

Communication from Public

Name: Larchmont United Neighborhood Association

Date Submitted: 06/04/2025 01:13 PM

Council File No: 25-0600-S7

Comments for Public Posting: June 4, 2025 Re: In Support of CF# 25-0600-S7 Budget and Finance Chair Councilmember Yaroslavsky and members of the Budget and Finance Committee, Larchmont United Neighborhood Association (LUNA) exists within the boundaries of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC). We strongly support CF# 25-0600-S7. We request the Budget and Finance Committee act to restore funding to the City's 99 Neighborhood Councils by passing this motion in committee. Neighborhood Councils are the very first line of city government and often the first place stakeholders turn when issues arise in their neighborhoods. They provide the twin critical functions of watching out for the well-being of their stakeholders and advocating on their behalf with city government and agencies as necessary. Common sense would say that this critical role in the functioning of city government should be nurtured and expanded. The volunteers who sit on the boards and do the work should be supported. Instead, city government has made the deliberate choice to reduce Neighborhood Council funding to the current level of \$25,000. Combined with previous reductions in recent years as well as inflation, the impact on every neighborhood council is profound. At these budget levels, it's hard to see how they can afford the basic logistics to function let alone provide service and outreach to their stakeholders. As an association whose members depend on the GWNC for guidance, assistance, access to city government, and information, this new level of funding is not acceptable. We ask the Committee to recognize the importance of the role neighborhood councils play and, at the very least, vote to approve Council Member Traci Park's motion, referenced above, to restore \$7,000 to each Neighborhood Council's budget bringing funding back to \$32,000 per year. Respectfully, Sam Uretsky President Larchmont United Neighborhood Association LUNA
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Name: Thomas Booth

Date Submitted: 06/04/2025 02:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The LA City Neighborhood Council system is a failed system that does not represent the interests of all LA City residents as it was originally intended to do. Surveys about resident awareness of Neighborhood Councils is about 20% and only less than 1% participated in NC elections. Due to the extreme lack of general public awareness and participation, NCs generally become “rubber stamp” re-election committees for their District Councilmembers. Please do not increase NC’s budgets and consider abolishing the entire failed NC system. Spend the saved budget on resourcing our neglected communities with items that will actually improve the lives of Angelenos ie day care, summer and after school programs, etc.