



FAQ

Q. What is DWP reform?

DWP reform refers to the City Council's efforts to restructure the Department of Water and Power (DWP) to better ensure an efficient, nimble and responsive Department. DWP reform was initiated by a City Council [motion](#) (16-0093) authored by Councilmember Felipe Fuentes, seconded by Council President Herb J. Wesson, Jr. and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell. DWP reform has a broad-based coalition of support including Mayor Eric Garcetti and City Controller Ron Galperin.

Q. What needs to be reformed?

It has been suggested that DWP needs to become more nimble and customer-focused. To make these reforms sustainable and efficient, most require changing the City Charter. This requires a vote of the people and City leaders have committed to putting options before voters later this year.

Accountability

Today, no single entity has authority over the Department. The multiple layers of oversight add time and cost to simple operational tasks.

Operations

In order to make the Department's operations more efficient, nimble and responsive reforms to the hiring and civil service process, procurement and contracting procedures and legal representation are actively being considered. Reforms in these areas are critical for the Department to cope with an aging workforce, hiring new and mid-career people with utility-specific skills and operate in a more business-like fashion.

Affordability

To continue providing reliable service, DWP needs to make long-term investments in its infrastructure, systems and employees. Rates should be set in a way that allows the Department to meet its goals while maintaining competitive pricing with other utilities and affordability for ratepayers. Changes to the ratemaking process,

DWP Governance Reform



the structure of the City Transfer and creating a rate structure that can better serve public purposes are an important part of the DWP reform discussion.

Q. Can the public be involved?

Yes. The City Council is encouraging all residents, ratepayers and stakeholders to get involved. The City Council is taking its responsibilities and commitment to transparency very seriously and has launched a robust public outreach campaign to ensure all stakeholders have an opportunity to offer input. The robust public outreach campaign includes public committee hearings, City Council meetings, and community forums. Additionally, Council President Herb J. Wesson, Jr. is encouraging residents to use social media to offer suggestions for reform using #DWPreform.

Q. Will Neighborhood Councils and Neighborhood Council Alliances have a prominent role?

Yes. In his first action, Council President Herb Wesson sent a [letter](#) inviting all Neighborhood Councils and Neighborhood Council Alliances to hold local discussions on DWP reform at their March and April meetings and provide City Councilmembers with Community Impact Statements, local comments, feedback, and community specific white papers.

The Council President has also called upon Neighborhood Council Alliances to partner with the City Council's Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations and Neighborhoods (REIRN) Committee and Mayor Eric Garcetti's office to coordinate regional townhall meetings on the subject throughout the spring.

Q. Where can I get more information?

The City Council has launched a comprehensive website which contains background materials, documents and committee hearing podcasts on the issue of DWP reform. The website- dwpreform.lacity.org- can be accessed 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

**Document intended to provide baseline information. More specifics can be found at dwpreform.lacity.org*

MOTION

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (DWP) governance structure must be reformed.

In its 1999 study of governance options, RAND Corporation called the utility's existing system "overly complex, cumbersome, and bureaucratic."

A decade later, PA Consulting found that DWP's governance framework "does not facilitate efficient decision-making and clouds accountability for key decisions."

The Los Angeles 2020 Commission recommended in 2014 that the City establish a full-time, paid independent rate commission of experts to "take the politics out of DWP."

Most recently, the 2015 Industrial, Economic and Administrative Survey noted that unless DWP becomes more transparent "it will be difficult for LADWP to earn back the public trust and carry out its agenda" and recommended that the City consider alternative governance structures for the utility.

It is time for the City of Los Angeles to address these concerns.

The City should develop and adopt Charter amendments to restructure DWP's governance system in order to increase oversight and transparency, reduce political interference from City Hall, and streamline departmental operations. Any Charter amendment would have to be approved by the voters of Los Angeles.

Currently, major sections of the City Charter and Administrative Code addressing DWP governance issues can be found in:

- City Charter § 245 (City Council Veto of Board Actions)
- City Charter § 271 (City Attorney Power and Duties)
- City Charter § 500 *et seq.* (General Provisions Related to Departments)
- City Charter § 600 *et seq.* (General Provisions for Proprietary Departments)
- City Charter § 670 *et seq.* (Department of Water and Power)
- City Charter § 1000 *et seq.* (Civil Service)
- Administrative Code § 23.122 *et seq.* (Department of Water and Power)

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council instruct the City Attorney, in consultation with the City Administrative Officer, to address the relevant Charter and Administrative Code provisions for the proposed amendments as outlined in the attached document, and prepare additional language for necessary amendments to the Charter and Administrative Code for inclusion in a 2016 ballot measure to be put before the voters of the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY: 
 FELIPE FUENTES
 Councilmember, Seventh District

SECONDED BY: 



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ORIGINAL

Proposed Charter Amendments for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

BOARD: The part-time, voluntary nature of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) limits oversight of utility operations.

