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February 15, 2012

To whom it may concern:

At its regular monthly meeting February 14, 2012, the Mar Vista Community Council unanimously passed the following Policy Motion regarding **Neighborhood Council Elections:**

The MVCC supports the following eight motions from the LANCC Election Task Force passed on January 28, 2012, and urges the City Council to incorporate these motions in a neighborhood council elections ordinance for 2012:

- The Election Task Force recommends that Neighborhood Councils will run their own elections or selections at such time, place and manner of their choice with assistance of Department as it is capable.
- The Election Task Force encourages Neighborhood Councils to run elections cooperatively and if desired, to conduct regional elections with the assistance of the Department.
- Regions are to be established by Neighborhood Councils and their regional alliances.
- Neighborhood Council elections or selections should be monitored or overseen by a trained, independent third party.
- The Election Task Force requests the City Council to allocate in the fiscal year 2012-2013 budget, the amount of \$650,000 to the Department for additional staffing and resources for the Neighborhood Council election process.
- The Election Task Force requests the City Council to expedite the process for contracting Independent Election Administrators and staffing associated with Neighborhood Council elections not to exceed sixty (60) days.
- The Election Task Force recommends to Neighborhood Councils the inclusion of independent poll watchers as part of their elections.
- Election challenges are to be heard and decided by arbiters hired and paid for by the Department.

Kind regards,

Sharon Commins, Chair Mar Vista Community Council

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