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To: Neighborhood Council Leaders

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Subject: VIEWING THIS NEWSLETTER. REMINDER: BUDGET DAY CANCELLED. ONE HOT WEBSITE!.

VIEWINGTHIS NEWSLETTER

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We're experimenting with other solutions. This is caused by flaw in MS Word.

REMINDER: BUDGET DAY CANCELLED

In the May 26 newsletter, we informed you we, on our own, had cancelled the June 11 Budget Day meeting at the Convention Center. It's still cancelled.

Although some people were angry with us for doing it, it seemed like the reasonable thing to do. June 11 was originally selected because everyone wanted to get started on the budgetary process earlier than in the past. That's commendable.

At this first meeting, the mayor's budget staff usually explains the process. No decisions are made. It's lot of educating and questions and answers. But with the change in the mayor's office, we knew that we wouldn't be able to answer most of people's questions about what will happen next.

Please don't stress out. There is still plenty of time for Neighborhood Councils to become involved in providing input for the 2006-07 budget.

We'll tell you more when we know it. Thanks for understanding.

ONE HOT WEBSITE!

We decided the number of hits that our website received in 2004, and to compare those numbers to some other city website. Check out these numbers:

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2,187,955 Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment
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132,740 Dept. of Public Works

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