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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(____) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Impact Information

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Summary: Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council submits the following pursuant to Article V, Section 508 to act on appointments by the Mayor, and in respect of the rights granted to the Neighborhood Councils under the City Charter, that the confirmation of Carmen Chang as the next DONE General Manager be deferred for up to the 45-day window to allow her a minimum of 30 days to meet with Neighborhood Councils and other interested parties to discuss issues of importance to the Neighborhood Councils and the Neighborhood Council system.

Comments: The learning curve for Neighborhood Council board members from one council is difficult enough with all the rules and policies. The ideal General Manager for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment should be an experienced hire. A General Manager with direct experience to run a large staff such as DONE, direct

experience in support to all staff equally and equally to all board members and the public involved in the Neighborhood Council system to and including specifically in the areas of Ethics, Advocacy, Outreach, Community Improvement, Responsive and Direct City Department Collaboration and Creative Solutions Supportive to those Neighborhood Council Board members in office now and in the future. Zero direct experience will be a disservice to the Neighborhood Council system. Direct experience includes having served on a Neighborhood Council board, Completion of all required training, participation and speaking at City Department and Commission hearings including specifically the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. There is no place for hate or division in the Neighborhood Council system.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lydia Grant
President
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council