

Communication from Public

Name: LIONEL MARES

Date Submitted: 03/13/2023 09:39 PM

Council File No: 20-0990

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council Representatives: I am writing to express my concern about Council File No. 20-0990 and the impact it will have on the Neighborhood Councils which the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DoNE) or EmpowerLA oversees. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DoNE) was created to EMPOWER the Neighborhood Councils, not bully them into submission. Former General Manager Raquel Beltran who was asked to resign on March 3, 2023, wanted to give herself (General Manager), the power to 'suspend' or terminate a board member of the Neighborhood Council. I believe that there are other ways to deal with board members such as Grievance Panels staffed by other Neighborhood Councils. There is no need to give the General Manager any more power than is already given. Doing so will be an overreach of government power which will undermine the democratic process of the Neighborhood Councils. Please, reconsider and send it back to Committee for further review and input by Neighborhood Councils leaders. Sincerely,
Lionel Mares Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council (SVANC) -
Sent as an Individual

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Name: Thomas F. Mapp

Date Submitted: 03/13/2023 10:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please refer proposed changes in diversity equity and inclusion pricesses to committee for review and additional public comment. This matter was brought to you for vote without adequate cinsultation with the neighborhood councils. Why have a neighborhood council system if you are not willing to consult them. Thanks.

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Name: Lynnette Kampe

Date Submitted: 03/14/2023 08:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please send this back to committee. It is a parting shot from the GM that has just resigned. The recent upset where a DONE representative required a NC to fund and attend a Sheriff's Department event they did not support shows the need for a NC bill of rights. Until this is in place additional requirements and restrictions should not be unilaterally imposed. Thank you.

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Comments for Public Posting: OPPOSE the mandatory anti-bias training. It forces wokeness and group think upon the NC system, and foments divisiveness. This is not what DONE should be doing, particularly since this was a pet project of the tyrannical Beltran. And it is ironic that the Council is trying to force anti-bias training on NCs when Council Members Nury Martinez, Gil Cedillo, and Kevin de Leon were caught engaging in racist commentary. The problem seems to be with the City Council, not Neighborhood Councils.