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Subject: Peter, please circulate to full BOA: Proposed change for CBO for tonight's meeting
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Peter,

Please forward this email to the full BOA.

I gave out hard copies of this at the last meeting but want to officially submit it for the record and distribute it to the BOA before tonight's meeting so they have a chance to consider it.

I propose to substitute this language for the language in the current proposed draft of the Community Benefits Ordinance. My intent is to establish a reasonable balance of power between the Mayorally-appointed centralized Community Benefits Committee and the local, grassroots Neighborhood Councils, and to give the NC's a fair amount of local control and power over what happens in their neighborhoods:

“Neighborhood-Specific Fund,” a sub-account of the community benefits stabilization fund containing monies allocated as mitigation for development in a specific neighborhood. A Neighborhood Council may recommend to the Committee that the Committee approve or reject an application or applications if the application focuses primarily on that neighborhood. The Committee shall support the Neighborhood Council’s recommendations unless a 2/3 majority of the full Committee (six [6] votes) vote to override those recommendations. A principal vehicle for accomplishing this for the Neighborhood-Specific Funds shall be an annual meeting between the Committee and each Neighborhood Council, Interim Neighborhood Council or Neighborhood Advisory Committee. At this annual meeting, which shall immediately proceed each annual funding cycle, the Neighborhood Council shall present a plan with their top three priorities for neighborhood-specific funding, and shall have the option to make funding recommendations to the Committee on any applications that have been submitted that focus primarily on that neighborhood.

Thanks,

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