

MAYOR HAHN PRAISES NEW NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTION PROCEDURES

Also announces certification of Northridge East and Palms neighborhood councils, bringing citywide total to 85 neighborhood councils

LOS ANGELES - Mayor Jim Hahn today applauded the Los Angeles City Council's approval of the new citywide Neighborhood Council election procedures, which gives each council the ability to select which type of election works best for their community. The motion, which was introduced by City Councilmember Janice Hahn, was passed unanimously by the City Council.

"I applaud the City Council's approval of the new citywide election procedures for neighborhood councils," said Mayor Hahn. "The procedures will give the neighborhood councils the ability to select which type of election they want, tailored to their neighborhoods, and ensure that the elections are open and fair."

"I also commend the Neighborhood Council members who have worked for a year to design these new procedures, now ensuring for open and fair elections," Mayor Hahn added. "This exemplifies the fundamental change in city government that I am trying to encourage - involving the neighborhood councils themselves in designing the reforms."

"These new procedures ensure that neighborhood council elections are fair, open and inclusive, but also allow flexibility so that each council can adopt polices that work best for its community," said Councilwoman Janice Hahn. "Now, Neighborhood Councils will be better equipped to have successful elections, so that they can focus their efforts on other important issues in their communities."

The Neighborhood Council Election Procedures were designed through a year-long process involving Neighborhood Council members and the City Clerk's office. Each Neighborhood Council will choose the type of election to be instated for their council, and will then be required to follow the respective procedures.

Also today, Mayor Hahn announced the certifications of the Northridge East and Palms Neighborhood Councils, bringing the citywide total of neighborhood councils to 85.

"It's a pleasure to welcome both Neighborhood Councils as the newest members of our neighborhood council system," Mayor Hahn said. "Both councils will help bring the voice of residents they

represent to City Hall."

The Northridge East Neighborhood Council comprises an area of 22,260 residents, and is situated around the Granada Hills area. The Palms Neighborhood Council is one of the city's most historic communities, and is situated between Cheviot Hills, Culver City, Mar Vista, and West Los Angeles.

More information about the Northridge East and Palms Neighborhood Councils can be found on their respective websites at www.northridgeeast.com, and www.palms-california.us.

The Neighborhood Council system provides a forum for public discussion on neighborhoods needs, and the delivery of city services. Both Neighborhood Councils are part of a citywide system guided by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). The purpose of this department is to facilitate and improve communication between neighborhood stakeholders, other neighborhood councils and the City of Los Angeles.