



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

"Your Community Voice"

June 13, 2016

Mayor Garcetti
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Re: Motion Relating to the City of Los Angeles 2016 - 2017 Budget

Dear Mayor Garcetti and Councilman Buscaino:

On May 9, 2016, the NW San Pedro Neighborhood Council (NWSPNC) passed a motion relating to the City of Los Angeles 2016 - 2017 Budget. The wording of the motion follows:

Whereas, the Mayor has called his 2016-2017 City Budget a "strong spending plan that is balanced and responsible"; and

Whereas, the \$5.6 billion plan includes \$138 million in spending to be dedicated to the homelessness crisis; and

Whereas, spending on the homelessness issue is tied to new tax proposals to be placed on the ballot by the City; and

Whereas, an assortment of additional taxes and fees are being contemplated at both the City and County level; and

Whereas, none of the contemplated "revenue enhancements" do anything to address the current budget shortfall or the looming and growing systemic shortfall in pension funding and other obligations;

Now, therefore, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council calls upon our elected representatives to take a breath, and resolve to fully inform citizens about the need for new taxes and fees, what they will be used for, and what steps we all need to be taking to prepare ourselves for looming future obligations with which the City has encumbered us. We can probably stand the truth, but we cannot stand not knowing the truth.

The NWSPNC requests you consider our position on this issue and keep our community fully informed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray Regalado".

Ray Regalado, NWSPNC President
on behalf of the NWSPNC Board