Proposed amendments:

- Replace voluntary board with five to seven full-time, professional Board members.
 - Amend City Charter § 670 to change number of Board members.
 - Amend City Charter § 502 to exempt or remove rules governing appointment and removal of DWP Board; consolidate and add to City Charter § 670 *et seq.*
 - Amend City Charter § 501 to exempt DWP Board and add a new “attendance fees” provision to Section 670 *et seq.*
- Require Board members to have expertise in areas such as public utility management, environmental policy, consumer advocacy, or finance.
 - Amend City Charter § 501 to exempt DWP Board and add new qualifying provisions to Section 670 *et seq.*; replicate in Section 670 *et seq.* the provisions in Section 501(d) and (e) requiring Board member to be a registered voter of the City and not be a lobbyist.
- Require Board members to serve full five-year terms.
 - Amend City Charter § 501(c) to exempt DWP Board and add new term requirements to Section 670 *et seq.*
- Establish staggered terms.
 - Amend City Charter § 501(c) to exempt DWP Board and add new language to Section 670 *et seq.* requiring staggered terms.
- Establish term limits for Board members.
 - Amend Section 670 *et seq.* to add term limits provision.
- Determine process for appointing or electing Board member positions.
 - Amend Section 501 to exempt DWP Board and add new appointment or selection process to Section 670 *et seq.*

CITY HALL: DWP must report to multiple City entities, resulting in decentralized authority and inefficiency; Board actions – including ratemaking – would no longer require City Council approval unless the City Council asserts jurisdiction.

Proposed amendments:

- Remove requirements for City Council approval or oversight of certain Board actions.
 - Amend City Charter § 506 to exempt Board and General Manager (GM) from Mayor and Council approval of rules and regulations, decisions for acquisition of real property, and approval of contracts.
 - Amend City Charter § 604 to remove Mayor and Council confirmation of GM appointment and Mayor confirmation of GM removal.
 - Amend City Charter § 604 to exempt GM compensation (set by Board) from Council interference.
 - Amend City Charter § 605, 606, 607 to exempt Board from Council interference in granting franchises, concessions, permits, licenses, and leases.
 - Amend City Charter §§ 674, 675 to exempt Board from Council approval requirement for power contracts and actions regarding real estate.
 - Amend City Charter § 609 to remove Council and Mayor oversight of debt issuance.
 - Amend City Charter § 677 to exempt sale or exchange of surplus water from Council oversight.
 - Amend powers and duties contained in Administrative Code § 21.133 *et seq.* to remove Council interference.
 - Amend City Charter § 676 to add a ‘passage unless Council intervenes’ provision similar to City Charter § 245(a).

OVERSIGHT: Board has limited access to independent analysis of Department proposals.

Proposed amendments:

- Authorize Board to hire its own legal counsel.
 - Amend City Charter § 271 (provides that City Attorney shall be the legal advisor to all City board, departments, officers and entities) to allow Board to appoint its own legal advisor; add an authorization provision to City Charter § 670 *et seq.*, possibly City Charter § 675 (Power and Duties of the Board) allowing Board appointment/hire of its own legal advisor.
- Authorize Board to hire its own budget/policy advisors to serve a City Administrative Officer/Chief Legislative Analyst-like function.
 - Add an authorization provision to City Charter § 670 *et seq.*, possibly City Charter § 675 (Powers and Duties of the Board) allowing Board appointment/hire of its own legal budget/policy advisors.

PERSONNEL: The Department is unable to hire quickly and fill key positions with qualified personnel.

Proposed amendments:

- Authorize the Department to oversee its own hiring functions and remove the Department from its obligation to follow civil service rules.

- Add an authorization provision to City Charter § 670 *et seq.*, possibly City Charter § 675 (Powers and Duties of the Board) allowing Board discretion to hire and discharge personnel.
- Amend Charter provisions regarding exempt positions from City civil service requirements in City Charter § 1001, including City Charter § 1001(c) (Proprietary Department Positions).
- Exempt appointment of Secretary of the Board and Chief Accounting Employee from compliance with City ordinance and civil service (exempt from/amend City Charter § 504).

TRANSFER: The Department's annual transfer to the City General Fund continues to increase.

Proposed amendment:

- Cap City transfer at its pre-Prop 26 level.
 - Amend transfer provisions in City Charter § 340 *et seq.*



LADWP Governance and Professional Board of Commissioners Formation

Agenda Item: GB042116-5
Date: 21 April 2016
Proposed By: Terrence Gomes

Background

On Friday, January 22, Council Member Felipe Fuentes introduced a “motion calling for a 2016 ballot measure to reform and restructure the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.” The motion was seconded by Herb Wesson and Mitch O’Farrell.

Fuentes proposed creation of a fulltime, professional Board of Commissioners, the removal of requirements for City Council approval and oversight of certain Board actions, and the authority of the Board to retain its own legal counsel and budget/policy advisors.

The proposal also called for the Department to form its own personnel department, free from its obligation to follow the City’s civil service rules.

Fuentes also proposed capping the annual Transfer Fee at its pre-Prop 26 level.

The motion called for the City Attorney, in consultation with the City Administrative Officer, to prepare a measure to be placed on the ballot in 2016.

The Fuentes proposal is a rush to the ballot box without adequate time to review and analyze the measure and its implications. It is poor public policy as is the lack of Ratepayer participation in the process. Elections are scheduled for June 7 (Presidential Primary), November 8 (Presidential Election), and March 7, 2017 (City Primary).

