

February 14, 2023

Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez
Chair, Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee
Room 340, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember,

I am writing to request that item (5) of the Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee agenda for tomorrow, February 15, 2023, be postponed until the qualifications of Josh Nadel can be reviewed in depth and people who have concerns about this appointment can give input.

I have given great thought to whether I should weigh in but I feel strongly that what I have to say is important for the future of the Neighborhood Council system.

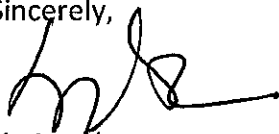
I do not believe that someone who falsely accuses elected officials of fraud in public meetings, in a letter to the District Attorney and to various other elected officials across the City is suitable for this position. Josh is certainly welcome to his opinions but the type of vendetta he pursued during the summer and fall of 2021 is more indicative of a conspiracy theorist than of a representative of the Mayor on the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners.

Josh is a very personable young man until he is thwarted and, again, I feel that someone of his volatile personality is unsuited for such a position. This is especially important at a time when the City is facing so many challenges, including conflicts in the streets and at City Hall itself.

I am not saying to deny him the opportunity for consideration, just that others be allowed to weigh in, and due attention is given to their words before the appointment is consummated.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liz Amsden', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Liz Amsden
Highland Park