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Community Impact Statement **(DRAFT)**

The Board Approves This Community Impact Statement Yea (x), Nay (x), Abstain (x) on

March 18, 2021

**Re: Vote on New Leadership and Funding by Neighborhood Councils for the 2021 NC Congress**

Dear Honorable Members of Los Angeles City Council,

SUMMARY:

The Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council supports the Los Angeles City Council and the City Clerk be required to reject and freeze funding the current leadership of the NC Congress until a valid elected leadership is in evidence.

STATEMENT VOTED ON MARCH 18, 2021:

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles houses a diverse population, including citizens of other nations, whose contributions to the community are vital to its character and function; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution guarantees all persons living in the United States the fundamental rights including - freedom of religion, speech, assembly and privacy, protection from unreasonable searches and seizures, due process and equal protection to any person; equality before the law and the presumption of innocence, access to counsel in judicial proceedings, and a fair speedy and public trial; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should affirm the rights of all people, including United States citizens and citizens of other nations, living within the City in accordance with the Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution,

WHEREAS the annual Neighborhood Council Congress, traditionally held in September, is being planned and managed by a group of self-selected people who are not representative of the neighborhood council community as a whole, to the point that one member of that group unilaterally cancelled the officer elections that had been scheduled for February 6, 2021,

And WHEREAS the congress has been funded in recent years by public money allocated to the Congress Planning group through the votes of governing boards,

And WHEREAS the annual congress has, in recent non-pandemic years, cost upwards of \$40,000 in any given year,

Therefore, the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council opposes supporting the NC Congress 2021 when there is no valid accountability for the funds we usually provide.

Therefore be it resolved, the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council (LHNC) calls on its fellow neighborhood councils to withhold funding from the NC Congress Planning group unless and until that group reforms itself.

Respectfully,

Richard Larsen, Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council

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