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**Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council
Citywide Issues Committee**

Tuesday, May 04, 2010

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Minutes

All agenda items are subject to discussion and possible committee action

1. Call to Order : Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM
2. Roll Call: Present: Sid Gold, Edward Headington, Dave Ricketts
3. Public comment on non agenda items: No public comment

City Budget: In view of the fact that Neighborhood Council Advocates (NCA) are meeting with the mayor and his deputies regarding the budget crises that faces the city of Los Angeles the following recommendations were made:

Resolved that NCA place as a priority that that the Mayor and his deputies address as a priority the pension systems and medical benefit programs that have been established and further be it

Resolved that the mayor produce a reform plan for the pension and medical benefit systems as a priority. (Article by Richard Riordan and Alexander Rubalcava

in Wall Street Journal May 05, 2010 will be distributed at meeting).

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4. DWP

Postponed issues regarding nuclear power and the informing the public regarding the billing and collecting procedures of DWP were not discussed and we be referred for future meeting.

Discussion regarding the appointment of interim general manager and general manager of DWP and the NC's involvement in the process The following resolution was suggested for NC action:

a) Resolved that NC's be invited to participate in selecting the next general manager of DWP.

Resolved that the GHNNC recommendation be sent to all appropriate parties for their information and action. (Previously passed)

Also see attached resolution regarding the actions of the Mayor and City Council regarding GHNNC adopting a resolution of disapproval.

The following are the resolves are presented for action (passed 3 for 0 against)

B) Be it resolved that GHNNC offer a resolution of disapproval of the LACC's action and further

Be it resolved that the GHNNC submit a resolution of disapproval regarding the Mayor's action and further

Be it resolved that a complaint be sent to the City Attorney's office and further

Be it resolved that the City Attorney report back on the legality of the LACC's and the Mayor's action and further

Be it resolved that a complaint regarding the LACC's and the Mayor's action be filed with the City Ethics Commission and further

Be it resolved that this resolution be submitted to Los Angeles Neighbor Coalition and its component Neighborhood councils for their support and endorsement of these resolutions.

The committee also discussed a number of resolutions that had been brought forward by Councilman Greig Smith to develop City oversight of DWP. Sid pointed out that the City DWP political action committee had adopted to support all of the proposal brought by Councilman Smith except for the submeters and parity resolutions. The GHNNC Citywide Committee decided to adopt resolution 10-0856 as follows (passed three in favor 0 against):

Resolved that GHNNC support Council resolution 10-0856, proposed by Councilman Greig Smith and supported by councilpersons Jan Perry, Bernard Parks, Paul Krikorian which reads as follows:

I therefore move that the City Attorney with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) be directed to prepare and present the documentation necessary to place before the voters at the next available opportunity a ballot measure to restructure the membership of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (BWPC) as follows:

Two members shall be appointed by the Mayor at least one of whom shall have experience in the water and power utility industry;

One member to be elected by the Congress of Neighborhoods;

Two members shall be appointed the City Council. At least one of whom shall have experience in the field of business, commerce and customer service.

I further move that the city Attorney with the assistance of the CLA be requested to report on existing Charter requirements relative to the City Commission appointees,

I further move that the CLA be directed to report with a study of other governance models for comparison purposes,

I further move that upon establishment of an Inspector General (IG) position/function in the DWP, the IG should be tasked with working with the BWPC to look at other government models which build consensus.

5. Realignment of DONE within the city and proposed models.

- **Resolved** that the GHNNC oppose the budget recommendation that Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) be merged into the Community Development Department (CDD) and further Resolved that all possible attempts be made to maintain DONE as an independent department as outlined in the Charter of the city of Los Angeles and further Resolved that these resolutions be forwarded to Councilmen Greig Smith, Eric Garcetti, Bernard Parks and to Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa

6. Committee member comments on non-agenda items:

Sid Gold updated the committee on his participation in LANCC, VANC, BUDGET LA. He also informed the committee of activities with in the city to evaluate the present legislative and executive electeds in the city and how grassroots are attempting to produce a slate of candidates that would adopt a platform the advocated local empowerment.

Sid also updated the committee on the proposed streamlining of the zoning process offered by Department of planning at LANCC meeting May 01, 2010.

The committee discussed the formation of an organization to bring together the leaders of NC's, Homeowners, Chambers of Commerce and other local entities within the 12th district as a method of consolidating advocacy locally.

7. Adjournment: 8 10 PM

8. Next meeting Tuesday June, 08, 2010, 7:00 PM, GHNNC office

Sid Gold

Chairperson, Citywide Issues Committee.

Whereas the Los Angeles City Council (LACC) elected representatives have a charter responsibility to the people of Los Angeles to follow the City Charter, their own rules regulations and the Brown Act and

Whereas the LACC may have acted in an irresponsible fashion at the Council Meeting April 14, 2010 and

Whereas the LACC may have violated its own rules and regulations by putting to a vote the DWP rate increase which was not properly agendized and

Whereas almost all of the observers and two Councilmen had had vacated the chamber prior to this possibly illegal vote and

Whereas members of the community were deprived of their right for public comment and

Whereas Council President Eric Garcetti placed the item on the floor without proper agendizing and

Whereas the motion had already four cosponsors in place and

Whereas the putting together of these cosigners was not done in a public and properly noticed forum and

Whereas this action may be in violation of the Brown Act

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Be it resolved that a complaint be sent to the City Attorney's office and further

Be it resolved that the City Attorney report back on the legality of the LACC's action and further

Be it resolved that a complaint regarding the LACC's action be filed with the City Ethics Commission and further

Be it resolved that this resolution be submitted to Los Angeles Neighbor Coalition and its component Neighborhood councils for their support and endorsement of this resolution