

Communication from Public

Name: Chris Rowe

Date Submitted: 05/11/2021 12:40 AM

Council File No: 21-0407

Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Councilmembers, As a former member of the West Hills Neighborhood Council, and as a community member who is actively engaged in 3 Neighborhood Councils, it is my opinion that Neighborhood Councils should be comprised of residents only. These residents can own, rent, live with friends or relatives, be in a County / City assisted facility, or be homeless. It is my opinion that one stakeholder group - whether it be a business or a community based organization with a large membership can control the Neighborhood Council for a particular community. As I have said in articles that I have published on CityWatchLA including one that posted last night, business owners have groups that they may belong to that represent them including the chambers of council, and alliances such as VICA and the Valley Economic Alliance. We are the people that live in our community, that walk our neighborhoods, and that have to live in the communities as they are developed under the recommendation of the Neighborhood Councils. It is our children that attend schools here, play in our yards if we have them, and go to our parks if it is safe to do so. This is my current article in CityWatchLA based on the Motion attached to this agenda item: "Is Asking for Identification to Vote in a Neighborhood Council Election Voter Suppression?": <https://www.citywatchla.com/index.php/cw/los-angeles/21719-is-asking-for-identification-to-vote-in-a-neighborhood-council-election-voter-suppression> My answer is no. Respectfully submitted, Chris Rowe

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Name: Westside Neighborhood Council

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Comments for Public Posting: The proposed motion was recently brought forth and has not been provided in time to be considered by neighborhood councils around the City. Our Council was unable to agendaize and consider it prior to the Committee hearing scheduled for this week. We therefore strongly urge that the measure be tabled, outreach be done to Councils and the item rescheduled after neighborhood councils have been able to present their input.

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Name: SW

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Comments for Public Posting: stand for integrity of voting and transparency. ***Define what documentation is needed: ego. DMV ID, and strong verification of residence should be required....Do you know you can electronically change your resident address in 10 seconds. How about PhotoShopping your ID or Proof of Residence then scan and send. It's a new world and Government has to catch up, provide privacy, and the best electronic security (as we recently seen with the oil companies)... Voting There are good systems now to verify. It should be a closed system like LEADER system at DPSS in LA county " Voter Suppression" is the buzz word...How about voter Fraud (unattended drop boxes, ballot harvesting, etc) ** People send in their ID to get Welfare and SSI to DPSS and Social Security all the time. You need ID to get on an airplane, buy liquor, get a Passport, open a bank account, to get a house from Habitat for Humanity, to apply for a loan Our town's has the most decent, hard working folks and are fair minded people, as seen on the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council and the public comments on SM Our Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council is our local Grass Roots connection to LA City government and represents the community However, the many unknowns suddenly appeared on our local Social Media (SM) pages and accused people they don't know of bigotry Photo id is required I Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Mississippi, Tennessee Wisconsin, Arkansas, Alabama, florida Hawaii Idaho, louisana Michigan rhode islan, s Dakota, texas, and globally: Ireland, and England has just proposed ID Please don't sacrifice our precious voter integrity to the unknown Socialist gods You too politicians are vulnerable

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Name: Cindy Cleghorn

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Comments for Public Posting: In the most recent years, the City Clerk has been overseeing the elections of the Neighborhood Councils taking this burden off the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment so they could support the Neighborhood Councils in the Outreach areas. Each Neighborhood Council has Bylaws that identify the board positions and their requirements to be elected and vote. And every Neighborhood Council has at least one At-Large seat. All Neighborhood Councils except those who have chosen the “selection” process have their elections administered by the City Clerk every two years. Every Neighborhood Council decides their Outreach efforts and their budget. Some spend more and some spend very little and the outcomes vary. The push for using social media has grown since 2009 when it was first started but it isn’t the only way to reach the stakeholders in the community. The primary goal is to engage stakeholders who live, work, or own property in our Neighborhood Council boundaries. Through the years, Neighborhood Councils have had the fear of drive-by stakeholders to worry about taking over their communities within the Neighborhood Council system. I don’t think the requirement of the identification is the problem with Neighborhood Council elections. As history shows, it’s the candidates that bring out the voters. They do the outreach. They have the credibility to gain the trust and confidence in the process to get the voters to sign up and vote. The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council also did great. The board voted a great outreach plan that was coordinated by volunteers who stepped up to share their ideas and expertise, most serving for the very first time. Because of this involvement of great volunteers both on and off the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council board, the outreach was outstanding. But its never enough because the budgets and funding limitations and this year with the Pandemic threw obstacles in the way. But, Sunland-Tujunga is resilient and we got through it with multiple methods. The City Charter and the Plan for Neighborhood Councils gives Neighborhood Councils the ability to require documentation or not. It is then up to the City Clerk on what the acceptable documentation is. I find the motion that Councilwoman Rodriguez and Councilman Cedillo have presented to be an expensive effort that will do little to help the Neighborhood Council system and their communities. It would be

far better for the City Council to put more efforts on the homeless issues, the delivery of City services issues and the public safety of our communities to be prepared in the event of an earthquake and other disasters. Neighborhood Council volunteers who have stepped up to improve their communities need the support of the City Council not to be distracted which is what this motion really is about. It would be great if Councilwoman Rodriguez would also visit us at the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council to hear directly from the elected Neighborhood Council leaders and stakeholders.

Communication from Public

Name: Carol

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Comments for Public Posting: The STNC has required ID to vote in the STNC elections for years- AND the STNC has had one of the highest voter turnouts of all the NCs in LA. I believe this is because people know their vote counts- There have been blatant attempts by outside special interests to affect the outcome of the elections. This is still happening, in our ST community. When people complain their friends cannot vote for an entire slate but rather can only vote for a single position- this is an admission that the "friends" are NOT stakeholders in the community. This has been vastly curtailed by the ID requirement. To do away with the requirement would essentially open up all NC elections to fraud. There would be nothing to stop individuals from voting in NC elections all across this city-I do not believe the City will have the time or resources to make sure people only vote in their own Neighborhood Council elections. This would throw the integrity of the NC into chaos. This motion is nothing more than the council woman's attempt to pander to certain interests within the ST community and thereby disenfranchise the rightful stakeholders of the Sunland Tujunga area.

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Gravani

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Comments for Public Posting: Under the guise of cost savings this motion will remove the uniqueness of our communities. One size does not fit all in this great diverse city of Los Angeles. Standardizing the NC rules is NOT for the convenience of Neighborhood Councils (NCs). When the valley was on the verge of cession, it was because those elected to city office forgot they work for the people. Now you want to standardize us to make it easier for whom? The motion states "where a person lives in the city determines the inclusivity of the process to cast a ballot". Are you unaware that NCs also include those who work, own real estate and have a substantial and ongoing participation within the Neighborhood Council's boundaries. (that's in our by-laws). This is more inclusive than the election for City Council. And by the way, identification IS required to vote for the Mayor and City Council seats, did you suppress voters in your elections? The City Charter section 904 (f) The Regulations shall not restrict the method by which the members of a neighborhood council are chosen. This motion is outrageous and I am totally against the standardizing of NCs. And I resent the fact that you think NCs canNOT hold fair elections. We have the same ethics requirements you do.