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September 15, 2010

Board of Neighborhood Commissioners
334-B East 2nd Street
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Dear Commissioners,

On August 17, 2010, by a vote of 10 to 1, The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council expressed its opposition to Policy 2010-02, numbers 2 and 4 adopted by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners on August 3, 2010.

Policy 2010-02, number 2 states, "If a Neighborhood Council has a website and/or stakeholder email database, the Neighborhood Council shall also post all notices of meetings/agenda required under the Brown Act, including Board and standing committee agendas, on the Neighborhood Council's website as well as distribute these agendas to their stakeholders through their email database pursuant to the time line requirements under the Brown Act."

The GGPNC holds as many as 15 meetings each month and requiring an email notification each time runs contrary to effective Outreach practices. This oppressive amount of communication is tantamount to harassment and will only cause disinterest and annoyance among our stakeholders. That is contrary to our purpose; getting people involved in serving their community.

Policy 2010-02, number 4 states, "Neighborhood Councils shall notify the Department of (a) the physical posting sites for their Board and committee meeting, (b) their website address, if and (c) confirm with the Department whether they use a stakeholder database to distribute their agendas.

Neighborhood Councils shall be required to provide this notification on a form approved by the Department. A Neighborhood Council's posting site must be approved in writing by the Department, and a Neighborhood Council may request any changes by submitting an additional form."

Most members of the Governing Board and committees are volunteers who hold full time jobs and work long hours. Creating this extra layer of bureaucracy is a burden that will put our members at a disadvantage and create unnecessary work. Just like the public, we want our members to be encouraged and motivated to help their community. Enforcing this policy will discourage members who don't have the extra time to receive approvals. They shouldn't have to worry about canceling meetings due to the failure to file a form. One of the purposes of the Neighborhood Council is to step forward and better the community. It is our great responsibility to serve the community and this policy is an impediment to achieving that goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Ostrow". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Ron Ostrow
President, Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council

Cc: Jessica Kornberg, Secretary
GGPNC Board members