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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea() Nay() Abstain() Ineligible() Recusal()

Date of NC Board Action:12/12/2017

Type of NC Board Action: Opposed Unless Amended

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 09-2564-S1

Agenda Date: 12/12/2017

Item Number:

Summary: The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council is opposed to the City of Los Angeles deciding what should be censored for the people.

Whereas one of the goals of the Los Angeles Public Library is to encourage the people to become positive and well-rounded contributors to society,

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood resolves to oppose the current motion (09-2564-S1) and substitute it with the following:

“Instructing the Los Angeles Public Library Department to offer classes and resources for establishing positive intimate relationships. Instructing the Los Angeles Public Library to prepare and present a supplemental budget request with recommendations to implement a long-term plan of action to foster positive intimate relationships.”

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council further resolves to support the Los Angeles Public Library identifying better privacy screen technology and to prepare and present a supplemental budget request with recommendations to expand the use of privacy screen technology on library property.

The council authorizes submitting this document as a community impact statement.

Letter to accompany CIS

The intent of the motion by the City Council is to protect minors and the rest of the public from content viewed by individuals.

However lewd content is not the only content that has the potential for harm. Images or videos of real-life explicit violence, or the instruction on how to build or obtain weapons, or hazardous materials have a much greater potential to harm minors and the rest of the public.

This neighborhood council believes that the City of Los Angeles judging what online content is harmful is not its proper duty; that sort of policy goes against the intent of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Furthermore blocking content does not address the root problems that prompts an individual to view harmful content.

Public libraries in Los Angeles offer some supplemental classes and programs that enrich lives. Offering more programming, including establishing positive intimate relationships, would be better than merely taking something.