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WILSHIRE CENTER-KOREATOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL SUBDIVISION ELECTION Frequently Asked Questions

LOS ANGELES - Los Angeles Acting City Clerk Shannon Hoppes issued a set of frequently asked questions regarding the upcoming Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council Subdivision Election on June 19, 2018. The following are questions and answers relative to the June 19, 2018, Subdivision Election:

What is the June 19, 2018 Wilshire Center-Koreatown Subdivision Election about?

For people who qualify to vote within the Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council, the June 19 Subdivision Election is to decide whether or not to create another Neighborhood Council within the existing Neighborhood Council boundaries.

Where are the polling locations for the June 19, 2018 Wilshire Center-Koreatown Subdivision Election?

<u>Harvard Elementary School</u> Polling Hours: 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. Multi-Purpose Room 330 N. Harvard Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90004 <u>Founders Church of Religious Science</u> Polling Hours: 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. Hornaday Hall 3281 W. 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90020

Is this election about homeless shelters in Koreatown?

This election is only relative to the potential subdivision of the Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council.

Why do the proponents want to create another Neighborhood Council?

The proponents have stated that, for an area that has approximately 100,000 residents, additional representation is needed. The proponents state that the current 26 board seats within the existing Neighborhood Council are not enough to fully represent the area and, by creating another Neighborhood Council, they will double the resources available to better represent the neighborhood's population.

What does a "Yes" Vote Mean?

A "yes" vote means that the voter <u>supports</u> a subdivision of the current Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council into two Neighborhood Councils.

What does a "No" Vote Mean?

A "no" vote means that the voter <u>does not support</u> a subdivision of the current Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council into two Neighborhood Councils.



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If the vote passes to subdivide the Neighborhood Council, will Koreatown be split up?

No. There will be no changes to the geographic nature of the Koreatown neighborhood. This election is *only* to determine if a second Neighborhood Council should be created within the existing Wilshire Center-Koreatown Neighborhood Council boundaries.

Where can I find more information about Neighborhood Councils and/or Subdivision Elections? <u>empowerla.org</u> and/or <u>empowerla.org/subdivision</u>

What should a voter do if s/he applied for, but did not receive, a Vote-By-Mail ballot? The voter may go to either polling location to vote on June 19.

Can a voter who received a Vote-By-Mail ballot vote at the polls, instead?

Yes, however, they must bring their Vote-By-Mail ballot to surrender at the polls, or vote provisionally.

Can a voter drop off a voted Vote-By-Mail ballot at the polls?

Yes, the voted ballot may be dropped off at either polling location on June 19.

What are Neighborhood Councils?

Neighborhood Councils are City-certified local groups made up of people who live, work, own property or have a community interest within the Neighborhood Council boundaries. Neighborhood Councils are run by board members who are elected or selected to their positions by neighborhoods themselves.

Each Neighborhood Council receives public funds of \$42,000 each year to support their activities, which may include creating events and programs that respond to the unique needs of the neighborhood or advocating on behalf of the issues the stakeholders care about, such as crime, roads and streets, the creation of safe spaces for children, sanitation, public safety, and economic development.

Can the proponents of this election request to subdivide again?

Yes, proponents can re-apply for a subdivision election.

Where can I get more information and/or express my concerns about a proposed homeless shelter?

You can find information about the proposed homeless shelters for each council district through the Mayor's webpage: <u>lamayor.org/Homelessness</u>. The Mayor's Office can be reached at: <u>mayor.garcetti@lacity.org</u>

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk - Election Division between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at (213) 978-0444 or toll-free at (888) 873-1000. More information can also be found on the City Clerk's election website at: <u>clerk.lacity.org/elections</u>.

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