

HEALTH, EDUCATION, NEIGHBORHOODS, PARKS, ARTS, AND RIVER and BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to the conduct of Neighborhood Council (NC) elections during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the Controller to appropriate \$55,000 from the Unappropriated Balance (UB) General Municipal Elections 2020 Line Item, 100/58/580310, to the City Clerk, Fund No. 100/14, Salaries, As Needed, Account No. 001070.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller's Office to appropriate \$456,000 from the UB 2020 General Municipal Election Line Item, 100/58/580310, to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Fund No. 100/47 as follows: \$60,000 to Printing and Binding, Account No. 002120; \$316,000 to Contractual Services, Account No. 003040; and \$80,000 to Office and Administration, Account No. 006010.
3. INSTRUCT the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to report back in subsequent Financial Status Reports for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020-21 regarding the expenditure of outreach funds allocated to the 2021 Neighborhood Council Elections including any current or projected cost savings.
4. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to request from the Office of the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk the use of ballot drop boxes for the 2021 Neighborhood Council elections, and report back with a status update and any additional resources needed.
5. AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer to make technical corrections as necessary to those transactions included in this report to implement Mayor's and Council's intentions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Clerk reports that there is no fiscal impact associated with the report, inasmuch as there are projected Municipal Election savings in the UB.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

For:

Northridge East Neighborhood Council  
United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council  
Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council.

Summary:

On October 22, 2020, the Health, Education, Neighborhoods, Parks, Arts, and River (HENPAR) Committee considered the October 5, 2020 City Clerk and Department of Neighborhood Empowerment joint report relative to the conduct of NC elections during the COVID-19 pandemic. The report attached to the Council file, includes some background on the matter. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the HENPAR Committee moved to approved the recommendations as detailed above.

At its meeting on October 26, 2020, the Budget and Finance Committee also considered the recommendations as reflected above. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Budget and Finance Committee concurred with HENPAR's October 22, 2020 action and moved to approved the recommendations as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

HEALTH, EDUCATION, NEIGHBORHOODS, PARKS, ARTS, AND RIVER COMMITTEE

MEMBER      VOTE

RYU:            YES

O'FARRELL:   YES

PRICE:        YES



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BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEMBER      VOTE

KREKORIAN:   YES

PRICE:        ABSENT

KORETZ:       YES

BLUMENFIELD: YES

BONIN:        YES



**-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-**