Proposed Motion

- I. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports the DWP Oversight Committee’s call on the City Council to follow the recommendation in the charter mandated Industrial, Economic and Administrative Survey to form “a committee to examine governance reforms for the Department with the explicit task of reporting its findings and recommending a measure for the March 2017 ballot.”
- II. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports that the Governance Committee should be involved in drafting any memorandums and other information from the beginning and includes at least two members from the Neighborhood Councils who are familiar with the operations and finances of DWP.
- III. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports that the DWP Oversight Committee recommends that there be a robust and transparent discussion and debate before any measure is placed on the ballot for voter approval or rejection.
- IV. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council supports the following recommendations be included in any ballot measure for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.
 - a. We support a fiduciary Board of Commissioners consisting of seven (7) qualified members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council serving staggered terms who may not be removed except for

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cause. Four members must live in the City of Los Angeles and three members can live outside of the City if they are a subject matter expert (SME).

- b. We oppose a full time paid Board of Commissioners. Commissioners would be entitled to reasonable per diem fees.
- c. The Board would appoint the General Manager, determine policy, and establish rates.
- d. The City Council would have the right to assert jurisdiction in certain matters, including rates, only for the purpose of affirming or denying the action by a supermajority vote of the City Council.
- e. The Board would be assisted by a more robust Ratepayers Advocate.
- f. Contracting and procurement policies would be modified allowing the Department more flexibility.
- g. The Department would be responsible for labor negotiations.
- h. The Department would establish its own Human Resources Department, separate and distinct from the City's Personnel Department. DWP would not be subject to the City's civil service rules.
- i. The Transfer Fee would be subject to a voter approval.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 0

Against:

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

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Arguments against:

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Another argument against. Add more rows to the table if you have more arguments pro or con.



Motion to support the City Planning Commission's proposed Sign Ordinance recommendations

Agenda Item: GB042116-7

Date: 21 April 2016

Proposed By: WRAC

Background

The City Council's Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) committee will be considering a new citywide sign ordinance at an upcoming meeting.

In 2002, the City Council approved a ban on new billboards and modifications to existing ones, but it included exceptions for sign districts, specific plans and development agreements. The billboard ban spurred numerous lawsuits by sign companies, successfully arguing that these exceptions were unconstitutional because they undermined the ban's stated purpose of enhancing the city's aesthetics and improving traffic safety.

The Los Angeles City Planning Commission then began debating a new sign ordinance, which eliminated the exceptions for specific plans and development agreements and tightened up the criteria for sign districts, including geographic restrictions as well as a provision requiring billboards to be taken down in surrounding communities before new signs could be put up in sign districts. It languished in committee until a 2010 Appeals Court ruling that reversed the earlier court decision. That triggered yet another rewrite from the Planning Department, more delay, and more lawsuits. In 2012, the Appeals Court weighed in again, ordering the revocation of permits for 101 digital billboards created without any required public process.

The City Planning Commission has now proposed a number of recommendations. Although SORO NC has passed sign motions at least three times in the past, this is the first time we have been able to respond to concrete proposals.

Proposed Motion

- I. SORO NC supports the new Sign Ordinance as approved by the City Planning Commission on 22 October 2015 and urges the PLUM committee and City Council to adopt the version of the ordinance that:
 - Disapproves any amnesty for existing billboards that lack permits or have been altered in violation of their permits;
 - Disapproves the "grandfathering" of any sign districts that weren't approved or applied for in April, 2009, when the CPC approved the initial version of the new sign ordinance;
 - Restricts any new off-site signs, including digital billboards, to sign districts in 22 areas zoned for high-intensity commercial use;
 - Requires existing billboards to be taken down before any new off-site signs can go up in sign districts. The takedown ratio of existing signs to new signs would be 5 to 1 for conventional and 10 to 1 for digital;
 - Sets administrative civil penalties for sign violators that will act as a real deterrent to illegal billboards and other signage;
 - Prohibits off-site signage in city parks and recreation facilities.

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II. SORO NC will communicate this position to the City Council via a Community Impact Statement attached to Council File 11-1705.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 6

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

The current proliferation of unregulated signs is disastrous for residents and communities. It is time the City took a proactive stance, and the current ordinance is a great step forward.

Arguments against:

Although the City has the right to regulate signage, the takedown ratios go too far.



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CORRECTED LETTER OF DETERMINATION (correct to file)

Mailing Date: JAN 12 2016

CASE NO.: CPC-2015-3059-CA
CEQA: ENV-2009-9-CE

Location: Citywide
Council Districts: All
Plan Areas: All
Request: Code Amendment

Applicant: City of Los Angeles

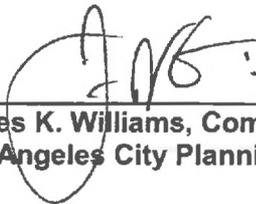
At its meeting of October 22, 2015, the Los Angeles City Planning Commission took the following action:

