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To: Neighborhood Council Leaders

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Subject: ELECTION DAY CAUTION. COOL IDEA #7 – PROTECT THE KIDS/PROMOTE THE NC.

ELECTION DAY CAUTION

The Office of the City Attorney has asked us to remind everyone about some important information that might be important to those who will be more active on Election Day (May 17) that just casting a ballot.

Strong Neighborhood Council participation in the election would be exciting. If you do get involved, please keep in mind that various federal, state and local laws come into play. As a starting point, the law restricts the use of public resources for election activities such as voter registration efforts and transporting voters to the polls. Of course, individual stakeholders, acting as private individuals, can work on voter registration and “get out the vote” efforts.

Also, state and city laws place very stringent restrictions on activities around the polling places. No one may electioneer, solicit votes, circulate petitions, or even approach or advocate to voters within 100 feet of any polling place. Only official voting information may be handed out at polling places. Other banners, signs, brochures, or flyers are banned.

As mentioned before, the City is actively recruiting poll workers for the May 17th election. The City pays poll workers and training is provided. THE NEED FOR BILINGUAL POLL WORKERS IS PARTICULARLY GREAT. Please sign up to be a poll worker by contacting the City Clerk at 1-866-899-8683 (English) or 1-800-994-8683 (other languages).

COOL IDEA #7 – PROTECT THE KIDS/PROMOTE THE NC

You couldn't begin to know the number of people who are terribly concerned about cars speeding on their residential streets, especially when there are kids playing in the area.

From time-to-time, an inventive realtor will print up signs that both urges motorists to slow down because kids are at play, and displays the realtor's name. So why shouldn't Neighborhood Councils do the same thing?

Slow down the traffic. Create a safe environment for the kids. Tell people how to contact the Neighborhood Council.

Recently, the city's Department of Transportation, or as a newspaper starting calling them “CityTrans”, printed up some signs and gave them away to the

public. They went like free tickets to a U2 concert. [Click here](#) to see a photo of the sign. If you'd like this to be a project of your Neighborhood Council, we can put you in contact with the vendor who printed these for the City, if that would help. Maybe it would be easy for them to modify them slightly to include the name of your Neighborhood Council.

If the demand is as great as it appears to be, people should be knocking down your doors to get your signs.

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