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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(2) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 6/9/2021

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 06/10/2021

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 21-0407

Agenda Date: 06/09/2021

Item Number: 7.D.

Summary: The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council opposes City Council File 21-0407 as an attack on the independence of Neighborhood Councils and their ability to self-govern as defined in the Plan. The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council opposes City Council File 21-0407 as an attempt to destroy the independence of the Neighborhood Councils and to disenfranchise the stakeholders of our communities. The Neighborhood Councils were given the power of self-governance and the right to set voting requirements for their community as defined in The Plan, Article V Sect 2: "The Neighborhood Councils shall be empowered to allocate the Governing Body seats, determine voting rights, including the allocation of different voting roles to different categories of Community Stakeholders, and establish other voting procedures consistent with the Charter, this Plan and the Regulations that implement this Plan, and any procedures issued by the City Clerk or DONE. Any Governing Body structures and voting systems adopted should not limit broad participation by Community Stakeholders of a Neighborhood Council." The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, historically, has had robust election turnouts. The STNC has required documentation proving Stakeholder status in order to vote since its beginning. This election cycle, many Stakeholders were discouraged from voting due to their inability to navigate or understand the City process to register for a ballot using the online registration system. Many requested In Person voting. It is our recommendation that, in the future, elections need to be held IN PERSON and documentation of Stakeholder status needs to continue in order to protect voter integrity and prevent outside special interests from affecting the vote outcome.