



# Motion to approve the filing of an appeal of BONC's boundary adjustment determination to City Council

**Agenda Item:** SB081811-1  
**Date:** 18 August 2011  
**Proposed By:** Doug Fitzsimmons

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## Seeks to gain Board approval for filing an appeal to City Council

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### Full Proposal

At its July 2011 meeting, the SORO NC Board authorized an ad hoc committee to set strategy for its boundary adjustment petition and to pursue an appeal to the City Council if deemed warranted.

The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) decided not to award Areas A and B to SORO during its August 2 hearing. The unanimous recommendation of the ad hoc committee is to submit an appeal. The filing deadline is Friday, August 19 and the matter would likely be heard at the September 6 City Council meeting.

The appeal is based upon irregularities in the petition process and BONC's failure to decide the matter based on the criteria specified by ordinance. The intent is not to attempt to "win back" Area B, but rather to use the appeal to establish an independent review panel to revise and tighten the language in the ordinances that govern the NC system. As they stand, the ordinances lack common procedural recourse when either BONC or DONE fail to act.

We would also ask that the Council add the uncontested Area A to our boundaries and--as a gesture of respect to the many residents who worked hard on our behalf--overturn BONC's ruling that the Area B stakeholders did not support our petition.

The final draft of the appeal letter will be distributed at the meeting. Because of the tight filing timeline, we will not be able to amend the letter before it is sent.

### Proposed Motion

- I. To approve SORO NC's filing of an appeal of BONC's 9 August 2011 boundary adjustment determination to the Los Angeles City Council.

### Considerations

| Pro  | Con  |
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| Our appeal is a rare opportunity for an NC to ask City Council to address systemic issues in our governing ordinances. | The appeal does not seek to overturn the entire determination. |

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### Board Notes

**Votes For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Proposed Amendments:**

