

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

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November 24, 2008

City Council
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: CF-08-0942

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Honorable City Councilmembers:

At a meeting of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council held on November 24, 2008, the STNC voted 12-0-0 (unanimous) to support the following

That the City Council:

1. NOT ADOPT any requirement for neighborhood council board members and others to submit financial disclosure forms for the purpose of opening a Council File.
2. ADOPT a requirement that at the beginning of each neighborhood council meeting, each board member state whether or not they have reason to believe they have a conflict of interest (as defined by the State Political Reform Act) regarding any item on the agenda that involves the allotment of public funds or land use matters, and whether or not they have had any *ex parte* (private) communications with those who would receive the funds or are representing land use matters, or recuse themselves from the vote. Neighborhood Councils will so note in their minutes statements made by board members.
3. REQUEST the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to form a collaborative working group that includes the Office of the City Attorney, the City Ethics Commission, and neighborhood councils to discuss the possibility of realistic sanctions for those who violate this requirement, such as loss of their board seat for blatant violators.
4. ADOPT a requirement that all neighborhood councils complete required ethics training within 90 days of their taking office or risk losing their right to vote on all matters coming before the neighborhood council board. NC board members will sign a declaration that they know their obligations as NC board members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan McManus".

Dan McManus
President

Cc: Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC)