



DAVID E. RYU
COUNCILMEMBER, FOURTH DISTRICT

May 25, 2018

RE: Requesting Feedback on Proposed Neighborhood Council System Reform

Dear Neighborhood Council Members,

When I became the chair of the City Council committee that oversees the Neighborhood Council system, I set out to review the current issues facing the Neighborhood Council system and hear from you. That's why I sent out a survey to every Neighborhood Council board member in December, asking for your feedback. **Thank you for your response.**

Over 160 individual Neighborhood Council members responded to my office with substantive ideas and common issues we face in advancing our NC system.

Today I introduced a comprehensive motion to consider reforms of the Neighborhood Council system based on your feedback, my meetings with the NC Alliances last year, the work of the Health, Education, and Neighborhood Councils Committee, and my office's review of prior legislative proposals for the NC system.

That motion can be found on following this letter as well as on the legislative council file number 18-0467.

As a former neighborhood council member (Wilshire Center - Koreatown NC) I am deeply invested in the success of this system. Some of these suggested changes you may like, others, you may not. All of them are ideas that will need to be vetted, picked apart, and put back together again. That's why **I am again asking for your input.**

As indicated in the text of my motion, I will not be scheduling this motion in Committee for discussion or action for at least 90 days in order to give Neighborhood Councils sufficient time to submit Community Impact Statements (CISs), as I realize it can take time to discuss these ideas over the summer.

To provide feedback, please have your Neighborhood Councils submit formal CIS statements. For Neighborhood Council members or stakeholders who wish to submit comments individually, please submit them directly to the City Clerk for our committee, Eric Villanueva, eric.villanueva@lacity.org. Please do not provide comments directly to my office. Only comments submitted to the openly posted and transparent public record file will be considered.

Finally, please note that this motion is not all-inclusive of all the reform ideas currently being discussed for the NC system. It does not include some proposals already being discussed legislatively, such as translation costs being covered by the City (Council File 17-0600-S41), changes to the subdivision policy (Council File 12-1681-S1), and the pending recommendations from the Funding Equity Working Group.

Sincerely,



David E. Ryu
Councilmember, District Four
Chair, Health, Education, and Neighborhood Councils Committee

CC:

City Council Health, Education, and Neighborhood Councils Committee
Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

Links:

Neighborhood Council System Reform Motion:

http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2018/18-0467_mot_05-25-2018.pdf

Neighborhood Council System Reform Council File:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=18-0467>

Translation Services Council File:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-0600-S41>

Subdivision Policy Reform Council File:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=12-1681-S1>