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Motion for Board Consideration

PRNC Board Meeting

April 11, 2018

Motion: Discussion and possible action for The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council to support the work of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their White Paper dated March 2018, and approve the filing of a Community Impact Statement in support of Council File 18-0600, if amended.

CIS Text: The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council supports the recommendations of the March 2018 White Paper including but not limited to:

1. Holding monthly town hall meetings on weekends and weekday evenings to allow greater participation from stakeholders.
2. Developing a comprehensive plan to address all City infrastructure and repair and maintain our streets, including our sidewalks, parks, and urban forest.
3. Establish a City Attorney's Office Liability Task Force, train specific departments on risk management and set up accountability procedures within city departments to address the City's skyrocketing liability claims.
4. Develop benchmarks for efficiency of City services (ie. Public Works, Recreation and Parks).
5. Outsource 50% street and sidewalk repairs to private contractors to compare which is the better option for taxpayers.
6. Hire an independent City Manager to oversee all city departments.
7. Call on the Budget and Finance Committee, the Mayor and the City Council to pass a balanced budget and address the City's budgetary woes.

Proposed by: Jason Hector, Budget Representative PRNC

Description: Below is the link to the white paper:
<http://ncbala.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2018-White-Paper-complete.pdf>

While I realize the entire report is very long (99 pages), I would ask that you **please read the 3 page summary section which includes a budget overview, 10 recommendations and a conclusion.** This section will give you some valuable information about the City.

Also, I would recommend you read the “Recommendations by Department” section for any city department that you deal with or are concerned about. Should you want more details on the specific departments and the meeting talking points, use the table to contents to find the full department report.

The budget advocates have completed their white paper and sent it to the mayor. The advocates have taken input from stakeholders and set up meetings with department heads to share their recommendations. This grassroots effort provides valuable feedback and motivates changes within city departments to help improve the services provided in our community.

The report is very detailed and makes recommendations to individual city departments. The white paper strikes at the core of what Neighborhood Councils do by helping to improve city services to our community. By creating a dialogue between board members / stakeholders and the city departments, we can provide feedback and hopefully improve the services provided to our communities. Also included is valuable insight into the fiscal health of our city and recommendations for improvements and increased transparency.

Benefits to PR: By approving this motion, Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council will approve and support the White Paper and can provide specific recommendations on the 2018-19 budget. The white paper provides many specific recommendations to City departments on how to improve the services we receive.

Is this a Time-Sensitive Motion (Yes/No)? No

If the answer is “Yes”, please explain: NA