



Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition

VIA EMAIL

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Commissioner Al Abrams,
President
Commissioner Daniel Gatica,
Vice President
Commissioner Esther Cepeda-Hatch
Commissioner John Kim
Commissioner Linda Lucks
Commissioner Karen Mack

On June 28, 2010 the issue of bylaws reform was before your commission. A policy proposal along with a sample template was presented to you by members of the DONE staff. Unfortunately that policy proposal and the accompanying sample template had not been vetted by the neighborhood councils or by the bylaws taskforce made up of neighborhood council members from around the city. The proposal and template was first made available to NC members when it was disseminated by the LANCC on July 1, 2010. The matter of the proposal and template were discussed at length at the LANCC meeting on July 3, 2010. After much debate the following motion was introduced:

The LANCC recommends that the BONC:

1. Reject the DONE staff report on the bylaws taskforce recommendations;
2. Adopt the bylaws taskforce report;
3. Recognize the bylaws resource team created by the neighborhood councils to implement the wire frame and to address individual neighborhood council bylaws issues.

Participants from 26 individual neighborhood councils from throughout the city voted to adopt the above motion and urged the BONC to follow the LANCC's recommendation. One neighborhood council member present abstained from the voting and none of those present opposed the motion.

As chair of the LANCC I urge the members of the Commission to consider this motion and to adopt it as requested. It is important that the matter of bylaws reform, which was thoroughly and conscientiously considered by the bylaws taskforce, be developed by neighborhood councils rather than a DONE staff whose stated goal is to make things easier for themselves because of their reduced numbers. I urge you to move forward with a series of town hall meetings at centrally located venues throughout the city in order to allow neighborhood

councils to participate in these important decisions. Always remembering our goal is for independent, self-governing and self-directed neighborhood councils, I again offer the services of the LANCC in helping to facilitate this matter.

Very truly yours,

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