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Proposed Motion for Neighborhood Councils (NCs) and NC Alliances to be Agendized at Next Meeting

Dear Members of Neighborhood Councils & Alliances,

On June 13, 2017, I was turned away from entering Council Chambers for PLUM meeting, where I arrived a couple of hours early to address the Home Sharing Ordinance (Short-Term Rentals) on the agenda, despite having come with a CIS in hand. There were approximately six Police Officers at the door. I was told by several of the officers that I was not allowed in because the room was full, and it did not matter to them that I was the President of a Neighborhood Council.

As a result, I am reaching out to my fellow NCs to ask that you join me in requesting front-row seating for those of us representing our neighbors with a Community Impact Statement or Board Resolution letter in hand. I have put together this motion requesting that this provision be added to our current provision for additional time with Council and Committees, as approved by City Council.

Per Council File #15-0524, in June of 2013, BONC recommended that Official NC or NC Alliance representatives addressing the City Council, its committees, City commissions, and boards should be granted up to five minutes of presentation time separate from general public comment, to present the official view of the NC Board or Alliance. NCs should receive priority as City entities and be called for comment before general public comment.

http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2015/15-0524_mot_04-28-2015.pdf

Subsequently, as stated in CF#15-0389, motion was made by Wesson-Krekorian, for provision that members of the 96 (now 97) Neighborhood Councils in the City of Los Angeles who are in possession of a Board Resolution or Community Impact Statement, be given more comment time than allotted to members of the general public.

http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2015/15-0389_ORD_184243_6-4-16.pdf

An Ordinance signed on April 25, 2016, and was Effective June 4, 2016. Council Files # 15-0389 & 15-0524.

“An ordinance adding Section 22.819 to the Los Angeles Administrative Code to enable a City Board or Commission to give enhanced consideration to a Neighborhood Council’s position on a pending item for neighborhood councils... The Neighborhood Council board’s formal position shall be reduced to a Community Impact Statement filed with the City Clerk or a written Resolution.... In the chair’s discretion at the City Board or Commission meeting, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more comment time than allotted to members of the general public.”

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OTHER

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Faith-Based Institutions
Public & Private Schools

In light of the above provision, in http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0389_ORD_184243_6-4-16.pdf and in light of the fact that at recent hearings on the Home Sharing Ordinance (Short-Term Rental Ordinance) at least several members of Neighborhood Councils who held such Board Resolutions or Community Impact Statements were kept out of the meeting due to the hoards of public sent by AirBnB, and were not able to get into the Council Chambers, the _____ Neighborhood Council is requesting that additional provision be made for members of the respective neighborhood councils holding a Board Resolution or Community Impact Statement regarding an agenda item, for any given meeting, to be given front row seating at each and every Council and Committee meeting, in order to be heard prior to the general public comment. This provision would allow those individuals to leave and attend to other business, including but not limited to being able to attend their respective NC board and committee meetings which often fall on the same times as these meetings at distances from DTLA, as well as freeing up space for the multitudes, especially those sent by special interest groups, such as AirBnB on this most recent and previous occasions.

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