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September 4, 21015

Councilmember Joe Buscaino
Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: File No. 15-0389 (amend the Council rules allowing for official representatives of Neighborhood Councils or Neighborhood Council Alliances to address the City Council, its committees, City commissions, and Boards with sufficient time of at least five minutes)

Dear Councilmembers Buscaino and Harris-Dawson:

At our August 11, 2015, Board meeting, we voted 9-0-0 to support File No. 15-0389, which would amend the Council rules allowing for official representatives of Neighborhood Councils or Neighborhood Council Alliances to address the City Council, its committees, City commissions, and Boards with sufficient time of at least five minutes to present the official view of their Neighborhood Council Boards or Alliances on the decisions to be made on projects that directly affect their communities.

From our previous experience in attending the City Council, Council Committee meetings and Commission hearings, we have often found the current time limit to be too limiting to allow an adequate explanation of our reasons for supporting or opposing a proposal. This limitation does a dis-service to our stakeholders on whose behalf we are advocating our position.

Sincerely,

Neodros Bridgeforth
Neodros Bridgeforth, Corresponding Secretary
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