September 4, 21015

Council Member Joe Buscaino
Council Member Marquece Harris-Dawson
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: File No. 15-0524 (greater time allowance for Neighborhood Councils when speaking before the City Council, its committees, commissions, and boards)

Dear Councilmembers Buscaino and Harris-Dawson:

At our August 11, 2015, Board meeting, we voted 9-0-0 to support File No. 15-0524, which would grant up to five minutes, separate from general public comment, for a certified Neighborhood Council or Neighborhood Council Alliance representative to present the official view of the Neighborhood Council Board or Alliance on issues to the City Council, its committees, commissions, and Boards, and to receive priority as City entities and be called for comment before general public comment.

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, Corresponding Secretary
Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

cc: Jacob Haik, Deputy Chief of Staff - Council District 15
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