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Honorable Members of the
Budget and Finance Committee
c/o Erika Pulst, City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members:

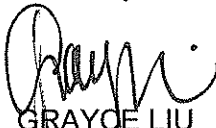
The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department) wishes to first thank Mayor Villaraigosa and his budget team and City Administrative Officer Miguel Santana and his budget team for working with the Department to find sufficient funding and resources to maintain the majority of the services to the Neighborhood Councils for the FY 2013-2014.

The Department respectfully requests the Budget and Finance Committee to consider the following changes to the Department's proposed budget:

- Out of the \$250,000 requested by the Department for as needed staff for the new checking account funding program being set up in the new fiscal year, the Department received \$40,000. In addition, the Department did not receive the requested \$20,000 to support its work for the Congress of Neighborhoods and the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates. Further, \$120,000 in Department salary savings from FY 2011-2012, which was to be used to establish an online funding platform, was not properly encumbered and reverted back to the General Fund.
- In light of the budget deficit, the Department proposes any salary savings from this current fiscal year and \$162,243 in unused Neighborhood Council election outreach encumbrance funds from this current fiscal year be moved to the as needed salary account for the Department in FY 2013-2014 to support the proper establishment of the new Neighborhood Council funding program and the Department's work in supporting the Congress of Neighborhoods and the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (213) 978-1153.

Sincerely,


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