

MOTION - NCEFP

Neighborhood Council's played a critical role during the Coronavirus pandemic. Neighborhood Councils quickly stepped up by providing vital information to residents and Stakeholders and were able to use up to \$5,000 from their existing budget to provide emergency funds. Each Neighborhood Council was approved to use, from existing funds, up to \$5000 to provide services and goods to their communities. The 2020-2021 Los Angeles City budget has lowered the Neighborhood Council's budget by \$10,000. Although no one can predict when an emergency will occur, the reduction in funds will hinder the role that Neighborhood Council's play in their communities drastically, especially during the recovery phase of the current pandemic.

Whereas, each of the 99 LA City Neighborhood Councils lie in Southern California where a devastating earthquake is imminent...

Whereas, a possibility of a 2nd wave of COVID-19 may occur in the Fall or Winter...

Whereas, natural disasters pose an imminent threat, such as but not limited to: fires, floods or other natural disasters...

Whereas, after an emergency a long recovery phase may occur...

I therefore **move** that, City Council instruct the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, the City Attorney and the City Clerk to create a dedicated **Neighborhood Council Emergency Funds Program (NCEFP)** that each Neighborhood Council may self-fund with unused monies from each fiscal year's budget, not to exceed \$5,000 per year with an aggregate not to exceed \$100,000, *in addition* to the current rollover of \$10,000 of unused funds each Neighborhood Council is permitted to rollover. Each Neighborhood Council understands the needs of each unique community they serve and the struggles during and after an emergency. By self-funding the NCEFP each year, NC's will be able to provide critical funding to services in their communities without depleting their limited budgets.