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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(16) Nay(2) Abstain(2) Ineligible(4) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/08/2023

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 02/23/2023

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 23-0002-S16

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: CF23-0002-S16 (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council System / Remote Meetings / Ralph M. Brown Act Amendment) WHEREAS, CF23-0002-S16 supports more access to the NC process for Angelenos, with far more members of the public participating in each meeting from the convenience of their own homes and workplaces, while commuting and fulfilling caregiver obligations. Our and other NCs benefit from participants who find themselves outside the boundaries of their NC, ranging from a few miles to temporary travel out-of-state and even out of the country, creating more equity and fostering the vitality of our local communities and democracy; and WHEREAS, the 99 NCs in Los Angeles each have unique communities, needs, technology abilities, access to public meeting spaces; and WHEREAS, in-person meetings may jeopardize the health and safety of vulnerable Angelenos due to ongoing exposure to COVID-19 and other personal health situations, such as being immunocompromised; and WHEREAS, it is not realistic or financially viable to expect the all-volunteer NC system to be able to carry out "hybrid" meetings as permitted under AB 2449 effectively due to the limitations imposed on the NC Board as a whole, such as a requirement to establish a quorum in person in a publicly accessible ADA compliant facility within the boundaries of the NC when no such venue may be available to the NC. Likewise, imposing impractical, if not impossible, standards for individual NC Board members, such as not recognizing travel for "business" as an acceptable reason to participate remotely or the requirements to be on camera and only miss two in-person meetings annually (Should those requirements disqualify a businessperson or breastfeeding mother from serving on an NC Board?) in addition to budget and technology limitations; and THEREFORE, the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS the City Council action and the Mayor's concurrence in Council File 23-0002-S16.

Resolution/Community Impact Statement

Board

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for
Dena Weiss, President
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Action Passed on 02/08/2023

Members Present: 24
Quorum: 12

Members voting Aye: 16
Members voting Nay: 02
Members Abstaining: 02

Members Ineligible: 04
Members Recused: 0

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