

CITY HALL LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

February 24, 2012

Neighborhood Council Board Members & Stakeholders C/O Department of Neighborhood Empowerment BongHwan Kim, General Manager 334-B E. Second Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Neighborhood Council Board Members and Stakeholders:

I would like to invite you to attend a special field hearing of the Los Angeles City Council's Education & Neighborhoods Committee.

As the new Chairman of the committee, I am committed to working with you to strengthen and reform our Neighborhood Councils and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to increase civic engagement and participation in Los Angeles city government.

I want to get your input, and hear your thoughts and ideas on issues such as neighborhood council elections, financial record-keeping and accountability, standardization of neighborhood council bylaws, and reforming the flawed redistricting process.

The committee will hold four special meetings throughout the city with a more-convenient evening start time of 6 PM, to encourage maximum participation.

February 28 – West Los Angeles Municipal Building 1645 Corinth Ave Room 200 Los Angeles, CA 90025

March 1 – Constituent Service Center – South Los Angeles 8475 S. Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90044 March 5 – Constituent Service Center – San Fernando Valley

6262 Van Nuys Blvd.

Room 1B

Van Nuys, California, 9140

March 8 Downtown City Hall

Room 1010

200 N. Spring St.

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Please contact my deputy, Lorenzo Briceno, at 213-473-7008 or Lorenzo.Briceno@lacity.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

BERNARD C. PÁRKS

Chairman, Education & Neighborhoods

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