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**TOWNHALL MEETING TO DISCUSS CHANGES TO
THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SYSTEM**

JOINT SPECIAL MEETING*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

IMAN Cultural Center - Palms - Los Angeles, CA
3376 Motor Avenue
LOS ANGELES, CA 90034

* This special meeting is convened as a joint meeting of the Neighborhood Councils in the West Los Angeles area and include the following: ALL BOARDS OF MEMBERS OF THE WESTSIDE REGIONAL ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS.

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1. Introduction

2. Call to Order

3. Presentation and Discussion with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, including Bong Hwan Kim, General Manager, regarding the following motions approved by City Council on August 16, 2011, regarding changes to the Neighborhood Council system:

(a.) Motion relative to requesting a report back with an implementation plan for a training program for Neighborhood Council board members that covers various topics including: 1) Ethics and Legal Issues (including the Brown Act, Public Records Act and Conflicts of Interest); 2) Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment; 3) Funding Program; 4) City Government Basics; 5) Parliamentary Process; and 6) Community Leadership. (See: <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=11-1017>.)

(b.) Motion relative to requesting a report back with an implementation plan for a system of regional complaint panels composed of board members of various Neighborhood Councils that will convene to address stakeholder and board member grievances as-needed and by request of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, and related matters. (See: <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=11-1018>.)

(c.) Motion relative to requesting a report back with a plan to implement, in the next budget year, a structure of governance and administration that provides greater autonomy and self-governance for Neighborhood Councils and reduces the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's workload, and related matters. (See: <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=11-1019>.)

(d.) Motion relative to requesting report backs and adopting policies in regards to the Neighborhood Council Funding Program including the use of budget and reconciliation templates, a prescribed accounting system, rollover of funds, equipment purchases, development of an electronic system for the Neighborhood Funding Program, and related matters. (See: <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=11-1020>.)

4. Adjourn.