



Dear Neighborhood Council Board Members,

The Rules and Government Committee (formerly the Rules and Elections Committee) of the City Council has voted to directly invite the Neighborhood Councils to provide feedback and recommendations regarding possible changes to the way Los Angeles funds campaigns for City office. The Rules and Government Committee and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) have worked with civic groups such as the League of Women Voters, Common Cause and the California Clean Money Campaign to design an education program to help the Neighborhood Councils provide meaningful feedback and suggestions. This letter is an introduction and invitation to the Neighborhood Councils to participate in this education program, the Los Angeles Full Public Funding Education & Feedback Project. We believe that this project is a unique opportunity for the Neighborhood Councils to participate in a structured dialogue with the City Council and the public regarding an important policy issue with City-wide ramifications.

Special materials have been prepared for the Education and Feedback Project, to help educate you and interested stakeholders about the options that the City might consider. The materials are designed to be used in an hour-long workshop, lead by trained volunteers from civic organizations.

The workshop can be conducted with any number of people. Your Neighborhood Council should consider whether you want to constitute an ad hoc committee of interested board members and stakeholders, assign the topic to an existing committee for discussion, or call a special meeting, to conduct the workshop. More information can be found at <http://rules.lacity.org>.

We encourage you to contact DONE to learn more about the Education & Feedback Project, to request copies of the educational brochure that is used in the workshop, and to request that a volunteer contact your Neighborhood Council to arrange a time for a presentation to the Neighborhood Board. Please call Mark Lewis of DONE at (213) 485-1360 to learn more and participate in this unique and exciting project to foster a more vocal role for Neighborhood Councils in Citywide policy discussions.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Eric Garcetti in black ink.

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President, Los Angeles City Council
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