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ZINE REQUESTS MORATORIUM ON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION PROCEDURES

(Los Angeles) - In light of the recent problems with new Neighborhood Council election procedures causing an unacceptable stoppage of 50% of upcoming elections, Councilman Dennis P. Zine today introduced a motion requesting a moratorium on said procedures until proper clarification can be made.

On May 20, 2005, the City Council adopted a resolution amending the Plan For The Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils to add provisions regarding election procedures. The unfortunate result of these new election procedures has been the cancellation or rescheduling of many of the planned elections due to various unforeseen problems including untrained or unavailable Independent Election Auditors and a lack of DONE staff to provide timely review of each neighborhood council's election procedures. Today's motion seeks to suspend the implementation of the City Council's resolution amending the Plan, and to permit all certified neighborhood councils to conduct regularly scheduled elections without delay.

“It was never the intent of the City Council, in passing this resolution, to create frustration and confusion for the Neighborhood Councils,” said Zine, chair of the City's Personnel Committee. “Inability to have council elections in a timely fashion kills stakeholder interest in volunteering for the betterment of their communities and, ultimately neuters the neighborhood councils.”

This motion has been referred to the Education and Neighborhoods Committee of the City Council for review and discussion.

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