

Date: February 8, 2002

To: Neighborhood Council Leaders

From: Greg Nelson, General Manager, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Re: February 26, 2002 Hearing

At the request of community members, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners have decided to change the time that they will hold the certification hearing for applications they have received from Hollywood Hills West, Franklin-Hollywood Hills, and the Hollywood Alliance.

The meeting time has been changed from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The location remains the same: Selma Avenue Elementary School, 6611 Selma Avenue, Hollywood.

A revised notice will be placed at the regular posting sites in the areas.

This is a very challenging situation. The Board will be hearing testimony and acting on three applications that are, to be honest, not without controversy.

The Board President has asked me to inform all interested parties that everyone is going to have to be willing to be brief, concise, and try and not repeat what others have said. My best advice is that the Board will be more concerned with quality than with quantity.

The Board President wants the applicants to know that the Board will be hearing testimony on all the applications at the same time ... not one first and then another. Each applicant group should be prepared to make a presentation of up to 15 minutes. Each of the individual speakers should limit their comments to two minutes, and no speaker will be able to speak twice. All comments pro or con about any or all of the three applications should be contained within the two minute presentations. It is possible that the Board may have to end the public testimony period in order to give the Board time to deliberate before we get kicked out of the school. The Board President hopes that everyone understands the value of being concise.