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No justice for Northridge

City Hall rubber-stamps DONE outrage

Saturday, July 26, 2003 - By unanimously rejecting a group of Northridge residents' application for a neighborhood council, the Los Angeles City Council has completed the corruption of the neighborhood council system.

That corruption was already rampant at the city's misnamed Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. That's why, after DONE rejected their application on largely subjective and arguably political grounds, the Northridge residents appealed their case to the City Council.

They fared little better there.

The council and the bureaucracy, it turns out, are on the same side -- and that's against neighborhoods that dare to criticize City Hall's business as usual.

Now the Northridge residents plan to take their case to court, as well they should. Maybe there they'll receive the justice that's nowhere to be found in City Hall.