

ORDINANCE NO. 177535

An ordinance prescribing the method for appointing a commission to evaluate the system of neighborhood councils.

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 912 provides that the Mayor and Council shall appoint a commission to evaluate the provisions of Article IX of the Charter, the Regulations adopted pursuant to Article IX of the City Charter, and the efficacy of the system of neighborhood councils;

WHEREAS, the commission must be appointed as prescribed by ordinance;

WHEREAS, the appointments must be made no later than seven years after the adoption of the Charter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Charter Section 109, the adoption date of the Charter is that date upon which the adopted Charter is filed in accordance with state law, which occurred on June 24, 1999.

NOW THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. **Title.** The commission appointed pursuant to Charter Section 912 of the City Charter shall be referred to as the Neighborhood Council Review Commission and shall consist of 29 members, appointed by the Mayor and City Council.

Sec. 2. Appointment Process.

A. Mayoral Appointments. The neighborhood councils located in each of the seven Area Planning Commission areas shall collectively (for each area) submit to the Mayor by June 19, 2006, at 5:00 p.m., at least two nominations for membership on this commission. The seven Area Planning Commission boundaries are defined in Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 11.5.2. Neighborhood councils may rank their recommendations if they choose. Neighborhood councils may nominate their representatives to the commission at the Congress of Neighborhoods on June 17, 2006, or locally by collective action among the neighborhood councils within each Area Planning Commission area. Whichever venue or method the neighborhood councils choose, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment will provide accommodations to facilitate the selection process.

The Mayor shall appoint 14 members, seven of whom must be from the pool of nominations submitted by the neighborhood councils. These seven must represent each Area Planning Commission area.

If for any reason, neighborhood councils in any given Area Planning Commission area should fail to agree on at least two nominees, each neighborhood council within that Area Planning Commission area may submit its own nominations to the Mayor. As long as at least two nominees are submitted to the Mayor, the Mayor shall appoint one member from the Area Planning Commission area's pool of nominees.

Should the Mayor fail to timely receive a sufficient number of nominees to make these seven appointments, the Mayor shall appoint seven members of his choosing so long as the members are neighborhood council representatives of a neighborhood council located within each of the seven Area Planning Commission areas, giving consideration to the criteria set forth in Subsection C below. The Mayor shall appoint seven additional members, giving consideration to the criteria set forth in Subsection C below. The Mayor shall forward the names of these appointees to the City Clerk, who shall immediately upon receipt notify each City Councilmember of the Mayor's appointments.

B. Council Appointments. Each City Councilmember shall submit one nomination to the City Council for approval and appointment. Each nomination shall be made giving consideration to the criteria set forth in Subsection C below. Each City Councilmember shall forward the name of the nominee to the City Clerk. Upon receipt of all the nominations, the City Clerk shall notify the Mayor of these nominations, and shall immediately forward the nominations to the City Council for approval and appointment. The City Council then shall make 15 appointments by majority vote from those nominations received from the City Councilmembers.

C. Recommended Member Criteria.

1. The appointing authorities are encouraged to balance the commission by appointing commission members from current and past neighborhood council leaders, representatives from the business community and community organizations, renters, members of homeowners' associations, consultants and experts in the field of neighborhood organizing, academia, public administration and public policy.

2. Appointees need not be registered voters or residents of the City of Los Angeles.

D. Effective Date of Appointments. The commission appointments made by the Mayor shall become effective on the date that the City Clerk

