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MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL LEADERS

FROM: JAMES K. HAHN, MAYOR *James K. Hahn*

DATE: JULY 20, 2004

SUBJECT: NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BUDGET DAY

The fiscal year 2004-05 Budget was finalized just a few weeks ago and now it is already time to start developing next year's budget. The Mayor's 3rd Annual Budget Day, to be held on July 31st 2004, is the first step to ensure that your Neighborhood is heard during the 2005-06 Budget process.

Neighborhood Councils helped shape our City budget this past year like never before. By working with us to establish priorities that best meet the needs of Los Angeles residents, Neighborhood Council's helped get us through perhaps the most serious fiscal crisis in City history. Service levels remain higher than ever in priority departments, while lower priority services have been restructured to maximize our limited resources.

Next year, budget shortfalls and rising costs are estimated to be even greater; therefore, I will once again need your help in deciding how limited budget dollars will be allocated to your highest budget priorities. Neighborhood Council involvement in the budget process is critical.

I want to personally encourage every Neighborhood Council with a governing body to participate in this revolutionary process. At Budget Day, your Neighborhood Council will:

- Hear the latest on State and Local Budget Issues
- Obtain an overview of the City's new Priority Based Budget Process
- Learn the status of last year's Neighborhood Council budget priorities
- Learn how to participate in next year's budget process

We look forward to working with Neighborhood Councils throughout the 2005-06 Budget process and take the next step with you in this progressive and evolving process. To get more information on Neighborhood Council participation in the budget process, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment toll-free at 1-866-LA-HELPS.

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