



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

"Your Community Voice"

May 3, 2010

Councilwoman Janice Hahn
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Janice,

At the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council April Board Meetings, we passed several motions regarding a number of issues for which we would like your support. Most of the motions related to the City Budget as described below:

- Request that control of the neighborhood council elections be returned to the neighborhood councils immediately;
- Oppose the sale or transfer of City physical assets for purposes of budget windfall without vigorous and transparent public vetting process, including, but not limited to, the Convention Center, Los Angeles Zoo, parking structures, and theaters;
- Encourage the City to identify additional revenues for 2010-11;
- Support layoffs being spread across the entire workforce, not just the civilian workforce;
- Urge that budget cuts be made with consideration of individual communities, not just using a "one size fits all" approach;
- Oppose the sale or lease of the Warner Grand Theater and in the event that it is leased, it should be to a non-profit;
- Oppose closing of child care centers when parents are willing to pay the cost of operations and urge the City to seek and apply for all available non-city funds
- Request the Mayor and City council to take a voluntary 30% pay cut;
- Support placing the DONE function within the Community Development Department;
- Oppose the Board of neighborhood Commissioners being designated as a managerial commission for neighborhood councils.

We also passed a lengthy resolution with regard to the NC funding plan and requested:

Dan Dixon
President

John Mavar
Vice President

Craig Goldfarb
Treasurer

Diana Nave
Secretary

- That the proposed changes to the Neighborhood Council funding program be sent to the Education and Neighborhoods Committee of City Council for further discussion and review in order to come up with a plan that will reform the DONE administrative process and produce savings equal to or greater than that proposed by the CAO;
- That the Neighborhood Councils form a committee to oversee Neighborhood Council funding and to reform it to comply with City rules and the needs of Neighborhood Councils;
- That the Neighborhood Councils take over training and mentoring of the Treasurers;
- That all changes that have been made recently be rescinded until they can be reviewed by the Education and Neighborhoods Committee and the Neighborhood Councils; and
- That a mechanism be developed whereby encumbrance of Neighborhood Council funds is recognized.

Finally we passed a resolution requesting that the Harbor Department not take any action regarding Rancho Holdings until they have consulted with the Neighborhood Council and that if they are seeking to reopen the pipeline, an environmental review should be required.

Thank you for your consideration. As always, we appreciate your support and look forward to hearing what actions you take regarding these items.

Very truly yours,

Dan Dixon, President

cc: Gordon Teuber
Dolores Canizales
Tina Qubec