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CityWatch Today—Neighborhood Councils head into uncharted waters yet again next weekend. Thirty-two of them will try to jump-start a Neighborhood Council issues and networking Congress. A fair amount of this CityWatch deals with this NC challenge.

But we also tackle a lot of other important and interesting stuff. A council out in North Hollywood is splitting up. Laura Chick has turned her audit eye on the Fire Department ... we wonder when she will get to the City Attorney. GuestWords calls the diversity rant a red herring. And, that's still only part of this CityWatch.

We hope you find it helpful.

--Editor

Say What?

*“The key
to the success of
Neighborhood Councils
must be
their independence from
City Hall.”*

**--Joel Wachs
Motion to establish NCs
June 18, 1998**

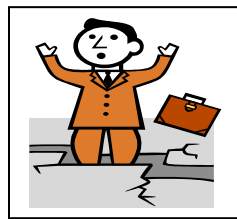


Another NC First

No Holly NC Votes to Split Up: What's Really Behind It?

By David Lowell

Establishing a citywide first, the Mid-Town North Hollywood Neighborhood Council voted last week to split up. Technically, they voted to downsize to roughly a third of their boundary area, then proposed that the remaining two-thirds be split into two separate councils. The council as it now stands, represents around 69,000 stakeholders. The proposed three-way split would create three smaller councils of a little over 20,000 stakeholders each.



The present certified NC would presumably retain its certification, change its name, revise its bylaws and would and settle in around the theater and transportation hub known as NoHo. The other area, north of Burbank Blvd and south of Van Owen will be split evenly in two. The formation for one area, we are told, could be headed up by Alex Rodriguez, a USC grad and small grocery store owner. The other, by a couple of the original organizers, current Treasurer Diann Corral and Steve Coon.

What's Really Behind the Split

So, what's really behind this breakup? Three or four things, it would seem: 1) More bucks; 2) More citywide representation; 3) Help for the under-represented areas within the present council boundaries.

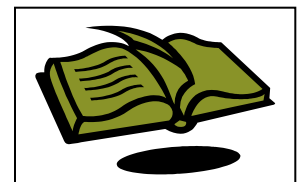
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Perspective

The New NC Congress: Will it Live Up to the Framers Vision?

By Ken Draper

A coalition of Neighborhood Councils will launch their own Congress next weekend. The idea is that NCs citywide can gather to network and to discuss and act on issues. The coalition was formed independently with some of the same grassroots passion and energy that filled workshops and hearing rooms when Neighborhood Councils were forming five years ago. Whether this fledgling group can come together and fulfill their dream ... and the vision of some of those who crafted the LA NC concept ... no one knows for certain. But one thing we do know: It isn't a new idea.



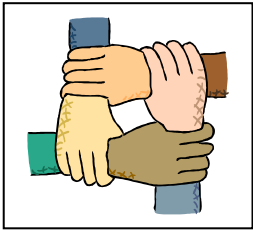
The seed for an LA system of Neighborhood Councils ... then called "A Family of Neighborhoods" ... was planted in the offices of then Councilman Joel Wachs back in the early 1990's. Wachs offered the first motion to establish "independent neighborhood councils" in June of 1996. It included the following:

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GuestWords**THE RED HERRING OF "DIVERSITY"**

By Jason Lyon

At January's Education & Neighborhoods Committee meeting, Chair Bill Rosendahl agreed to forward the NC Council File matter to the full Council for consideration. Before casting that historic vote, however, he laid out a number of reasons why he believes Neighborhood Councils may not be ready for this new method of access to City Hall. Chief among his concerns is a perceived lack of diverse representation on NC boards.



As evidence of this lack, Rosendahl offered an anecdote in which he asked, at an NC meeting in his district, for a show of hands of the renters on the Board. As he tells it, not one hand went up. I gather that this scenario was offered as a Perry Mason sort of moment, followed by an "Aha!" or a "Gotcha!", in which proof of the basic flaw of Neighborhood Councils was laid bare for all to see.

To be fair, this argument looks good at the outset. Wouldn't we all want the full range of stakeholder demographics to participate in the system, in perfect proportion to each category's percentage of the population?

In that ideal scenario, Boards would include slightly more women than men. They would be 46.9% white, 46.5% Latino, 11.2% African American, etc. Each Board's median household income would be just under 40 grand. Only 39% of Board members would own a home. This precise proportionality represents the dream of a perfect statistical democracy.

See Page 10. "Red Herring"

Opinion**Mr Parks: Surprised but Unconvinced;
Ms Chick: Supportive but Curious**

Councilman Bernard Parks has never been much of a fan of Neighborhood Councils. Unlike most of his colleagues, the words ...Neighborhood Councils ... never find their way out of his mouth. It's opposition by omission.

So, it was a surprise this week when his office called and wanted the names of NC representatives who serve on the NC/DWP Oversight Committee. He was looking for support for his request for an independent audit of the Owens Valley dust mitigation project and his concern that the results of the audit might not be made public.

NCs should be heartened that the Councilman came in search of their help but no one should interpret this as the dawning of an age of enlightenment for Parks. There is no indication in his history with the LAPD, or the Council, that he is a person whose views are easily redirected.

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City Controller Laura Chick came down on the LA Fire Department this week. In her latest audit of city departments, she hammered the LAFD for, among other things, "lack of strong and decisive leadership." (See story Page 5, *this CityWatch*.)

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What You Need to Know**New LA NC Congress
Launches February 4th**

Thirty-two Neighborhood Councils have ratified the Charter of a new citywide coalition known as the **Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Congress (LANCC)**. The first official meeting of the new Congress is scheduled for **February 4 at 10 a.m.**

To view or download the LANCC Charter or for other info on the LANCC: www.LANCCongress.org

In addition to the credentialed representatives of the Councils that have joined the coalition, the meeting is open to

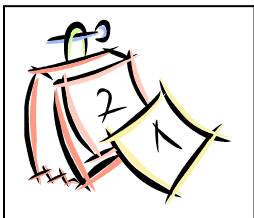
all Neighborhood Councils and LA stakeholders.

An opening program, including keynote words from Councilwoman Janice Hahn, an orientation presentation and comments from former BONC Commissioner Pat Herrera Duran, DONE GM Greg Nelson and 10th District Councilman Herb Wesson, will launch the session preparatory to the NC representatives attending to the business of their opening conclave.

What follows will provide you with all you need to know to participate as a representative or as an observing stakeholder. ■

The History

The idea of Neighborhood Councils forming a congress for the purposes of networking, issues and deliberation is not new. It was in the visions of many of the Commissioners when they crafted Article IX for the new Charter.



In June of 1999, city voters overwhelmingly approved the new City Charter which mandated Neighborhood Councils. Among other things, Article IX required the Department of Neighborhood

Empowerment (DONE) to “arrange Congress of Neighborhood meetings if requested to do so by recognized Neighborhood Councils.”

Until December 2001, there were no certified Neighborhood Councils, so it fell on DONE to organized and run the congresses.

See next Page 4. “History”



An Invitation to All Neighborhood Councils!

Who: •All members of All Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils & Stakeholders
•Official NC Representatives to Congress (Senators)

What: First official meeting of the Senate of the LA NC Congress

When: Saturday, February 4 (10 am -1 pm)

Where: LADWP Building, 111 N. Hope, between Temple and First St.

Parking: Use the Hope St. entrance, mid-block between First and Temple on the west side of the street. Tell attendant you are attending a Neighborhood Council meeting if the gate is manned. Enter the building on the parking level. Tell the security guard you are there for the Neighborhood Council meeting. You will sign in after you are in the meeting room. Proceed through the elevators and left around the staircase into the main cafeteria dining room. Turn left inside and go clear to the back wall for the meeting room.

Refreshments: No refreshments are planned. Please bring your own water and snack.



NC Results Mayor's Budget Survey

Four hundred sixty six Neighborhood Council board members (27%) and 49 different NCs (58%) responded to the Mayor's Budget Survey. The results are now available online.

You may be interested in comparing your Council's priorities to other regions and to the citywide result.

Here are the easy steps to locate the results on line:

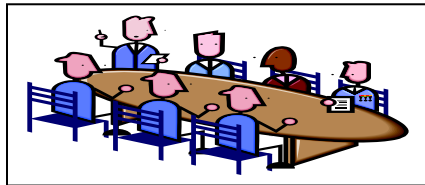
1. Visit www.LaCity.org
2. Underneath the Mayor's photo, click on "Home".
3. Click on "Mayor's Budget 2006-2007"
4. Click on "Neighborhood Council Survey Results"



The History from previous Page 3.

In the spring of 2004, some Neighborhood Council leaders began urging DONE to create issues, networking and deliberative congresses. DONE General Manager Greg Nelson’s response, at the time, was that he would “when the Councils are ready.” Nelson is on record as saying that he supports issues congresses and would arrange such congresses when asked by a representative and recognized group of Councils. It was Nelson who scheduled the NC Congress Workshop, facilitated by the USC Neighborhood Participation Project, at the October, 2004 Congress.

The NC Congress Working Group, known now as the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Congress (LANCC) was ultimately an outgrowth of the October NC Congress Workshop, facilitated by the Neighborhood Participation Project at USC.



At that workshop, interest in an NC Congress was sufficient to prompt a second meeting of Council leaders. It was held at USC in January 2005. The Council representatives at that meeting voted to facilitate their own meetings and formed the NC Congress Working Group, craft a congress blueprint and a plan for creating and organizing an NC Congress ... or a Congress to be directed and managed by Neighborhood Councils.

Since that January meeting at USC, more than 65 different NC representatives, from more than 40 different Neighborhood Councils participated in some way in the LANCC process.

In fall of 2005, the LANCC Working Group approved a “Proposal to Create a Charter for a Citywide Congress of Neighborhood Councils” and distributed it to Councils for ratification. To date, 32 Neighborhood Councils have approved the Charter.

In accordance with the Charter, the first official meeting of the new LA NC Congress will be held on February 4, 2006. (See meeting details elsewhere in this CityWatch or go online: www.LANCCongress.org.) ■

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First Thing Monday Mornings

LANCC
LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS CONGRESS

*NC’s that have ratified the NC Congress Charter
As of 1-30-06*

Arroyo Seco
Atwater Village
Bel Air Beverly Crest
Central San Pedro
Coastal San Pedro
Del Rey
Downtown Los Angeles
Granada Hills North
Grass Roots Venice
Greater Griffith Park
Harbor Gateway South
Historic Highland Park
Hollywood United
Mar Vista
Mid City West
North Hills WEST
Northwest San Pedro
Northridge West
Pacoima
Pico Union
Reseda
Silver Lake
South Robertson
Tarzana
United Neighborhoods
Valley Village
West Hills
West Los Angeles
West Van Nuys / Lake Balboa
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Winnetka
Woodland Hills-Warner Center

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**Charter
Citywide Congress
of
Neighborhood Councils**

Preamble

The Neighborhood Councils of the City of Los Angeles do hereby create this Charter to provide a more effective voice for the residents of Los Angeles to our City government, to create a more effective system of Neighborhood Councils to communicate with each other, and to fulfill our responsibility under the Los Angeles Charter to hold a Congress of Neighborhoods.

News That Was**Controller Chick Hammers LAFD: Weak Leadership, Harassment, Hazing, More**

Sara Epstein

For some, the Los Angeles Fire Department would be the last department where LA Controller Laura Chick's penetrating audit eye would uncover any blemishes. Let alone, harassment, hazing, discrimination or ... weak leadership. Yet, in an audit of the management of LAFD, released this week, that's what Chick reported.

Audit-in-Brief

✓ *Workplace harassment and hazing issues are more prevalent than indicated by the number of investigations LAFD has undertaken.*

✓ *Formal investigations are poorly documented, lack independence and are undertaken by untrained and inexperienced personnel.*

✓ *Fire Chief's vision and goals are poorly communicated resulting in doubt and uncertainty among the rank and file.*

✓ *During the past five years, Fire Chief overrode more than half of the recommendations to fail under-performing recruits ... more than half of the time.*

"My audit found," said Chick, "a Fire Department which lacked strong and decisive leadership and a clear and understandable vision."

The Controller said that the overwhelming majority of employees surveyed did not believe that good communications existed between the Fire Chief and the firefighters in the field. But most troubling, noted Chick, "is the prevalent perception of a hostile workplace which has resulted in employees not reporting incidents of harassment and hazing due to fear of retaliation." "While these problems are not new," she added, "it is shocking that they still exist."

Chick called on the Fire Commission to take "expedient" action to put in place investigatory and disciplinary system that is independent and fair.

"The Department must give equal protection to all of its employees regardless of race, gender or sexual orientation."

Mayor Villaraigosa praised Chick for the audit, then, in effect, warned the Chief, "The audit details many issues I have discussed with the Fire Chief over the past six months as part of an ongoing review ... his performance and management goals and objectives. I will continue those discussions."

(For complete audit: www.lacity.org.ctr. For related stories: *Opinion, CityWatch Page 2.*) □

We've Got Mail**People are Ready to Pay**

Perhaps I'm just one of those people who view the glass as half full, but what the Mayor's Budget Survey response showed me, that was extremely important, was that 63% of the respondents CITYwide stated that they were willing to pay money to eliminate the problem of urban land filling. Whether it is a \$28 a month increase or a \$7 a month increase, the numbers show that citywide, people are willing to pay.

Kim Thompson, Vice Chair
Granada Hills North NC



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Planning Director Confirmed**Goldberg: "I'm Very Excited"**

By Sara Epstein

Saying she is "very excited about the opportunity and the challenge presented here (in Los Angeles)," new Planning Director **Gail Goldberg** swept her City Council confirmation with nary a ripple. Now she can unpack her bags and get on with the task of convincing LA's neighborhoods that density and development, along the transportation corridors, are in fact a good thing.



Four things have emerged, during this getting-to-know-you period, that have pleased a number of Neighborhood Councils:

1. Goldberg believes that very little can get done without neighborhood buy-in.
2. She believes that Planning, Transportation, Building & Safety, and other related departments, must work as one.
3. She believes Planners belong in the neighborhood.
4. They are convinced that Goldberg can energize the department.

The question marks: Will Goldberg's "we will work with the neighborhoods that buy-in" philosophy really distribute needed mix-use and affordable housing fairly around the city, or will it continue to simply add more density to already dense communities? And, is the department so inextricably stuck in the past that even as talented as Goldberg may be, she will be unable to extricate it.

Here in the early going, it would appear that Councils are ready to support the new Director. And, are eager to find out if she really means to involve them in the process. ■

Opinion—Parks & Chick-From Page 2.

Chick has garnered a bunch of new fans and a lot of grassroots support for her penetrating and incisive audits of the last year or so. What's not to like about a Controller who preaches transparency and the audit fires time and again without any apparent prejudice? Chick has, however, also raised some quiet questions about those agencies that don't appear to be on her list of targets. The City Attorney's office among them.

State Audit Critical of Delgadillo

Rocky Delgadillo ... City Attorney and now candidate for Attorney General ... has been under some penetrating scrutiny of his own recently. Accusations that he went easy on slumlords that contributed to his political campaigns made headlines late last year. Now comes a State audit reporting that Delgadillo failed to record how law firms got big city contracts or why he didn't ask for budgets from these big deal firms.

That leaves a number of Angelinos asking of Ms Chick, with all of this noise across the hall, what's holding up an audit of the LA City Attorney's office? Getting that audit into the pipeline sooner rather than later might help assuage the suspicions that Delgadillo is being protected or given special treatment. If questions about why the City Attorney is being left out grow into controversy, it will only detract from an up to now splendid record of shining light into the dark corners of public department mismanagement. --CW

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City Council

Jan 31, Feb 1, 3 (10 a.m.)
City Hall (Council Chamber)

Education & Neighborhoods

February 14 (9:30 a.m.)
(Tentative)

BONC

February 7
Location to be determined

LA NC Congress

February 4 (10 a.m.)
LADWP Building (Portland Room)
First & Hope Streets
First meeting of the newly formed
Neighborhood Council Congress

NC/Planning Dept MOU

February 11 (10 a.m.)
LADWP Building
First & Hope Streets

Housing, Community & Economic Dev

January 31 (8:30 a.m.)
City Hall (Rm 1010)

PLUM

January 31 (2 p.m.)
City Hall (Rm 350)

Budget & Finance

January 31 (6:30 p.m.)
Van Nuys City Hall (Council Chambers)

Board of Public Works

February 1 (9:30 a.m.)
City Hall (Rm 350)

Mayor Villaraigosa

January 31 (following President's State of the Union)
Delivers Spanish-language response to nation

January 30 (6:30 p.m.)
Mayor guests on KPCC's Talk of the City w/ Kitty Felde

Olympic Park NC Board

February 6 (7 p.m.)
LA Elementary School Auditorium
1211 S Hobart Blvd

Watts NC Black History Month Committee

February 1 (6 p.m.)
Bethel Baptist Church
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Silver Lake NC Board

February 1 (7 p.m.)
Micheltorena St Elementary School
1511 Micheltorena St

Black History Month

February



Perspective-From Page 1

following: "Additionally, leaders from each of the neighborhood councils will convene at least quarterly as a citywide Neighborhood Congress to discuss citywide matters such as City Charter amendments, ordinances, initiatives, programs, multi-cultural dialogue and the general overall course of the city."

