



Department of
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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL EVENT APPROVAL FORM

Events are great opportunities for Neighborhood Councils to interact with their stakeholders. There are, however, liability and permitting issues that must be handled prior to the event, and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment must approve a Neighborhood Council sponsored event before any funding payments can be executed. **Please complete and sign this form and submit to the Department at least 30 days before the day of the event.** The Department will typically take 3-5 days to review and approve the event. Once approved, the Neighborhood Council can begin spending.

Neighborhood Council: _____

The Neighborhood Council is the Main Sponsor or Co-Sponsor for the event.

Main sponsor: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Co-Sponsor (if applicable): _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Event Information

Type of Event (festival, movie night, etc.): _____

Date: _____ Time Frame: _____ Est. number of attendees: _____ Event Amount: _____

Venue Name: _____

Venue Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please note: If the location for the event is at City facility, e.g. park, the location approval may be easier and at little or no cost. If the location for event is not a City facility, a separate contract may be needed and can take 30 days to complete.

Documents scanned and emailed to EmpowerLA.Funding@lacity.org for Department approval PRIOR to event:

- Neighborhood Council Event Approval Form – Completed and signed by Treasurer or Second Signatory
- Funding Request Form – Completed and signed by Treasurer and Second Signatory
- Itemized Detailed Event Budget – Total budget with funding categories (food, entertainment, flyers, permits, etc.) and with specific vendors if available. Once approved, the Department will transfer the amount of the event budget into the Neighborhood Council account automatically, i.e. no additional Cash Request Form will be required.
- If a bank card exemption of the daily \$1,000 limit is required for this event, please provide the date(s) and amount needed for the daily limit to be lifted:** _____

Please note: Missing or incomplete required documents will delay Department approval.

The City of Los Angeles provides Neighborhood Councils with event liability coverage in the amount of \$5 million. Depending on the type of event, there may be additional permits and liability issues that must be addressed prior to the event, or the Neighborhood Council will be liable for any penalties or injuries incurred at the event. There may be fees attached to obtaining permits and additional liability so please budget accordingly. It may be easier to partner with the City family or a community based organization or even hire a producer (will require a contract prepared by the Department) so that they can obtain/handle the necessary permits and liability issues instead. Please contact the Department Funding Team if you are unsure what your Neighborhood Council event may need. The following must be obtained **PRIOR TO THE EVENT** if they are applicable to your event:

If FOOD is being purchased/provided/distributed/served at your event, you may be required to obtain the following documents:

- LA County Public Health Department Permit – if the food is free, no permit is required. If there are tickets being sold for vendor food booths (e.g. “Taste of” type of event, which needs to have a sponsor besides the Neighborhood Council to accept the funds), a paid permit is required, but the fee will be waived if held at a City park.
- LA Fire Department – contact for a permit for use of barbeques or to determine whether a first aid station is necessary

You may need ADDITIONAL INSURANCE for your event from Vendors if they are providing the following services:

- Jumper/Bouncer (Inflatables) – the City of Los Angeles will need to be listed as an additional insured by the company
- Games (e.g. dunk tank, other carnival style games) – City Risk Management will need to review
- Food (purchased, provided, distributed and/or served) – City Risk Management may need to review

If RENTING a vehicle or truck to transport event materials:

- Renting of vehicle/truck must be by a board member
- Additional Insurance offered by the rental company must be purchased in full

ADDITIONAL PERMITS may be required if the event has:

- Over 500 attendees, which may require LAPD presence - LAPD Special Events
- Street closures for block parties - Bureau of Street Services or LADOT for larger street closures, such as a parade
- Tents/canopies larger than 450 square feet or stages/platforms more than 30 inches above grade - Building and Safety

CONTACT INFORMATION for possible permits:

- Street Maintenance - (213) 847-2999
- Building and Safety - (213) 482-0387
- LADOT (Traffic Officers) - (323) 913-4652
- LADOT (Signs) - (213) 485-2298
- LADOT (Special Operations) - (323) 224-2124
- Risk Management - (213) 978-7475
- LAPD - (213) 486-0410
- LAFD - (213) 978-3650
- Sanitation - (213) 485-3612
- Street Services - <http://bsspermits.lacity.org/spevents/>
- LA County Public Health Dept. - <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov>

Original documents to submit with your Monthly Expenditure Report for the event:

- Neighborhood Council Event Approval Form – Completed and signed by Treasurer or Second Signatory
- Funding Request Form – Completed and signed by Treasurer and Second Signatory
- Board Vote Count Form – Completed and signed by Treasurer and Second Signatory
- Itemized Detailed Event Budget – Final total budget with funding categories and specific vendors. If final budget changed from original, please submit adjusted budget with new Board Vote Count Form.
- Original Invoices and Receipts
- Proof of Sponsorships (e.g. event flyers, webpage copy, etc.)
- Copies of Additional Permits (if applicable)
- Copies of Additional Insurance (if applicable)
- W-9 (for 1099 Individual Services if applicable)

I have read and understand the requirements set forth in this document and agree to comply with the required paperwork necessary for Neighborhood Council events.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Title: _____

Email : _____ Phone: _____

Department Use Only. Approval Code: _____ Staff: _____
Cash Request Process Date: _____ Bank Card Exemption Process Date: _____ Rev 01/06/15