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To:

Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Krekorian  
Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl  
Los Angeles City Councilmember Janice Hahn  
Los Angeles City Councilmember Dennis Zine  
Los Angeles City Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa

Re: Council File 10-0777 Reorganization of Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment

The Board of Directors of the Mar Vista Community Council unanimously approved this motion at its regular June 8, 2010 meeting.

**The Mar Vista Community Council recognizes both the need to find efficient ways of reducing the City's expenditures, and the responsibility of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to be a part of these reductions.**

**However, upon careful review of Council File 10-0777, the MVCC strongly recommends that DONE remain as a Charter-mandated, stand-alone department; and that the funding mechanism for Neighborhood Councils remain a City function rather than outsourcing to any not for profit entities.**

The MVCC also recommends the streamlining and simplifying of DONE's financial oversight of Neighborhood Councils by:

1. utilizing the existing Purchase Card system—with expansion to include limited check writing--- for all payments up to a reasonably high per-payment limit, and utilizing Demand Warrants for the few remaining expenditures that would not fit into this system.
2. eliminating petty cash.
3. creating a definitive policy on permissible expenditures, and providing for effective and timely enforcement measures.
4. mandating NC Board advance approval via a public meeting vote for all expenditures, with monthly NC Board approval of Purchase Card statements and funding withheld for noncompliance.

Thank You,

Albert Olson  
Chair  
Mar Vista Community Council  
Board of Directors