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Motion for Board Consideration

PRNC Board Meeting

April 19, 2017

Motion: Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) to select the option of extending the current board terms by 1 year. The recommendation is to selection Option 2.A stated below.

Proposed by: Issam Najm

Description: The attached document was received from Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC). Conflicts between the municipal elections and NC elections in 2020 have prompted the City Clerk's office to request NC's to discuss and complete a resolution during the March and April meetings to select one of three options to avoid this conflict. The intent is to shift all even-year elections to odd years while maintaining a staggered election schedule:

Option 1 – Conduct the 2018 NC elections as scheduled, extend all terms to 2021, and then conduct an election for all the Board members in 2021, and then the Board would have to re-stagger with 2-year and 4-year terms.

Option 2.A – Extend the terms ending in 2018 by 1 year and conduct their election in 2019. These board seats would then be up for election in 2023, 2027, etc. Then, extend the terms currently ending in 2020 by 1 year and conduct their election 2021. These seats would then be up for election in 2025, 2029, etc.

Option 2.B – Extend the terms ending in 2018 by 1 year and reduce the terms ending in 2020 by 1 year. This will result in a full-board election in 2019, which will then require the seats to be re-staggered with 2-year and 4-year terms.

Option 2.C – Conduct the 2018 elections as scheduled, and then conduct elections for the entire Board seats in 2019. The Board will then need to re-stagger with 2-year and 4-year terms.

Benefits to PR: These modifications are requested by DONE. The selection of Option 2.A avoids being in a situation where the entire Board would be up for election.

Neighborhood Council Resolution on Timing of the Neighborhood Council 2020 Elections

The Neighborhood Council elections for 2020 are currently set to be conducted from March through June. Because the timing of the 2020 Neighborhood Council elections will conflict with the municipal elections transferring to the Los Angeles County Clerk, the Office of the City Clerk will not be able to administer the Neighborhood Council elections simultaneously. This conflict requires shifting the Neighborhood Council 2020 elections to odd number years.

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (EmpowerLA) and the Office of the City Clerk are requesting Neighborhood Councils in your March and April meetings to discuss and complete this resolution on which of the following options your Council recommends. Some considerations would include: board members may not want to extend terms and will resign; stakeholders may not want board member terms to be extended; budget impact on general fund could be less or more; if online voting and voter registration moves forward, there would be more or less time to build out; if EmpowerLA's recommendations in its online voting report back for Neighborhood Council systemic changes are approved, there would be more or less time to implement any changes to Neighborhood Council bylaws if applicable.

Please complete this form and submit with a Board Vote Count Form to elections@empowerla.org by May 1, 2017. The board may recommend another option in detail on the back of this form instead of the ones below.

The _____ Council

recommends the following action for the Neighborhood Council elections timing:

- Conduct 2018 Neighborhood Council elections as scheduled. Board members elected would have 3 year terms. For boards with staggered terms, this would also require the term extension of board seats ending in 2020 by 1 year for 2021 elections at which time the entire board would be up and would have to restagger with 2 and 4 year terms. Other changes:
 - Subdivision applications would be open again at its current scheduled October 1, 2018 and would have to go through a selection process for its permanent board. There would be another application round opening on October 1, 2020.

- Extend current board terms up in 2018 by 1 year and conduct elections in 2019. For boards with staggered terms, this would also require their terms to be extended in 2020 by 1 year for 2021 elections OR shortened by 1 year to 2019 at which time the entire board would be up and would have to restagger with 2 and 4 year terms. Other changes:
 - The bylaw amendment deadline would be extended from May 1, 2017 to at least April 1, 2018.
 - Subdivision applications would be reopened on October 1, 2017 instead of October 1, 2018.

- Conduct 2018 Neighborhood Council elections as scheduled and then conduct elections again in 2019 with all board members up for election at which time the entire board would be up and would have to restagger with 2 and 4 year terms. Board members elected in 2018 would have 1 year terms and board members with staggered terms could either be extended in 2020 by 1 year for 2021 elections OR shortened by 1 year to 2019. Other changes:
 - No election related bylaw amendments or subdivision applications from May 1, 2017 to May 1, 2020.

Other recommendation: