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MOTION

On August 6, 2004 the Council voted to "instruct all City Departments, upon the successful creation of a database on the Intranet, to include, where appropriate, the Council District and the Neighborhood Council numbers on all reports transmitted to the City Clerk's Office." This was meant to save time for residents by flagging issues of local concern.

"The City Clerk currently places a notation next to each Council file number that affects a specific district on agendas for Committee and Council meetings [Ex. "CD7"]. Given that neighborhood councils also have clear geographic boundaries, adding a second notation to indicate which neighborhood council or councils are influenced by a decision should not be difficult. Sufficient space is available on agendas, directly below the Council designation."

The Council also instructed the City Clerk to "include this information provided by the departments on Council Referral reports, and Council and Committee agendas." The Clerk has proposed using the abbreviations developed by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). To date, however, they have not implemented this change, which was also meant to apply to the agendas of all City Commissions.

One of the recommendations from the motion that was implement was that the Information Technology Agency (ITA) add information about Neighborhood Councils to the "My Neighborhood" section of the City's Web site. This handy tool currently allows residents to learn who their elected officials are on the local, state and federal levels, as well as such valuable information as their trash day, cable provider and neighborhood prosecutor.

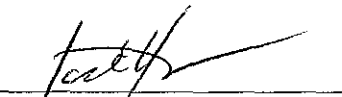
Interestingly, information about residents' LAUSD Community Cluster is provided but there is no link to School Board members. Given that every other local elected official for the area is included, this is an important omission that needs to be corrected. Luckily, this should be a minor change to implement to add to what is a already valuable resource to the public.

One last recommendation from the original motion that should be reconsidered is the call for ITA and DONE to create skeleton web pages for each Neighborhood Council that does not have one and include contract information, meeting times and places and boundaries for each group. There are numerous groups without such resources who the City should assist.


I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Clerk be instructed to include the DONE-approved abbreviation of each certified Neighborhood Council or councils as appropriate on agendas of all meetings it produces agendas for and encourage City commissions to do the same, for those items that pertain to a particular geographic location.

I FURTHER MOVE that ITA be requested to include LAUSD Board members on the list of local elected officials provided in the "My Neighborhood" section of the City's Web site.

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