

CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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To: The Community and Economic Development Committee

From: Keith Comrie, City Administrative Officer

Subject: **MOTION REGARDING CREATION OF A NEW CITY DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS**

At the Committee's request, this Office was asked to report on a motion (Ridley-Thomas-Wachs) introduced during consideration of the 1997-98 Proposed Budget regarding the creation of a new City Department of Neighborhoods. The motion requested the addition of \$3 million in the Unappropriated Balance for this purpose. The Department of Neighborhoods would be responsible for the creation and/or expansion of neighborhood councils.

It is our understanding that this issue will be discussed and further defined in the future. In addition, consideration of a Department of Neighborhoods may be related to the discussion of departmental consolidation. Housing, community development, community redevelopment and economic development activities are currently proposed for consolidation. If this discussion results in reconstituted departments, a Department of Neighborhoods could become part of the mix.

It is our recommendation that funding for a new Department of Neighborhoods be considered 1) when the concept is further defined and 2) in the context of consolidation, if that is appropriate.

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