1. **Disapproved** PLUM's Version B of the sign ordinance.
2. **Approved** Version B+ of the sign ordinance.
3. **Took the following actions** on provisions from PLUM's Version A:
 - Allow existing off-site signs that have no permit: **Disapproved.**
 - Allow existing off-site signs out of compliance with permit: **Disapproved.**
 - Allow relocation of an existing off-site sign within the same site with Zoning Administrator's approval: **Disapproved.**
 - Allow digital signs on facades of designated historic buildings within existing sign districts: **Disapproved.**
 - Allow vinyl replacements for pre-1986 murals signs: **Disapproved.**
4. **Took the following actions** on additional proposed provisions:
 - Allow digital signs on rooftops of designated historic buildings within existing sign districts: **Disapproved.**
 - Establish a CUP or other discretionary process to entitle off-site signs outside sign districts: **Disapproved.**
 - Allow off-site signs (static & digital) outside sign districts: **Disapproved.**
 - Allow on-site digital signs citywide: **Disapproved.**
 - Allow off-site digital signs on publicly-owned property: **Not approved, but merits further study.**
 - Establish cap for off-site signs (static & digital) within and outside sign districts: **Disapproved.**
 - Establish cap for off-site signs (static & digital) outside sign districts: **Disapproved.**
5. **Redelegated** the authority to the Director of Planning to act on behalf of the City Planning Commission on the subject case.
6. **Approved** Categorical Exemption No. **ENV-2009-9-CE.**

This action was taken by the following vote:

Moved: Dake-Wilson
Seconded: Millman
Ayes: Ahn, Ambroz, Katz, Mack, Perlman
Absent: Choe, Segura

Vote: 7 - 0



James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II
Los Angeles City Planning Commission

Effective Date/Appeal: The decision of the Los Angeles City Planning Commission is final and not further appealable.

If you seek judicial review of any decision of the City pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5, the petition for writ of mandate pursuant to that section must be filed no later than the 90th day following the date on which the City's decision became final pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. There may be other time limits which also affect your ability to seek judicial review.

Attachment: Ordinance, Findings
Principal City Planner: Thomas Rothmann
City Planning Associate: Phyllis Nathanson



Motion to approve a \$5000 Neighborhood Purposes Grant for The Relational Center's SoRoYo Youth Civic Engagement Initiative

Agenda Item: GB051916-4

Date: May 19, 2016

Proposed By: Beth Hirsch

Background

South Robertson Youth Leadership Camp; Civic Engagement Initiative (SoRoYo) is a course designed by The Relational Center to increase civic engagement and cultivate leadership for local youth 16-20 years of age. The purpose of this project is to increase youth civic engagement in South Robertson as demonstrated by an increase in voting & other activities related to democratic process as well as an increase in volunteer activities in their own communities. The project will also cultivate youth leadership and give participants the skills they need to work collaboratively with people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives. The program will incorporate the Neighborhood Council system in their curriculum as a real life example of local government and community building as well as participation in this year's upcoming local, state and national elections.

Without funding, TRC can run only one to two groups per year. With the \$5000 grant, we will be able to run multiple groups in the 2016-2017 academic year. We will do outreach by contacting the local schools and working with them to locate initial candidates with leadership potential who can help us recruit additional members. We will also make flyers and informational materials about the program available to the local high schools, some college age youth over the summer and do outreach on social media platforms.

The Relational Center founded in 2007 is a nonprofit, community center organization whose mission is to lead a shift to a culture that values empathy, diversity, and interdependency. To help foster communities that value social health, mutual aid, equity, and sustainability; where everyone feels a sense of belonging and has access to care and support, as well as the resources needed for community wellbeing.

They service the community through health and mental health support programs. TRC provides spaces and support for community engagement, including classes and workshops on civic engagement, leadership and empathy training for adults and youth.

Proposed Motion

SORO NC would approve the Neighborhood Purposes Grant application for \$5000 for The Relational Center to provide eight SoRoYo leadership classes to students living in South Robertson.

Budget Breakdown

- \$3800-staffing. Each group requires two facilitators. This money will allow us to give a small stipend to compensate facilitators not only for their in-classroom time, but for the hours they spend preparing for the lessons each week.
- \$1200-administrative costs. This will cover the costs of (paper, printing, etc.) materials supplied by The Relational Center plus costs of outreach and promotion of the program in the community.

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Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 5

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

Arguments against:

The Mayor's office, our City Council and Empower LA have tasked the NC's with helping them find ways to increase voter participation and turn out and this kind of program would fit the mandate.

This class is only open to the youth of the community and not the general population.

The community needs youth programs, especially ones that can help teach our very diverse community to interact with one another in positive and productive ways.



Motion to approve \$2000 Neighborhood Purposes Grant for Alcott Center Community Outreach Programs and Health Fair

Agenda Item: GB051916-5

Date: May 19, 2016

Proposed By: Beth Hirsch

Background

The Alcott Center for Mental Health Services was established in 1979 as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, with a mission to improve the quality of life for people suffering from serious and persistent mental illness. Originally known as the Beverlywood Mental Health Center, Alcott provided services that were designed to empower people by teaching them how to recognize their individual strengths in order to help them live independently. Alcott's Community Living Program continues to assist adults from all areas of Los Angeles to develop the necessary skills to live independently. They also work closely with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH), PATH and other and City and County organizations to help the chronically homeless in our area get evaluations and referrals to mental health services and housing.

The Alcott Center has seen and is responding to the need to help the community better understand mental illness, erase the fears and stigma and help make it easier for members of the community to get the mental health services they need for themselves and their families.

