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September 3, 2015

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and
Members of the Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
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Re: Status and input on the Coalition of LA City Unions settlement

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood. We understand that a settlement has been reached with the coalition of unions, and that ratification of this will start shortly. Given that labor and related costs make up the bulk of the City's budget and any significant impact on the City's budget will affect services to our neighborhood, we would like to request that the Mayor and City release the details of the proposed contract so Neighborhood Councils may speak on behalf of our stakeholders.

Given that the City now prides itself on transparency in all its actions and given that this information will be going out to the over 20,000 members affected and easily double that number will know the contents through those members, and given that the FY 2016-17 budget passed by the City Council made certain assumptions about this settlement which may or may not have been realized, we feel this is not an unreasonable request. Nor is requesting how any overages will be funded.

Furthermore, the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council would appreciate sufficient time to review and, if appropriate, submit constructive suggestions before final ratification.

Additionally, we suggest that Los Angeles immediately develop a Civic Openness in Negotiations Ordinance for labor contracts to be fair and transparent, similar to those that have been adopted in other California cities and counties.

Sincerely,


Monica Alcaraz, President
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council