 2021 election cycle. Given that the Department requested one million dollars for the upcoming election cycle, the WHWCNC agrees that DONE and the City Clerk must provide further information regarding their stewardship of resources in the previous election cycle and a careful and thorough examination of public documents. Due to possible failed outreach, lack of proper oversight, and ineffective use of public funds, the WHWCNC requests a detailed response from DONE and the City Clerk explaining all the expenditures, vendors used, vendor contracts, and proof of performance concerning the 2021 elections, including a breakout of the WHWCNC-Region 3 election activities and expenditures. Finally, the WHWCNC requests that any future NC election-related public outreach be coordinated by region-election cycle, in conjunction with the affected Neighborhood Councils, concerning planning the appropriate formats and messages for public outreach, plus choosing proper media, and qualifying the vendors for election-related services. These activities were inadequate or absent for 2021. The WHWCNC further requests that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners address this Community Impact Statement in writing by March 14, 2022.