

BOARD OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONERS

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL FUNDING EQUITY WORK GROUP

Proposal for Consideration at the Special Meeting of
Monday, April 23, 2018 6:30 PM
By Vice Chair Tony Wilkinson

After extensive discussion, the Neighborhood Council Funding Equity Work Group has generated four distinct proposals for methods to more equitably distribute funds to Neighborhood Councils in the City of Los Angeles, with consideration for their size.

The four proposals all reduce funding for the smallest Neighborhood Councils and increase funding for the largest Neighborhood Councils. They are described below in very general terms. The four proposals are listed in the order of impact that they have on the distribution of funding (from less impact to greater impact on individual Neighborhood Councils).

- (1) Leave funding for most Neighborhood Councils unchanged, at a fixed amount (currently **\$42,000** per year). Remove funding from the smallest councils and move those funds to the largest councils.
- (2) Give all Neighborhood Councils base funding of **\$32,000** per year (about 3/4 of current total funding). Distribute the remaining amount of current funding (plus any increased funding from the City) to Neighborhood Councils based on their share of the total resident population. Assure that every council receives at least **\$37,000** total funding.
- (3) Base funding of **\$25,000** per year for each Neighborhood Council. Distribute the remaining amount based on the share of resident population. No guaranty of minimum total funding.
- (4) Base funding of **50 percent** of the City's total funding for all Neighborhood Councils. (With the current funding of \$4,074,000 for 97 Neighborhood Councils, that would be **\$21,000**.) Distribute the remaining amount based on the share of resident population. No guaranty of minimum total funding.

The Neighborhood Council Funding Equity Work Group received requests from both the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners and from the Health, Education and Neighborhood Councils Committee of the City Council to provide several options for their consideration, rather than a single proposal.

This proposal is a motion to adopt all four options that are described above as the final work product of the Committee, and to move those options forward to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners as our recommended alternatives.

Optionally, the Committee could amend this proposal to eliminate one or more of the alternative methods, or to otherwise modify the final proposal of the Committee.