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To: Neighborhood Council Leaders

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REMINDER

Following the last newsletter, several people contacted us and asked to be put on the list for the next Empowerment Academy training session at which you will be taught how to prepare your neighborhood for the “big one” and be designed official Emergency Preparedness Ambassadors.

The importance of each and every home and each and every neighborhood being prepared for a major disaster is so high that we aren't beyond using “shock treatment.”

We invite you to read [today's news stories](#) about how new computer models have discovered an earthquake fault under downtown that could produce a 7.5 magnitude earthquake, kill as many as 18,000 people, and force 735,000 families from their homes. Granted that this might not occur for a long time, but it serves to point out that there may be many other earthquake faults beneath us that we don't know about.

Let us know if you too want to be the one who begins the task of preparing your neighborhood. It's a thankless task until the need arises.

CHECKING THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ROSTER

Here's another reminder for all Neighborhood Council board members to check the Neighborhood Council Roster that we post on the Internet. We need to ensure that the roster properly lists the names of all the board members, and that you are OK with whatever contact information appears on that roster for yourself and for the Neighborhood Council in general.

There are two ways to view this roster.

Go to our website at www.LACityNeighborhoods.com and click on Database/Roster, use the dropdown menu to select your Neighborhood Council, and click on Submit. Or you can just [click here](#). Ah, the wonders of technology.

BUDGET DAY CANCELLED

At least once every eight years, we will find ourselves transitioning from one mayor to another. Events that have been scheduled between the election and the inauguration can present special problems.

As we enter in the third year of the Mayor's Budget Day process, the Neighborhood Councils asked that they be able to get involved in the process of planning the next budget earlier than in the past. Therefore, the first step in the process of planning the 2006-07 budget had been scheduled for June 11 at the Convention Center – even before the 2005-06 budget took effect.

The reality is that the 2006-07 budget will be the responsibility of the new mayor, and since staff has not yet been hired and the new administration won't begin until July 1, we made a decision to cancel Budget Day because we can't clearly and definitively tell the Neighborhood Councils what the process will be.

We will give you more information when we know it.

FUNDING PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS REPORT UPDATE

Our report to the City Council that proposes six changes to the Neighborhood Council Funding Program has been on our home page for many weeks now. Keep an eye on the agenda for Education and Neighborhoods Committee because it might be on their agenda for June 7. We haven't received any comments yet from the Neighborhood Councils.

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