WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

April 10, 2013

Agenda Item #6G3

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MOTION REGARDING NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTIONS

On behalf of the Westwood Neighborhood Council, the below motion was passed by our Board of Directors at our regularly scheduled general board meeting. In the past few years, the City, in alleged violation of Charter Section 911, has cut the budgets of both the Neighborhood Councils, as well as the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, to the point that the cuts have materially impaired the ability of the department to perform its mandated functions. With the proposal to have the individual Neighborhood Councils fund their elections through a funding cut, this too shall materially impair the local Neighborhood Councils from performing those functions that the community has come to relied on.

Whereas the City is asking the Neighborhood Councils to postpone their elections due to budget issues, and

Whereas the City is asking each neighborhood council to pay for their next elections, approximately $7300.00 per council, and

Whereas the City continues to violate Charter Section 911 by cutting neighborhood council funds, sweeping annual excess funds, and failing to fund Neighborhood Councils in a secure account one year in advance,

Therefore, the Westwood Neighborhood Council moves:

That the City issues NO DELAYS in the 2014 neighborhood council elections

That The City fully fund the Neighborhood Councils' 2014 elections

That the City imposes no further cuts to the Neighborhood Councils annual budgets and increases the funding to $50,000

That the City cease and desist from any further sweeping of Neighborhood Council funds, in violation of Charter Section 911

That the Westwood Neighborhood Council files an immediate letter of complaint against the City for its violations of Charter Section 911.

We demand that you cease the alleged violations by fully funding both the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Neighborhood Councils so that they can perform those functions that the community has come to relied on.