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To: Los Angeles City Council Members

Subject: **Resolution to provide adequate neighborhood council representative speaking time at Los Angeles City Council and committee meetings**

The following resolution was passed by the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council at its December 20, 2021 Monthly Board Meeting:

**Whereas**, Neighborhood Councils, which are branches of Los Angeles City government, are intended by the Los Angeles City Charter to promote citizen participation in government and to make government more responsive to local needs;

**Whereas**, the current rules of the Area Planning Commissions and the City Planning Commission allow neighborhood council representatives to speak at Commission meetings on an agenda item in their communities;

**Whereas**, project advocates are allowed to set their own time limit to speak before the City Council and the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) committee, and Planning department representatives and Councilmember representatives are allowed unlimited time to speak, thus creating a significant imbalance and equity issue with regards to the presentation of the views of developers, Planning, and the Council Office vs. the Neighborhood Councils;

**Whereas**, at the November 30, 2021 PLUM committee meeting the chair treated the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council representative the same as any other public commenter.

**Therefore, be it resolved**, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests that the City Council and the PLUM committee allow for the relevant Neighborhood Council representative to speak on an agenda item or amendment thereto during the agenda item hearing for a minimum of five minutes, with the chair's discretion to grant more time.

We look forward to your response and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Doug Epperhart, President  
On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board