

Slap in the Face

Once again, the West Hills Neighborhood Council tries to serve the neighborhood and has its hand slapped by City Hall. The latest, an essay contest for elementary children about their community. Seventeen children were presented with trophies but the promised savings bonds still haven't arrived. This contest was discussed at each council meeting for about a year. West Hills made a request to purchase the bonds; DONE told the neighborhood council its funds couldn't be spent on gifts. The total allocation would have been \$850.

This event brought new faces to the neighborhood council meeting along with smiles and pride to the children and parents. It is a much cheaper expense than other outreach attempts and carries neighborhood pride. It is time for the Mayor's Office to send DONE packing and let neighborhood councils serve the stakeholders.

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