

To: Council member John Lee,  
Council District 12

I am disturbed by the orders and commands the Los Angeles City Council has authorized Neighborhood Council Board members and committee members to take. And especially now the MANDATORY TRAINING-Ordinance 187803 to complete Anti Bias Training and Gender Expression and Gender Identity Training to name one of the many requirements. This mandate has nothing to do with being a VOLUNTEER Neighborhood Council Board member or committee member.

Neighborhood Council Board members as well as committee members are VOLUNTEERS who give up their time and energy to have an informed understanding of the community they live in. They also help to make life safer and community members versed in the issues that confront the city of Los Angeles and their communities.

Why do you as a member of the Los Angeles City Council not stand up for the people who give their time, energy, and help to make our Council District 12 a better place to live and work? Adding these directives have nothing, nothing to do with being a Neighborhood Council board member who receives zero, zilch, nil for their time, energy and knowledge except ludicrous demands. Take care of the business the City Council is authorized to do like have a balanced budget, take care of the homeless issue that has seen our city become an unsafe place for the law abiding tax payer, stop pandering to the "woke" agenda for issues that are personal choices and not political.

Neighborhood Councils were meant to be the voice of the people in their communities, but the City Council has put up roadblocks and barriers in every way they can to diminish and minimize the input of the citizens. Basically Neighborhood Councils have had their first amendment right taken away. What I would like to propose is Neighborhood Councils be abolished and DONE gone. Neighborhood Councils were established to placate and subdue the San Fernando Valley after the vote that did not allow for the separation of the Valley to separate from the city of Los Angeles as an entity in Los Angeles County.

Now, after all these many years of a failed attempt of allowing the voice of the people to be heard, I would like to see the San Fernando Valley separate and secede from the central city of Los Angeles. It would have its own government that is answerable to the populace of the San Fernando Valley and not to those who live on the other side of the hill who in my opinion have a different governmental agenda and needs.

Most Sincerely,

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