

**ATTACHMENT “G”**

**MOTION OF BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
TO OPPOSE CITY CLERK PROPOSAL TO CONDUCT  
2021 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION ENTIRELY VOTE BY MAIL**

WHEREAS, Office of City Clerk (“Clerk”) sought and received approval of the Health, Education, Neighborhoods, Parks and Rivers (HENPAR) Committee of the City Council of Los Angeles, to conduct the 2021 Neighborhood Council Elections entirely “Vote-By-Mail;”

WHEREAS, Clerk provided no notice to any of the Neighborhood Councils of the City of Los Angeles (NCs) of its intent to seek such approval;

WHEREAS, Clerk provided as rationale reduction in its approved NC Election budget from \$1 million requested to roughly \$673,000 notwithstanding previous budget of \$600,000 for the 2019 NC Elections;

WHEREAS, Clerk additionally cited as an impediment the expense to conduct “At-Poll Voting” due to social distancing and other safeguard measures commonly associated with any gathering in the current pandemic era;”

WHEREAS, Clerk’s plans for an entire Vote-By-Mail election requires each Stakeholder wishing to cast a vote, to first pre-register at an online portal yet designed, and to upload documentation required to qualify for a ballot; Stakeholders without Internet access would be required to complete a paper application and submit qualifying documentation by mail;

WHEREAS, upon verification of Stakeholder status, Clerk would mail paper ballots to each registered Stakeholder, along with a postage-paid return envelope;

WHEREAS, reliability of delivery of timely mail by the US Postal Service (USPS) is now the subject of national debate ahead of the November Presidential Election;

WHEREAS, the governmental structure of the BABCNC is unique among NCs where in past has resulted in Stakeholders receiving incorrect ballots;

WHEREAS, Clerk recognizes the additional outreach required to educate Stakeholders how to Vote-By-Mail, an entire Vote-By-Mail NC Election is unprecedented;

WHEREAS, in past Clerk-administered NC Elections the BABCNC has participated, voter turnout has increased with each NC Election;

NOW THEREFORE, the BOARD of the Council does hereby find:

1. Clerk’s proposal to conduct an entire Vote-By-Mail NC Election presents an undue burden upon BABCNC Stakeholders wishing to vote in the 2021 Election relative to traditional At-Poll Voting;
2. Unique governmental structure of the BABCNC presents an additional risk of disenfranchisement due to past incapacity of Clerk to properly identify and provide correct ballots to voting Stakeholders;

3. Clerk's effort to request entire Vote-By-Mail Election and prohibit At-Poll Voting based upon budgetary expense is disingenuous based upon past costs to conduct NC Elections as well as underestimating tremendous expense and effort to conduct extensive outreach to promote voter turnout that otherwise would be unnecessary with At-Poll Voting.
4. If Clerk provides incorrect ballot by mail to Stakeholder, the result is likely irreparable disenfranchisement of right to vote.

AND IT HEREBY MOVED AND RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of the BABCNC opposes the Clerk's proposal to conduct the 2021 NC Election entirely Vote-By-Mail, and request the City Council to require the Clerk to provide the At-Poll Voting option to those NCs who desire such option.