

inside-out approach works best rather than working from the outside-in.

The following guidelines should be included in the overall structure of the approach:

- 1) Upon their own application, endorsement by their Councilmember(s), and then recommendation by the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership, the City Council should consider recognizing a neighborhood association as a "Neighborhood Council."
- 2) The recognized "Neighborhood Councils" should be used as models upon which other community neighborhoods (from among the 26) could be organized.
- 3) A limited marketing campaign should be developed to share information with other neighborhoods.
- 4) The Housing and Neighborhood Division of the Development Department, in consultation with the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership, would develop guidelines and an application process for recognition.
- 5) The Riverside Neighborhood Partnership can enhance communications between the Neighborhood Councils and the City Council. All approved Neighborhood Councils should have at least one member on the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership.
- 6) The boundaries of Neighborhood Councils should generally be consistent with the 26 community neighborhoods identified by the Planning Department in the City's General Plan.
- 7) The membership of Neighborhood Councils should be defined as those who live or work in the neighborhood, and meet any other criteria established by the Neighborhood Councils.
- 8) Officers should be elected, not appointed, from the general membership.
- 9) The scope of Neighborhood Councils advisory role should be limited to items of direct impact and importance to that particular neighborhood.
- 10) City Councilmembers and his/her Legislative Representatives should provide timely information on city decisions that might be important to a Neighborhood Council.
- 11) Neighborhood Councils will have an advisory role only to the City Council.
- 12) All Neighborhood Council agendas, minutes, and action resolutions will be sent to the appropriate Councilmember(s).
- 13) Neighborhood Councils will work directly with Councilmembers and his/her Legislative Representatives.
- 14) Neighborhood Councils cannot endorse any City Council or Mayoral candidates.
- 15) Program support will be provided by Councilmembers and his/her Legislative Representative.
- 16) The Neighborhood Council approach should be established by action of the City Council. The approach should be reviewed after two years.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

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