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via email

Ms. Raquel Beltrán, General Manager
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
200 North Spring Street, Suite 2005
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Retention of Services of Sheryl Akerblom

Dear Ms. Beltrán,

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CeSPNC) has authorized me to communicate our collective support for the retention of services of Sheryl Akerblom, our minute-taker.

Under ordinary circumstances, training a new staff member to accurately take minutes of our fast-paced meetings involving dozens of people is a challenge. Due to the unprecedented state of affairs stemming from COVID-19, we are now conducting meetings using a virtual platform and Ms. Akerblom's operational knowledge and expertise is more critical than ever.

Our position is that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment should reverse the decision to prevent Neighborhood Councils from employing Ms. Akerblom. We therefore urge you to understand our situation and allow us to hire her through a city-approved vendor for minute-taking for the foreseeable future.

Please note that our Neighborhood Council is working hard to meeting the needs of our stakeholders and we highly value Ms. Akerblom's contribution of accurate, timely minutes.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie Scoville".

Carrie Scoville, President

cc: Mayor, Eric Garcetti
Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC)