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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 11/14/2022

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 11/15/2022

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 22-1285

Agenda Date: 11/14/2022

Item Number: X.I.

Summary: The Reseda Neighborhood Council supports the recommended changes to the charter and rules of the Council if they are amended. As it currently stands, a censure of a sitting Councilmember is an effectively toothless remedy. Councilmembers who are censured can continue to serve on committees, sign contracts, disburse funds, introduce motions, and perform all the normal functions of a councilmember. While the embarrassment of being censured by colleagues is a deterrent, it's clearly not an effective one when a Councilmember has no shame. The proposed report back asks the City Attorney and Chief Legislative Analyst to create a set of recommendations for penalties that CAN be imposed on a censured member. This is key: the proposed penalties are not mandatory, but can and should be applied in a limited manner. We believe this is an appropriate response to the current situation with Councilmember Kevin De Leon and will create an effective safeguard to discourage future Councilmembers from acting improperly. We hear the concerns of our fellow NC members who worry that this could interrupt vital services in their community; clearly the residents of a Council District should not suffer in order to penalize a Councilmember. We therefore ask that the motion be amended so that the Report includes clear recommendations to ensure that vital services are not interrupted if and when the penalties are imposed on a censured Councilmember. In addition, we request an analysis of discretionary spending by the censured councilmembers and request that the Council consider additional options for the proper use of the neighborhood services account in meeting constituent needs. Thank you for your consideration of this topic, The Reseda Neighborhood Council Please see attached pdf for our full statement.



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Rules of the City Council / Censured Councilmember / Charter Amendment

Position: Support If Amended

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This community impact statement was passed in a Brown Act Compliant meeting on November 14, 2022 with a vote of 10 yes, 0 abstain, 0 no, 0 ineligible.