



March 10, 2015

Council File 12-1681

Honorable City Council  
c/o Office of the City Clerk  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 North Spring Street, Room 395  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members,

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council requests that the following Community Impact Statement be added to Council File 12-1681, regarding the City Council's request for potential policy changes that may allow neighborhood councils to "subdivide" or to otherwise adjust their boundaries in order to increase/reduce their size for the purposes of better representation.

### COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") supports the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners' recommendations that sections of the City's Administrative Code be amended as follows:

A new Neighborhood Council may be created from within the boundaries of an existing Neighborhood Council by the following process:

- A. The subdividing group shall undertake the process for Neighborhood Council formation as already described for new councils.
- B. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment shall set an election to take up the question within 90 days of verifying all paperwork is complete.
- C. A majority of the votes cast by stakeholders of the entire original Neighborhood Council shall be required to complete the separation and create a new council.
- D. If an area leaves a Neighborhood Council, the original council should simply be required to adjust its boundaries and board structure and not recertify.
- E. If an area moves between two existing Neighborhood Councils, neither should be required to recertify."

This Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on March 10, 2015, when the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council adopted the following motion by a vote of \_\_\_ yes, \_\_\_ no, \_\_\_ abstaining and directed that a Community Impact Statement be filed reflecting its position.

**Motion: "The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council shall submit a Community Impact Statement for Council File 12-1681 stating that DLANC supports the Board of**

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**Neighborhood Commissioners' recommendations as outlined in its letter to the City Council dated October 9, 2013."**

Sincerely,

Patricia Berman  
DLANC President

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Eric R. Garcia  
DLANC Community Impact Committee Chair