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To: Neighborhood Council Leaders
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Subject: NEW! CITY ATTORNEY'S NC ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Good news!

City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo's Office will be conducting Regional Roundtable Discussions with board representatives from all of the neighborhood councils to discuss the laws governing neighborhood councils and to answer questions that neighborhood councils have about those laws, and other governance issues related to the citywide system of neighborhood councils.

Called the City Attorney-Neighborhood Council Regional Roundtable Discussions, the plan is for each neighborhood council to designate a board member to attend these meetings, which will occur periodically in the seven geographic areas of the city. Each meeting series will feature a different subject of interest and provide an opportunity for discussion on the stated topic as well as other questions, presented in advance of the meeting, by the representative board member.

Each neighborhood council with a governing board in place is asked to select one member of its board to be its representative/liaison at these meetings. This person does not need to be an attorney, but should be someone who will accurately transmit information to and from their neighborhood council. It is suggested that an alternate be named.

The City Attorney's Neighborhood Council Advice Division asks that prior to each meeting, the liaisons send as many of their questions as possible to them through their Project Coordinator. In this way, the attorneys will have an opportunity to come to the meeting prepared for productive dialogue to ensure the best use of everyone's time.

The priority will be discussing and answering questions relating to the topic of the meeting. If time permits, liaisons may ask questions on unrelated topics submitted in advance, but to make the best use of each two hour meeting, all questions should be of interest to all participants. Because the liaisons will be representing their governing boards, questions that could be considered "individual or personal" will not be addressed at these meetings; rather, issues such as those involving individual conflict of interest concerns, should be directed to your Project Coordinator who will forward them to the appropriate attorney in the City Attorney's Neighborhood Council Advice Division for response.

Before the end of each meeting, the liaisons will be asked if they have any future topics to recommend. Of course, recommendations can be made at any time to the Project Coordinator. Based upon feedback, interest and attendance, the City Attorney will determine the frequency of the meeting series.

Evening times and convenient locations in each area will be announced.

The schedules can be announced after the names of the liaisons are announced, but won't begin until early next year.

Again, the first step is to identify your liaison and possible alternate, and notify your Project Coordinator.

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