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Comments for Public Posting: This is just one more step in the City's plan to totally gut and destroy the Neighborhood Council system- the system was created 20 years ago after the Valley attempted to secede from the City because the voters in the Valley felt they had no voice to the City- so the NCs were created to placate them- now 20 years later- the gradual erosion of the system has led to the NCs being nothing more than that of children being allowed to play under the disapproving eye of the adults- Neighborhood Council members are elected by the people of that community- to be their voice- and to put a petty bureaucrat as overlord over the NCs defies logic- How does an unelected bureaucrat have ANY right or authority over elected officials? Raquel Beltran has totally failed in her job- DONE does nothing to assist NCs - only to try to punish them for whatever behaviors doesn't like- she uses her office as a weapon- She has abused NC board members even to the point of threatening them- Her use of funds in the last round of elections is questionable to say the least with much of the money going to NON profits who did little to no outreach- Board members do need training in City rules and regulations- But the NCs should have input into this training- not just be the peasants waiting on the commands of the overlord- Raquel's personal political agenda is front and center- The NCs are Apolitical- the boards serve the interests of the community - Not Raquel Beltran- RAQUEL BELTRAN SHOULD BE REMOVED AND REPLACED FROM HER OVERPAID OFFICE- AND REPLACED WITH SOMEONE VOTED ON BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS-

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Name: Laurie Kelson

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Comments for Public Posting: As a founding member of the Encino Neighborhood Council, I strongly oppose giving more power to DONE ! The idea of NC's was to have constituents of Los Angeles to consider and discuss city business effecting their communities. Stop adding layer upon layer of oversight.

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Name: LIONEL MARES

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Committee Members: Hello, I am echoing the concerns of my colleagues, from other Neighborhood Councils. We are concerned that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DoNE) may exceed its authority, and or overreach what is mandated in the City's Charter and/or Administrative Code. We understand that Anti-Bias and Diversity Training is important, but we don't believe that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DoNE) should be mandating the training at this time due to what happened with the Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council (HSDNC). Cornerstone is difficult to navigate and not user-friendly. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment should first upgrade its software and current training offerings. We believe that giving the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DoNE) any more power and authority, will have a negative impact on the Neighborhood Council system. There should be a pause, and the Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee should look into this further before voting on this. Neighborhood Councils should have a say in this and the Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee should understand our concerns. We urge the Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee to reject giving any further power and or authority to DoNE. We are fearful of abuse of power and overreach. Thank You - Sent as an Individual