

The **Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC)** requests the city amend the proposed budget to fund a program of childcare in the neighborhood council system. The “Plan For A Citywide System Of Neighborhood Councils” lists the need for childcare as one of two “Mitigating barriers to participation” (Article VII, Item 12, sub-section D) in the formation and development of Neighborhood Councils. The **ASNC** believes that this “barrier” continues past the point of certification and as such maintains an unequal level of access to the services of the Neighborhood Council system. Such a program would serve the monthly Neighborhood Council board meetings by providing 2 qualifying adults for 3 hours at a rate of \$15/hr. Furthermore The **ASNC** believes that the city should provide a system to access these caregivers for meetings outside of monthly board meetings, such as town halls and committee meetings. The cost of which to be paid out of individual council budgets.