Key is Independence

The motion also noted that the "key to success of neighborhood councils must be their independence from City Hall, and their ability to truly represent the diverse interests of their community."

DONE GM, Greg Nelson, worked for Wachs at the time. While Wachs was the mover, Nelson gave birth to the idea, did the research and provided Wachs with the substance he needed to form his vision and belief in the NC concept. The Neighborhood Congress language, that appeared in Wachs' 1998 motion, came from a Nelson "Family of Neighborhoods" memo dated April 17, 1995.

Heady Stuff

Striking in both the memo and the motion is the emphasis on the importance of Neighborhood Councils being independent of City Hall and the great faith that these citywide neighborhood groups would deal with matters of such import as "City Charter changes, ordinances, initiatives, citywide programs and the general overall course of the city." Heady stuff from these visionaries.

Now comes the test. Can Neighborhood Council leaders park their egos and cynicism at the door and fulfill the promise that Wachs ... and the motion-signers, Mark Ridley Thomas, Laura Chick, Richard Alatorre, Marvin Braude, Michael Feuer and Rudy Svorinich imagined? The clock starts on the answer to that question on February 4. ▀

Adv

"#1 Flea Market in Los Angeles!" **The Melrose Trading Post** "LA's Hottest Scene!"
-New Times BEST OF LA Antiques & Collectibles Market -Los Angeles Magazine



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(New motions/issues that may interest NCs and the city.)

06-0002-S5-Sex Predators—Creig Smith motion to support State bill SB 1178 which would require all high-risk sex predators to be monitored by GPS devices.

04-1568-Prohibit Vending-Bill Rosendahl wants to prohibit vending on beach lands and adjacent public properties.

06-0002-S8—Remote Alcohol Monitor-Another Smith motion to support another State bill (AB 1832). This one calls for anyone convicted of a second ... or more ... DUI having to participate in a remote alcohol monitoring program.

06-0139-Elected Officials & Lobbyists-Dennis Zine wants recommendations from the City Attorney on tracking contacts, by elected officials, with paid lobbyists.

06-0002-S4—Denounce Iran President Ahmadinejad

05-2387-Marketing City Parking Facilities-Request for report from DOT on marketing use of City-owned parking facilities.

06-0100-S1—Jan Perry wants \$2-million restored to the LA Homeless Authority.

06-0158-Dennis Zine wants the City Attorney to explain non-compliance with a court requests made regarding the Notorious BIG case.

06-0169-Jack Weiss wants the CLA to come up with a plan to reassign the planning elements of the DOT to the Planning Department.

06-0096-S1—Zine wants to penalize people who remove barricades and signage from around slurry seal work being performed on LA's streets.

(The number in bold that leads the paragraph is the Council File Number assigned to the motion. Read the complete motion by: 1) visiting the City Website (www.lacity.org) ... 2) clicking on "Council File Number" at page right... and, 3) enter the File Number.) ▀

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NC Votes to Split-From Page 1

"Think of it," one member said, "three voices on the Congress for this area, instead of one and three times the budget, including the city funding and things like \$100,000 street repair dollars from Public Works."

"And, most importantly," he added, "people will be engaged in areas where they currently feel woefully under-represented."

But, as the song goes, breaking up is hard to do. First, there has been some, however small, opposition. Current President Cary Adams told the Daily News that this came so quickly he didn't think anyone was prepared.



Then, there was the expressed concern that the board moved without community outreach or that some of the orphaned area will lose their voices.

Making It Happen

And, of course, there is the task ahead for Greg Nelson and DONE, sorting it all out and making it happen. Councilmember Wendy Greuel said her office would help, if needed.

Nelson, who has always advocated smaller Councils, appears supportive. He says he's "excited" and tells the Daily News, "My feeling is the ideal size (for a Council) would be so everything that was discussed would be of interest to everyone in the area."

