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To: Neighborhood Council Leaders

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Subject: PICKING THE NEW PLANNING DIRECTOR. L.A. SHARES SHOPPING DAY ANNOUNCED.

PICKING THE NEW PLANNING DIRECTOR

As you know, the Mayor has asked the Neighborhood Councils to play an unprecedented role in the selection of the new City Planning Director.

Several community meetings have been held, and input from the public has been collected. The Mayor has asked that the Neighborhood Councils interview the final three candidates. That date has not yet been set.

Therefore, it is important for each Neighborhood Council with an elected governing board to select a single representative. Please send this person's name and contact information to Jennifer Stein in the Mayor's office at jstein@mayor.lacity.org.

In three to four weeks from now, there will be a meeting held (time and place to be announced) at which those representatives will have the process and their responsibilities explained to them in more detail.

At this time, the delegates will select one person from each of the city's seven areas – as in done in the Budget Day process. Those seven people will conduct the interviews. Hopefully, they will commit to solicit suggestions from, and report back to, each Neighborhood Council in their area through each one's representative.

Through the process that is being developed, those seven people will present their recommendations to the Mayor.

The deadline for submitting the names will be just before the date of the meeting. Since we don't know the meeting date yet, we can't give you a hard date for the submission of the names. More information to follow.

L.A. SHARES SHOPPING DAY ANNOUNCED

All Neighborhood Councils are invited to this special "shopping day" at L.A. SHARES. You'll have the opportunity to "shop" (for FREE) for office supplies, arts and crafts supplies, and personal care products generously donated by local companies.

It will be Thursday, June 2 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at their warehouse in Griffith Park. Directions and parking instructions will be sent when your attendance is confirmed.

If you've been here before, most of what they have in stock now is new.

As you may already know, all organizations should be registered with L.A. SHARES prior to the event.

To register, please visit their website at www.lashares.org.

Please RSVP to shopping@lashares.org and mention the special "shopping" day for the Neighborhood Councils in your e-mail if your Neighborhood Council would like to attend. L.A. SHARES will confirm your attendance.

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