

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Committee Members: As a Board Member of the Neighborhood Council, I believe it is important that board members receive adequate training and resources. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's (DoNE) goal and mission is to EMPOWER Neighborhood Councils, NOT bully them into submission. There have been instances where DoNE has not done enough to support NCs and most recently bullied the Hollywood Studio District NC into mass resignations because an NEA was dictating what the board members should do to 'comply' with 'Exhaustive Efforts' (EE). Neighborhood Councils need training and support, but we don't get the amount of support and training we need to succeed. There is bias in politics! There is bias in government and everyone as some kind of bias. Training alone won't solve any of it. We need understanding, compassion, and cooperation. I hope that DoNE will do a better job of providing better support and training.