Proposed Motion

SORO NC would agree to fund \$2000 for local community outreach efforts for the Alcott Center Mental Health Services.

- I. Money would be spent to help fund their community outreach, in cooperation with other local non-profits, such as the Ness Center, Jewish Family Services, PATH, and Westside Family Health Center, for a series of forums and workshops meant to engage the local community and provide
 - Health and mental health education and materials
 - Dispel myths regarding mental illness, and remove stigmas associated with those who suffer from mental health disorders
 - Provide valuable health screenings and information on available local, city and county services.

- II. Additionally, as the Pico Robertson Health Neighborhood lead agency, Alcott will also use the funding to help organize and create outreach for a Community Health Fair in cooperation with other local health and wellness agencies that would provide information and services, and promote awareness for common health and mental health issues.

Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 5

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

Funding this outreach would help the entire community by educating the general public on

Arguments against:

Alcott center, in the past, was not a popular organization in SORO due to concerns from

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mental health and related health issues, as well as providing direct care to those in need in our community. neighbors of the Center about mentally ill populations being in the area.



Motion to Fund Items for the EP, Safety and Health Expo at SOROFEST

Agenda Item: GB051916-6
Date: March 17, 2016
Proposed By: SORO NC Public Safety Committee

Full Proposal

The City of Los Angeles Auxiliary Communications Service (LAFD ACS) is a group of volunteers managed by the Los Angeles Fire Department. ACS is a part of the City of Los Angeles Emergency Operations Organization (L.A. EOO) and is recognized by the State of California Office of Emergency Services (State OES) as a Disaster Service group. They are trained amateur radio operators who are unpaid communications volunteers and are registered disaster workers with the City of Los Angeles.

During a communications emergency, LAFD ACS would be used to assist in the following manner:

- Communications breakdown: ACS operators would be deployed to Bureau, Battalion or local Fire Stations to establish communications links between Fire Personnel, CERT Radio Communicators and the general public to LAFD dispatch and operational command center (OCD/DOC).
- Temporary communications: ACS operators would be deployed to temporary shelters, evacuation centers and command posts and would relay information to and from OCD/DOC.
- Extra "Eyes and Ears": ACS members would be deployed in mobile units and report back situation reports or emergencies to LAFD's OCD/DOC.
- Link for the General Public: ACS members would deploy to local neighborhood groups Emergency Operations Center (EOCs) or other public locations and act as a communications link between the public and LAFD's OCD/DOC or incident command. Emergencies reported by the public, relayed to the LAFD.
- Link for LAFD's Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT): ACS members would participate with CERT Communication teams deployed to assess the needs and situation of their local neighborhoods. Emergencies in the field could also be relayed back to the LAFD faster and more efficiently.

Proposed Motion

To allocate a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation for \$2600 for the purchase of 1 Antenna for FS 68, 1 Antenna for FS 58, and 1 Portable radio go box for Battalion 18, in support of the Los Angeles Fire Department Auxiliary Communications Service, CERT graduates, and amateur radio operators to be used for disaster, emergency and training purposes.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 6 Against: 0
(highly recommended)

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
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Arguments for:

Vital in an Area Disaster situation where communication is disrupted.

Arguments against:

Communication may never be disrupted.

Other items/projects may provide more immediate use.

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Neighborhood Council Funding Program
APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)



This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. The Neighborhood Council (NC), upon approval of the application, shall submit the approved application along with all required documentation to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: South Robertson Neighborhood Council

SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

- 1a) Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation 27-2007326 California 05/16/10
Organization Name **Federal I.D. # (EIN#)** **State of Incorporation** **Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)**
- 1b) 1875 Century Park East, Suite 200 Los Angeles CA 90067
Organization Mailing Address **City** **State** **Zip Code**
- 1c) _____ _____ _____ _____
Business Address (If different) **City** **State** **Zip Code**
- 1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**
Diana Soukounian (310) 552-4171 diana@supportlafd.org
Name **Phone** **Email**
- 2) **Type of Organization- Please select one:**
 Public School *(not to include private schools)* **or** 501(c)(3) Non-Profit *(other than religious institutions)*
Attach Grant Request on School Letterhead **Attach IRS Determination Letter**
- 3) _____ _____ _____ _____
Name / Address of Affiliated Organization **City** **State** **Zip Code**
(If applicable)

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- 4) **Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.**
 This grant is for the purchase of amateur radio equipment for the LAFD Auxiliary Communications Service Communications Command Station (Fire Station 68) in Battalion 18. The LAFD ACS program is managed by the Los Angeles Fire Department and provides a neighborhood emergency communication infrastructure benefiting the residents of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council.
- 5) **How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large. (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)**
 ACS volunteers become important conduits for relaying information to city response agencies and personnel during emergencies or when other forms of communications have failed or have been disrupted. ACS volunteers are deployed to local Fire Stations to establish communications links between Fire Personnel, CERT Radio Communicators and the general public to LAFD's Battalion Command, Metro dispatch and The City of Los Angeles Operational Command Center.

SECTION III - PROJECT BUDGET OUTLINE

6a) Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost

6b) Non-Personnel Related Expenses	Requested of NC	Total Projected Cost
VHF/UHF antennas and coax cable.	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00

7) Have you (applicant) applied to any other Neighborhood Councils requesting funds for this project?

