

On behalf of the members of the board of the Neighborhood Council and the entire community of North Hills West I respectfully request that Council File CF 11-1-17-S1 be formally closed by Councilman Englander through introduction of a motion to do so.

History

This file was created on October 1, 2013 and contained three separate motions introduced by Councilmembers Nuri Martinez and Mitch Englander and seconded by Bernard Parks. It has resided in the Education and Neighborhoods Committee since that time. The last activity occurred on 6/24/2014 with the submission of the report from the Personnel Committee. The current file is now scheduled to expire 6/24/2016.

Significance

The first motion called for an investigation of allegations of discrimination and harassment made by board members who resigned from the NHWNC against other board members and stakeholders. The other two motions requested that DONE and BONC evaluate options for training and other forms of education for NCs in general.

Current Status

The filing of the personnel report exonerates the accused board members with the finding that the allegations were unsubstantiated. The remaining motion items have been addressed by training and guidelines established by DONE and BONC.

Rationale

All parties recognize that allegations of this sort must be carefully addressed, evaluated and corrected as needed. This episode appears as a black mark on the otherwise excellent work that the NHWNC is doing for their community. Formal closure of this file will allow the board to put this incident behind them and continue to move forward with their directives without distraction. The formal action requested and taken by the Councilman would confirm his support for the activities of the NHWNC and NCs in general. The members of the past and current board as well as Individuals personally affected by direct involvement in this process would then be publically exonerated.

Please acknowledge this request and update me on the progress resulting from this request.

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North Hills West Neighborhood Council