

Letter of Mayor Garcetti

Re: Appointment of commissioners and Neighborhood Councils speaking before commissions

March 13, 2018

Mayor Eric Garcetti,

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council and stakeholders have raised some concerns in regards to the appointment process of commissioners. Commissioners have a very important role as we do as representatives for our community. Unfortunately, we have witnessed some incidences where commissioners are continuously late to meetings or do not shown up at all. Some have lashed out during public comment at community members, brought their children to meetings and have limited knowledge on how the city works or the importance of the neighborhood council system. We have also witnessed lengthy discussions on agendized items because commissioners were unprepared which required more education on the topic before a vote could be called on an item.

As members of a very engaged neighborhood council we ask that you consult with us prior to making appointments to commissions that directly affect our part of the City of Los Angeles, perhaps even soliciting names for appointment especially for the BONC, Zoning and BOHC.

Furthermore, the City Council has graciously provided Neighborhood Council Members and Representatives extended time during public comment on their agendas and on agendized items provided that the Neighborhood Council has submitted a Community Impact Statement on a council file. Often these commissions are acting on issues that do not have a council file and therefore submitting one to the city clerks office would be premature or irrelevant to our taking a position on a matter coming before a commission. We are recommending that a less procedural process be adopted outside of the formal council file submission for neighborhood council issues and motions to commissions when there is no council file to be referenced

Sincerely yours,

President of CeSPNC

Vice-President CeSPNC