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To: Neighborhood Council Leaders  
From: Greg Nelson, General Manager  
Subject: CONFLICT PANEL CREATING A CONFLICT PANEL?

The agenda for the next Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting on December 6, 2005 will include a proposal from the Office of the City Attorney to solve the dilemma that would be created if the entire governing board of a Neighborhood Council is not able to act on a matter, such as approving the expenditure of money, as the result of a conflict of interest that disqualifies the entire board.

The City of Los Angeles needed a system through which decisions could be made whenever an entire commission had a conflict of interest. A Board of Referred Powers was created of City Council members by the President of the City Council. Whenever necessary, they meet, discuss, and decide in place of the commission.

The City Attorney proposes that the BONC establish a standing committee for this purpose.

The City Attorney's letter is on our website and can be found by clicking on Commission>Staff Reports, or by clicking on the link above.

The commission will likely meet in City Hall, but keep an eye out for the agenda.

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