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To Whom It May Concern:

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa formally joins the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners and other neighborhood councils in calling for Mayor Villaraigosa to appoint a neighborhood council liaison to alert Neighborhood Council Boards of important impending issues. Neighborhood councils are the bedrock of grassroots democracy in the City of Los Angeles. They are a conduit for residents to be involved in and informed of their local government.

In order for neighborhood councils to function properly, however, they need to have the resources to support their constituents. Perhaps one of the most important resources is time. Without proper advance notification of projects and initiatives that affect local communities it is almost impossible for neighborhood councils to serve their intended purpose. As neighborhood council Board members, we have our ears to the ground and our fingers on the pulse of our local communities. We strive to be a partner in improving the lives of Angelenos across our city. Adequate notification of important impending issues is essential for us to achieve this goal.

We strongly urge the Mayor to enact an executive order that would require city departments to appoint a neighborhood council liaison to enable neighborhood council Boards and their constituents to remain a connected and effective part of the public process.

Sincerely,

Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa

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