



COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

March 2023

Re: CF 20-0990

The ENC opposes unless amended the adoption of this ordinance in its current form. We request that the City Council reconsider its final vote on March 14, 2023 and refer the matter back to committee with instructions to come back with alternatives that respect the volunteer nature of NC Board and/or Committee participation in particular, the arbitrary nature of the following clause is egregious.

The merit of said ordinance is not opposed, but fails to be narrowly tailored, forces vagueness, and is silent towards a public administrative hearing of a board member.

Section 1 Section 22.801(h) of Article 1, Chapter 28, Division 22 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended to read as follows:

(h) arrange training for department staff and neighborhood councils' officers, board and committee members, such as training in leadership, cultural awareness, dispute mediation, civics, communications, equipment utilization, and any other training necessary to achieve the goals set forth in Section 22.809, and implement and administer all mandatory training for neighborhood council boards and committees. To implement and administer training, the Department shall have the authority to:

1 (1) Promulgate rules and regulations establish policies and procedures, and issue directives and moratoria necessary to implement all training requirements, enforce compliance, and resolve challenges raised by neighborhood council board members and committee members regarding any required training.

Amend neighborhood council bylaws to reflect all mandatory training requirements and modify any language in the bylaws inconsistent with the Department's rules, regulations, policies, procedures, directives, or moratoria.

Due process should be applied to all cases. The ENC is not opposed to trainings, it is opposed to the overreach this gives to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). We oppose the ability or the authority of DONE to suspend, remove, or exclude from quorum any board member who is otherwise entitled to participate with Neighborhood Council activities.

Thank you,

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