

Date: April 5, 2004

To: Neighborhood Council Leaders

From: Greg Nelson, General Manager, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment

Subject: DONATION ORDINANCE ON WEBSITE. FUNDING PROGRAM REPORT ON WEBSITE. NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSES GRANT REPORT. COOL IDEA #5 – SHOW OFF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

#### DONATION ORDINANCE ON WEBSITE

If you go to our [home page](#), you will find the draft of the donation ordinance, the transmittal letter from the City Attorney, and a one page summary from us. Your comments would be most appreciated. This newsletter will inform you when it is scheduled for discussion by the Education and Neighborhoods Committee. Basically, this ordinance would allow Neighborhood Councils to accept donations of \$10,000 and less without going to the City Council for approval. It would allow the Neighborhood Councils to keep the money in a checking account that they would establish. Although some additional details are needed, our goal is to ask the City Council to give the Neighborhood Councils the greatest flexibility possible when spending this money that they have generated. Your input is valued.

#### FUNDING PROGRAM REPORT ON WEBSITE

If you go that same home page, you will also find a draft of the long-awaited report on the recommended improvements to the Neighborhood Council Funding Program. It is our contention that the Neighborhood Councils have done such a good job in spending the public's money that they should be given more flexibility in using it.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSES GRANT REPORT

And in that same place on the home page, is this proposal that was approved by the Education and Neighborhoods Committee, and will be considered next by the full City Council. It would expand the options that Neighborhood Councils have for spending their \$50,000. It would allow them to more easily give money to community organizations for projects and services.

#### COOL IDEA #5 – SHOW OFF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Rent a bus. Invite Neighborhood Council leaders from distant parts of the city to climb on board for a tour of your area. Design the tour to point out that there are more things that can bring us together than there are things that divide us. While one person's public safety issue is home burglaries, another person's crime problem may be drive-by shootings, but you all share the goal of getting the Police Department the resources they need to deal with all crime.

TO OPT OUT OF NEWSLETTER LIST:

If you would like to be removed from our newsletter list, [click here](#). Then enter your e-mail address, and click on Leave the List.

[www.lacityneighborhoods.com](http://www.lacityneighborhoods.com) [done@mailbox.lacity.org](mailto:done@mailbox.lacity.org) 1 (866) LA HELPS