No Yes, please list names of NCs: _____

8) Is the implementation of this specific program or purpose described in box 4 above contingent on any other factors or sources or funding? (Including NPG applications to other NCs) No Yes, please describe:

Source of Funding	Amount	Total Projected Cost

9) What is the TOTAL amount of the grant funding requested with this application: \$ 750.00

10a) Start date: 06/01/16 10b) Date Funds Required: 06/01/16

10c) Expected completion date: 08/30/16 (After completion of the project, the applicant must submit a follow-up form to the Neighborhood Council and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment)

SECTION IV - POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

11a) Do you (applicant) have a former or existing relationship with a Board Member of the NC?

No Yes - Please describe below:

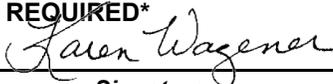
Name of NC Board Member	Relationship to Applicant

11b) If yes, did you request that the board member consult the Office of the City Attorney before filing this application? Yes No *(Please note that if a Board Member of the NC has a conflict of interest and completes this form, or participates in the discussion and voting of this NPG, the Department will deny the payment of this grant in its entirety.)

SECTION V - DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I hereby affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein and communicated otherwise is truly and accurately stated. I further affirm that I have read Appendix A, "What is a Public Benefit," and Appendix B "Conflicts of Interest" of this application and affirm that the proposed project(s) and/or program(s) fall within the criteria of a public benefit project/program and that no conflict of interest exist that would prevent the awarding of the Neighborhood Purposes Grant. I affirm that I am not a current Board Member of the Neighborhood Council to whom I am submitting this application. I further affirm that if the grant received is not used in accordance with the the terms of the application stated here, said funds shall be returned immediately to the Neighborhood Council.

12a) Executive Director of Non-Profit Corporation or School Principal - REQUIRED*

Karen Wagener	President		5-12-16
<i>PRINT Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

12b) Secretary of Non-profit Corporation or Assistant School Principal - REQUIRED*

Nancy Nguyen-Sims	Secretary		5-12-16
<i>PRINT Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

* If a current Board Member holds the position of Executive Director or Secretary, please contact the Department at (213) 978-1551 for instructions on completing this form

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Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: South Robertson Neighborhood Council

SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

- 1a) Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation 27-2007326 California 05/16/10
Organization Name **Federal I.D. # (EIN#)** **State of Incorporation** **Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)**
- 1b) 1875 Century Park East, Suite 200 Los Angeles CA 90067
Organization Mailing Address **City** **State** **Zip Code**
- 1c) _____ _____ _____ _____
Business Address (If different) **City** **State** **Zip Code**
- 1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**
Diana Soukounian (310) 552-4171 diana@supportlafd.org
Name **Phone** **Email**
- 2) **Type of Organization- Please select one:**
 Public School *(not to include private schools)* **or** 501(c)(3) Non-Profit *(other than religious institutions)*
Attach Grant Request on School Letterhead **Attach IRS Determination Letter**
- 3) _____ _____ _____ _____
Name / Address of Affiliated Organization **City** **State** **Zip Code**
(If applicable)

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- 4) **Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.**
 This grant is for the purchase of amateur radio equipment for the LAFD Auxiliary Communications Service Communications Command Station (Fire Station 58) in Battalion 18. The LAFD ACS program is managed by the Los Angeles Fire Department and provides a neighborhood emergency communication infrastructure benefiting the residents of the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council.
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**Request for Taxpayer
 Identification Number and Certification**

Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)
Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation

Business name, if different from above

Check appropriate box: Individual/Sole proprietor Corporation Partnership
 Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ Exempt payee
 Other (see instructions) ▶

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)
1875 Century Park East, Suite 200

City, state, and ZIP code
Los Angeles, CA 90067

List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number
or
Employer identification number 27 2007326

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person ▶ *Loren Wagner* Date ▶ *2-8-2011*

General Instructions
 Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form
 A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,



Motion to Approve \$1500.44 for Promotional Items and for the EP, Safety & Health Expo @ SOROFEST

Agenda Item: GB051916-7

Date: May 19, 2016

Proposed By: SORO NC Public Safety Committee

Full Proposal

The previous Emergency Preparedness and Safety Expos have laid the groundwork to become an increasingly popular component of the annual SOROFEST. This year, we are expanding to include Health as part of Expo, right in the very center of the festival. Attractions include a Blood Mobile, Mammogram Screenings, Vehicle Extraction (Jaws of Life), Shakey Quakey School House, CPR and CERT demonstrations.

This increased footprint and exposure provides SORO NC with the opportunity to increase general outreach to the safety and health minded members of our community, by providing First Aid Kits printed with "Compliments of: South Robertson Neighborhood Council" and/or "soronc.org".

Proposed Motion

To approve \$1500.44 for the purchase of 300 SORONC branded First Aid Kits from discountmugs.com for distribution at SOROFEST and other SORO Events.

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Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 6

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
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Arguments for:

Great Outreach item and opportunity

Arguments against:

Other items/projects may need the funds more

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Motion to Provide \$320 to Maohr HaTorah for Labor for the EP, Safety & Health Expo @ SOROFEST Canopies

Agenda Item: GB051916-8
Date: May 19, 2016
Proposed By: SORO NC Public Safety Committee

Full Proposal

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Although the canopies that SORO NC purchased last year save a significant amount of money going forward, they do require several bodies to assemble and disassemble. Volunteers are preferred, however have proven less than reliable in the past, promulgating the possible need for paid labor.

