



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

"Your Community Voice"

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RE: NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2012

Dear Councilmember,

At our meeting on October 10, 2011, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council unanimously passed the following resolution with regard to the 2012 Neighborhood Council Elections for which we would like your support:

Whereas when Neighborhood Councils were initially formed the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council spent a great deal of time and thoughtfulness on how best to structure our elections, and

Whereas the formation committee decided that elections should be staggered to provide for board continuity, and

Whereas initially the Board determined that two year terms were most appropriate, and

Whereas, because the City later determined that the elections could only be conducted every two years, the Bylaws were revised to create four year staggered terms, and

Whereas lengthening the terms has resulted in vacant seats that have been filled by a vote of the remaining board members rather than the stakeholders, and

Whereas the City is now proposing that all terms ending in 2012 be automatically extended to 2014 because the City Clerk is not funded to conduct elections in 2012 and will not conduct elections in 2013, and

Whereas such an extension of existing Board Member terms would result in 6 year terms for half of the board members, all Board members being elected at once, rather than staggered terms, and an increased proportion of the Board being selected by the remaining Board Members rather than the stakeholders,

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved That:

1) The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports the HANC Resolution to oppose the automatic extension of terms ending in 2012 to 2014 and requests a change in the Plan for Neighborhood Councils to allow Neighborhood Councils who chose to do so, to conduct their own elections in 2012.

2) In the event that the requested change to the Plan does not occur in time, that DONE work with the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council so that a selection process can be conducted for those positions with a term ending in 2012.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this issue. Elections are very important to us and time is of the essence if we are going to be able to conduct some type of election/selection process prior to June 30, 2012.

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