

## **Encino Council Leases 1<sup>st</sup> Office**

Breaking through city red tape, the Encino Community Council on Wednesday reached agreement to lease an office on Balboa Boulevard—becoming the first of about 80 advisory councils to lease an office under an expedited process.

The Encino group, which represents residents, property owners and employees in Encino to Los Angeles city government, leased an office in 28 days, compared with the delays of six months or more for other neighborhood councils trying to lease office space.

After members of the West Hills Neighborhood Council threatened to disband, in part because of city red tape, officials approved a quicker process allowing the groups to lease office space. The Encino Community Council was the first neighborhood council to use the quicker process.

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