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MAYOR HAHN ANNOUNCES MID CITY WEST IS 37TH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL TO BE CERTIFIED

LOS ANGELES - Mayor Jim Hahn today announced that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners unanimously certified Mid City WEST Neighborhood Council Tuesday evening during their meeting at University High School in West Los Angeles. Mid City WEST is the 37th Neighborhood Council that has completed the certification process.

"The certification of the Mid City WEST Neighborhood Council signifies the active voice that communities are taking throughout Los Angeles to make sure their needs are met and not overlooked by government," said Mayor Hahn. "I'm pleased that the Mid City WEST Neighborhood Council has empowered themselves by letting their voice be heard."

Greg Nelson, the General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment said, "We are confident that the Mid City WEST organizers will be equal to the task of organizing their election of officers in this widely diverse area that includes well-established and very active resident associations, significant cultural and business interests, and whose population is 79% renters."

Approximately 54,000 residents live in the Mid City WEST Neighborhood Council area. Mid City WEST Neighborhood Council includes within their boundaries such landmarks as The Grove, Farmers Market, CBS Studios, Park La Brea, the Fairfax area, and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

"We are pleased that the commission approved our application and we look forward to working together with all elements of the community on the many issues that we face," said Steven Scott MacDonald of the Mid City WEST organizing group.

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