NoHo Public All for It

MTNHNC Board member, Gary Barrata told us, "The public is all for it here in NoHo. We can still maintain connections with each for expertise and energy on projects that affect the entire area and still expand our sphere of influence."

"What's the down side?"

The answer to that question only the future, and a dozen or more organizational meetings, BONC appearances, visions and revisions, filings and refilings will determine. ▀

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NC Alert

LADWP About to Transfer \$185-Million to City's General Fund

On February 7, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1555-H of the John Ferraro Building located at 111 N. Hope Street Downtown Los Angeles, the Board of Water and Power Commissioners will be considering the approval of LADWP's annual transfer of funds to the City's General Fund which amounts to \$185,808,600 for the fiscal year of 2005-06.

The proposed transfer to the City of Los Angeles is broken down as follows:

Power System:	\$157,894,300
Water System:	\$27,914,300
Total Transfer:	\$185,808,600

The Power System transfer is 7% of its gross operating revenues for the last fiscal year (2004-05) capped by that year's net income.

The Water System transfer is 5% of its gross operating revenues for the last fiscal year (2004-05) capped by that year's net income.

For more details, the Board letter and proposed Resolution will be posted at www.ladwp.com/nc as it becomes available. In the event that this item is deferred to a different date, the new Board date will be noted on our website.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Paul T. Wang, LADWP's Lead Liaison to the Neighborhood Councils at (213) 367-1327.

Reminder

The E & N Committee

Now meets

2nd & 4th Tuesday

9:30 a.m.

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**First Thing
Monday Mornings**

Red Herring-From Page 2

But, aye, there's the rub. We don't live in a statistical democracy. We live in a real live one, with real choices, and real people. We elect our representatives, not because they specifically match our demographics, but because they appear to match our values.

The notion that diverse demographics are a prerequisite to diverse representation is actually offensive, if carried to its logical extremes. I, for one, have no interest in being limited to voting only for gay white homeowner fathers in their 30s, just because they match my external characteristics. (Does that candidate exist?) I trust that my childless, unmarried, heterosexual Councilmember can look past the end of his own nose and represent interests broader than his own. I trust my fellow NC Board members to do the same.

Same Standards Don't Apply

Proponents of this misleading diversity argument against Neighborhood Councils do not seem to demand the same high standards of the City Council. I wonder just how many renters there are around the Council Chambers horseshoe? I confess I do not know the answer to this question, but given that the 15 members individually earn more than four times the median household income in Los Angeles, you have to figure not too many of them are dumping money into a lease. Yet no one is questioning the legitimacy of their offices.



Somehow, though, Neighborhood Councils are expected to achieve on \$50,000 a year what □ Councilmembers and other citywide officeholders have failed to do with campaigns that cost hundreds of thousands or even millions of dollars: engage the full range of the electorate. This is absurd.

Lack of Diversity Not Limited to NCs

The lack of diversity in participation and representation is a serious problem in Los Angeles, demanding serious discussion. It is not, however, specific to Neighborhood Councils. It is a citywide – indeed, a nationwide – epidemic. Using it as an argument against neighborhood empowerment is specious, and should no longer be deemed acceptable.

We, as NC Board members and participating stakeholders, must challenge this misleading argument wherever it appears and acknowledge it for what it is: empty political rhetoric. Let's call out the red herring and demand a substantive discussion of the underlying issues. (Jason Lyon is Chair of the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Government Affairs Committee and a sometime contributor to CityWatch.) ■

CityWatch 2006 Assignments

◆ For NCs, the Mayor Has Promises to Keep

How good is the Mayor's word?

◆ An NC Review Commission: So, How Bad Can It Be?

The best and worst case scenarios.

◆ Is This the Best LA City Council Ever?

Our panel and our readers have opinions

◆ LA's 90,000 Homeless

Does anyone, other than Jan Perry, care?

◆ Who Will Recognize the LA NC Congress?

It's one thing to declare the LANCC official. It's another to be recognized and credible

◆ Have LA's Minority Voices Been Shortchanged by LA's NCs?

Do NC boards reflect their multi-cultural stakeholders?

◆ The Missing South LA NC Voices

Has the Empowerment Congress ... once leaders in the NC movement ... lost its way without Ridley-Thomas?

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