

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am submitting the attached letter in support of the re-appointment of Leonard Shaffer to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. I know Commissioner Shaffer from the Tarzana Neighborhood Council, where he is the President. Commissioner Shaffer is tireless in the volunteer work he does to make Los Angeles a better city. Through the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, Tarzana Neighborhood Council, Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils, Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition, and Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance (where he is Chair), Len has been involved in issues relating to every aspect of the city. He is masterful at conducting Neighborhood Council meetings in such a way to allow dozens of people to express their views, and then reaching consensus or taking a vote. He is the most knowledgeable person I know regarding Neighborhood Councils, their history and meeting procedures, laws, by-laws, etc. He was, in fact, Chair of the Tarzana Neighborhood Council Formation Committee. His background as a retired lawyer and prosecutor in the Los Angeles County District Attorneys Office is also invaluable to his understanding of the legalities of the Neighborhood Council system. Commissioner Shaffer is exactly the type of person we need on our Commissions – committed, hard-working, knowledgeable, effective, and compassionate. I hope you will approve his re-appointment to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. Sincerely, Jeffrey Mausner, Tarzana, CA

Jeffrey Mausner
Tarzana, CA

August 13, 2024

Honorable Members of the City Council
Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee

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Sincerely, *Jeffrey Mausner*, Tarzana, CA

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