



North Hollywood Northeast Community Impact Statement

Position: *For if Amended*

Council File: [21-0182](#)

***Olivia Mitchell Youth Council / Department of Neighborhood Empowerment / Youth
Advisory Council***

December 8, 2021

The North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council (NHNENC) understands that former Mayor Tom Bradley did something instrumental when creating the City's Youth Advisory Council (The Council) in 1974. The Council taught young people about local government and offered young leaders a voice in City Hall. The Council met monthly to learn about city issues, engaged elected officials and made policy recommendations to the Los Angeles City Council. This early introduction to politics not only inspired generations of political activism, but also empowered young leaders to push for change in their communities. Exposing young people to the role of government can inspire service to their community as evidenced by the alumni of the program. Former Councilmembers Wendy Gruel and Tom LaBonge served on the Youth Advisory Council as did former Councilmembers Mark Ridley-Thomas and current Councilmember Paul Koretz.

Nevertheless, the NHNENC is also aware that the current budget and staffing cuts prevent DONE from allocating adequate staff, time, and funding to assume a responsibility the scope of a Los Angeles City Council Youth Council. DONE cannot currently provide the support to the Neighborhood Council system that it is mandated by the City Charter to provide; Whereas Los Angeles City Council has not yet reformed or, in many cases, addressed the existing, ongoing inefficiencies and misconduct at DONE, including a number of substantive complaints about department overreach.

Therefore, the North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council (NHNENC) is only for this motion *if amended* to state that the Youth Advisory Council be under a different department, and not under the jurisdiction of DONE. If the City Council wishes to establish a Youth Council, then the City Council should provide their own funding and staffing to support the Youth Council or a separate city department and to sufficiently fund such a department.

Whereas there are many flaws to the motion made by Monica Rodriguez and seconded by Mark Ridley-Thomas and Paul Korte. Therefore, be it resolved that: 1. The NHNENC opposes establishing a Youth Council under the jurisdiction of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). 2. If City Council wishes to establish a Youth Council, then City Council should provide their own funding and staffing to support their own Youth Council or a separate city department for the Youth Council and to sufficiently fund such a department.

Thank you,

North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council

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