Proposed Motion

To approve up to \$320 for Maohr HaTorah to provide labor to help assemble and disassemble both of the SORO NC 20' x 20' canopies for the Emergency Preparedness, Safety and Health Expo at SOROFEST 2016.

Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 6 Against: 0
(highly recommended)

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

Great Outreach item and opportunity

Canopies require 2-3 hours and 4 people to assemble/disassemble

Arguments against:

Other items/projects may need the funds more

We should rely on volunteers for labor

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Motion to approve \$5000 to trim trees on Pico and Robertson Blvds.

Agenda Item: GB051916-9

Date: 19 May 2016

Proposed By: Green Team Committee

Motion withdrawn

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Motion to approve up to \$1600 for three Outreach tablets and two year mobile hotspot agreement

Agenda Item: GB051916-10
Date: 19 May 2016
Proposed By: Outreach Committee

Background

One of the key tasks of the NC is to constantly expand our email list. At various events, we collect email addresses on paper sheets. However, re-entering all those names into the computer has been a major burden. Having people sign up for email directly into a tablet would be much efficient. Also, tablets at events like the SoRoFest would allow us to demonstrate the website, show the NC map, etc.

Samsung Galaxy Tab S2 **\$445 each**
32 GB / 8" screen / WiFi only / Case w/ keyboard / cable lock / 2 year drops & spills protection

Google Nexus 9 **\$420 each**
16 GB / 9" screen / WiFi only / Case w/ keyboard / cable lock / 2 year drops & spills protection

Dell Venue 8 7000 **\$365 each**
32 GB / 9" screen / WiFi only / Case w/ keyboard / cable lock / 3 year damage warranty

It is cost-prohibitive to have three cell-enabled tablets, and the email form can capture names without an internet connection. However, it would be helpful to have a cellular hotspot to create a local WiFi network.

Verizon 6620L **4GB / \$50 monthly**
\$90 device / two-year contract required / connects 15 devices / Long-life battery (up to 20 hours)

Karma Go **5GB / \$40 monthly OR pay-as-you go (10GB / \$99)**
\$120 device / no contract / connects 8 devices / 6 hour battery

Recommendation: 3 Google Nexus 9 tablets and Karma Go with 10 GB pre-paid.

Proposed Motion

SORO NC shall fund:

- I. Up to \$1380 for three tablets, including case & keyboard, warranty, and lock
- II. Up to \$220 for a cell WiFi hotspot and 10GB usage credit

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Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 3

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$0
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

Useful at all NC events, and makes it more likely that email will be entered.

Better to have pay-as-you go hotspot than commit the Board to long-term costs. Also, can be switched to monthly if necessary

Arguments against:

Paper works, too

Longer battery life and twice the users makes the Verizon product very attractive.



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Motion to approve up to \$1100 for an NC laptop

Agenda Item: GB051916-11

Date: 19 May 2016

Proposed By: Outreach Committee

Background

Three years ago, the NC bought an inexpensive tablet computer. It has proven to be buggy and unreliable. It is no longer under warranty.

I looked at a number of brands and models, but two rated highly across product lines: Asus and Dell. The Dell XPS 13 in particular topped a number of lists for best laptop of 2016, although it is the most expensive of the options below.

Highly rated Windows ultrabooks:

Asus ZenBook UX305 **\$765**
8GB RAM / 256GB solid state drive / 13.3" screen / No optical drive / micro HDMI port / 3 year drops & spills protection

Dell XPS 13 **\$935**
8GB RAM / 256GB solid state drive / 13.3" screen / No optical drive / Thunderbolt 3 (USB-C) port / 3 year drops & spills protection

These are lightweight laptops, and need adapters to connect to projectors: a USB-C to HDMI adapter is \$20 (Dell); a micro-HDMI to HDMI adapter is \$6 (Asus). Neither has an optical drive to play a video: an external Blu-ray drive is \$75, an external DVD drive is \$30.

Regular Windows laptops:

Dell Inspiron 15 5000 (Intel) **\$630**
8GB RAM / 1TB hard drive / 15.6" screen / DVD drive / 3 year accidental damage protection

Asus X5500 **\$690**
8GB RAM / 1TB hard drive / 15.6" screen / DVD drive / 3 year accidental damage protection

These are full-size laptops, and include a DVD drive and HDMI port.

We also need:

Microsoft Office Home & Business (non-subscription) **\$193**

The NC does have a padded computer case.

Proposed Motion

SORO NC shall fund:

- I. Up to \$885 for a laptop computer for the NC, to be used for NC business only;
- II. Up to \$215 for the current version of Microsoft Office suite



Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 3

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$0
(applies to funding motions only)

Arguments for:

The Secretary should have a laptop that works. The old one is out of warranty.

The old computer was underpowered three years ago. We need a machine than can reasonably run Office for the next five+ years

Arguments against:

The Secretary could possibly use his/her own computer.

We should get the old one fixed.



Motion to approve up to \$2560 for two NC-branded tents

Agenda Item: GB051916-12
Date: 19 May 2016
Proposed By: Outreach Committee

Background

Last year, the NC bought two heavy-duty 20x20 tents. While they are useful for major events like the Safety Expo at SoRoFest and save us money on rentals, they are difficult to set up and not SORO-branded.

We also have had the use of four lightweight easyup tents owned by the SoRo Community Foundation. They weren't designed to last, and are starting to rip.

The attached estimate is for a NC-branded, gas-spring deployed, aluminum body 10x10 tent. The fabric is Samba, which is a Sunbrella-style fade-resistant canvas. It will be easy(-er) to set up for normal event use, and have our NC logo and swirls on all four sides. They aren't as heavy as the two tents from last year, but should last a good number of years.

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The quote includes costs for the tent, carrying case, and a printed back wall panel. I've left the panel out, as it's expensive and something we could conceivably buy later if needed. Note that I forgot to include tax in the motion title, so the actual price is slightly higher.

Proposed Motion

SORO NC shall fund up to \$2750 for two medium-duty tents with the NC logo printed on the sides and carrying cases.

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Considerations

Committee review:
(highly recommended)

Votes For: 3

Against: 0

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$0
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Arguments for:

We can't spend hours setting up and breaking down tents at regular events

The SORO NC logo will be highly visible at events.

Arguments against:

We have tent options now.

We probably wouldn't use them as our primary tents at the SoRoFest, since they're only 10x10



AAA Flag & Banner Mfg. Co.

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Quote

Quote #	168963
Date	05/16/2016
Expires	08/14/2016
Sales Team	305 LESLIE WOLFE

Project Title	SORO TENTS
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Customer / Contact	Phone	Email
SOUTH ROBERTSON NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL : DOUG FITZSIMMONS	(213) 804-6659	DOUGFITZSIMMONS@soronc.org

Bill To	Ship To
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Terms	Due Date	PO #	Shipping Method
NET 30 DAYS			CUSTOMER PICK-UP

Qty			Each	Total
1	Item Name	SAMBA 10' X 10' CUSTOM TENT TOP	\$950.00	\$950.00
	Description	VUTEK - FLATBED * Flexible * 10' H X 10' W * SAMBA * SF * 4 C/P * FL: * FM: * Landscape		
	Finishing Notes	BUILD TO CUSTOM 10' X 10' TENT TOP - FIT TO HARDWARE		
	Production Notes	1 - 10' X 10' SAMBA CUSTOM TENT TOP		
1	Item Name	SAMBA BACK WALL	\$427.50	\$427.50
	Description	VUTEK - FLATBED * Flexible * 84" 4/8 (0.5)" H X 10' W * SAMBA * SF * 4 C/P * FL: * FM: * Landscape		
	Finishing Notes	ADD VELCRO TO FIT AS BACKWALL FOR TENT - ADD GROMMETS AS NEEDED		
	Production Notes	1 - 84.5" H X 10' W SAMBA CUSTOM TENT BACKWALL		
1	Item Name		\$297.50	\$297.50
	Description	HARDWARE * CASITA TENT HARDWARE WITH CARRY BAG		
	Finishing Notes			
	Production Notes			

Subtotal \$1,675.00

Tax (9%) \$150.75

Shipping charges are not included, and will be billed at the time of invoice unless listed.

Shipping Cost TBD

Total \$1,825.75



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Motion to help fund the Neighborhood Council Congress, Awards, and Budget Advocates for \$5000.00

Agenda Item: GB051916-13
Date: May 19, 2016
Proposed By: Terrence Gomes

Background

The job of the Neighborhood Council (NC) by Charter is to be a conduit between City Hall and our stakeholders and to direct city services while providing advocacy for our stakeholders. We are able to provide that advocacy by obtaining proper training and leveraging the power of the Neighborhood Council System to meet our stakeholder needs.

By Charter, the NC system is to have an annual congress to share ideas and to obtain training to be effective. The congress is allocated \$20,000 by the budget, but the actual cost is almost \$40,000 which is supplemented by individual NCs.

The Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates (NCBAs) is made up of three advocates from each of the twelve NC regions and works to review the Mayor's Budget and advocate for services required by their respected stakeholders. The NCBAs receive zero budget from the Mayor's Budget and receives \$10,000 from DONE. With outreach, radio shows, and hosting Budget Day and the Regional Budget Days, the NCBAs rely on the support of the NCs to fulfill the mission and mandate of the Budget Advocates.

For all the volunteering, hard work and dedication of the NCs, the NCs have to recognize themselves and host an annual awards banquet. The DONE supports the effort by providing \$10,000 for the event, but the actual costs are projected to be almost \$25,000.

Proposed Motion

- I. The SORONC moves to support the mission of the Congress, NCBAs, and the awards banquet for \$5000.00 allocated as follows:
 - a. Congress- \$1500.00
 - b. NCBAs-\$2000.00
 - c. Awards- \$1500.00

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Considerations

Committee review: Votes For: 0 Against:
(highly recommended)

Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget: \$
(applies to funding motions only)



Arguments for:

Provides training for the new Boardmembers and introduces them to the NC System.

Allows current Boardmembers to network with other Boardmembers from across the City to create alliances and to form stronger regional bonds.

Arguments against:

This should be allocated completely from the City Budget.