

Attachment "G" -- Four Letters

**Neighborhood Council Presidents Letter Regarding
Prohibitions On Virtual Meetings**

Dear Mr. Feuer,

We the undersigned Neighborhood Council Presidents commend the City for its quick action to limit public meetings in a time of unprecedented challenges and the need for rapid decisions.

At the same time, we urge you to allow Neighborhood Councils to do the work that, one could argue, is more important than ever.

We appreciate Governor Newsom's recognition that the work must go on and support his waiving of certain Brown Act requirements so that we can meet virtually. We hope that you will honor his intention by allowing Neighborhood Councils and committees to meet via teleconferencing.

A swift decision from your office on how the City will implement the Governor's directive will give NCs the latitude needed to quickly bring what aid and comfort we can to our stakeholders.

Thank you.

cc:

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti
Los Angeles City Council
Board of Neighborhood Commissioners
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Neighborhood Council Presidents Letter Regarding Rollover Of Funds

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council Members,

We the undersigned Neighborhood Council Presidents commend the City for its quick action in a time of unprecedented challenges and the need for rapid decisions.

With the end of the fiscal year fast approaching, and given the meeting restrictions currently in place and likely to continue, some NCs may not be able to expend available funds. We urge you to allow Neighborhood Councils to roll over all of their unused funds into the next fiscal year.

Thank you.

cc:

Los Angeles City Attorney

Los Angeles City Clerk

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

**Neighborhood Council Presidents Letter Regarding
Hold On Discretionary Decisions by
The Department of Planning**

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council Members,

We the undersigned Neighborhood Council Presidents commend the City for its quick action to limit public meetings in a time of unprecedented challenges and the need for rapid decisions.

The majority of projects the City Planning Department reviews do not require any public hearings. These include TOC, Density Bonus, Site Plan Review, Demolitions, the Port of Los Angeles, Community Plan Implementation Overlay, Character Residential Overlay Zones, and Specific Plan Project Permit Compliance Review. In these instances, Neighborhood Councils solely provide public notifications about projects impacting their stakeholders and give the public an opportunity to weigh-in on projects impacting their stakeholders. This input is essential to maintaining transparency in the department's decision-making process.

It is our understanding the City Planning Department has not yet suspended review and approvals of these projects. We urge you to instruct the Department of City Planning to cease issuing approvals for all discretionary projects until the crisis has passed and Neighborhood Councils can once again hold meetings.

Thank you.

cc:

Los Angeles City Attorney
Los Angeles City Planning Commission
Los Angeles Department of City Planning
Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety
Board of Neighborhood Commissioners
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

**Neighborhood Council Presidents Letter Regarding
Extension of Deadline For
Submission Of NC Bylaws Amendments**

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council Members,

We the undersigned Neighborhood Council Presidents commend the City for its quick action to limit public meetings in a time of unprecedented challenges and the need for rapid decisions.

Prior to the virus outbreak, NCs who needed to were working hard to amend their bylaws to accommodate election related changes as requested by the LA City Clerk. The yearly deadline for submission of bylaws amendments per the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is April 15th with no further ability to make these changes prior to most 2021 NC elections.

We hereby request an extension to this deadline allowing sufficient time for necessary NC committee and board meetings to occur in order to finalize and ratify their bylaws changes once public meeting restrictions have been lifted.

Thank you.

cc:
Los Angeles City Attorney
Los Angeles City Clerk
Board of Neighborhood Commissioners
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment