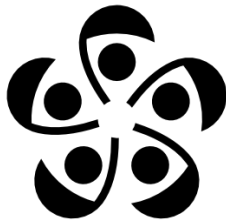


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WILSHIRE CENTER KOREATOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



To: Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas
City Councilmember, District 10

Wilshire Center Koreatown's Request For Action, Re: Fair and Equitable Communications

Dear Councilmember Ridley-Thomas,

The city of Los Angeles, being a city located in the great state of California, the local government is subject to the Brown Act. The Brown Act guarantees fair and equitable access to public meetings as well as conducting them in a transparent way that allows all citizens to participate freely and openly. Unfortunately, the city has begun to engage in the practices of advertising on, engaging constituents, and communicating on platforms that **do not** offer fair and equitable access to all constituents, namely a website known as Nextdoor.

This type of communication fosters an anti-community sentiment and allows a limited group of stakeholders to organize with representatives in a way that is not transparent and does not offer fair and equitable access to these communications that would satisfy the requirements of the Brown Act.

Based on conversations with stakeholders, outreach workers and volunteers, and our own observations, Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council asks that you take the following actions:

- Immediately make a motion that any and all services through which the city or any of its departments advertise or communicate on must offer fair and equitable access to all citizens, therefore we recommend a set of conditions including but not limited to:
 - Does the platform have any restrictions on who can join?
 - If so, is that a marginalized group or an evenhanded restriction?
 - Is the discussion about that group?

- How can this discussion be had in a way that is fair and equitable to all involved?
- If it is found that the city is advertising through a platform that is proven not to allow fair and equitable access to all citizens, particularly when a discussion is about them, then the funding is to be halted immediately and actions are taken to prevent any future funding being provided until it is remedied.
- Vocalize support for any and all state legislature that embodies the same spirit of fair and equitable communications.

In the hopes of proactively lifting marginalized voices and setting the tone for a more equitable & accessible LA, this RFA was drafted in direct collaboration with a currently unsheltered homeless Angeleno, Twitter user @Rooflessor, in the spirit of “Nothing about us, without us!”

Thank you for your consideration,

/s/

Jamie Penn, Assistant Secretary, At-Large
Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council

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General Board, Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council