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HOLLYWOOD UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
RESOLUTION ON PROPOSITION B ON THE MARCH 3, 2009 BALLOT

WHEREAS the multibillion dollar Solar Energy program, the largest in DWP history; may be implemented with a city ordinance without having to change the City Charter; and,

WHEREAS the Neighborhood Councils were not provided with timely information or adequate opportunity to provide meaningful input and comment to the City Council, violating both the City Charter and the NC LADWP Memorandum of Understanding; and,

WHEREAS Eric Garcetti and others in City Hall covered up a highly critical taxpayer funded report by PA Consulting; and,

WHEREAS DWP has not “vetted” the Solar Energy program nor has its Board of Commissioners approved the Solar Energy program; and

WHEREAS there is “no analysis relative to the number and quality of jobs which will be created.”

WHEREAS there has been no discussion or analysis regarding the impact on the Charter; and,

WHEREAS the City Council approved the multibillion dollar Solar Energy ballot measure within just three weeks; and,

WHEREAS the power rates were increased by about 25% in April and July; and,

WHEREAS PA Consulting found that the program would cost “much more” than \$3.6 billion, “it is likely that the ECAF would need to be increased by 2½ to 3 times,” and “base rate increases are needed.”

WHEREAS the provisions of this ballot measure relating the 30% bid preference and the DWP work crews will increase costs by hundreds of millions, if not a billion dollars; and,

WHEREAS PA Consulting found the solar program to be “extremely risky” and “extremely aggressive,” “DWP does not have the planning mechanisms and resources in place to accomplish this program,” and “it does not appear that DWP has the capability to adequately take on this program.”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that whereas this Neighborhood Council supports green power and sustainable energy, it does not support the Proposition B and urges a NO vote on March 3, 2009; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Neighborhood Council urges the City Council to pass an ordinance to implement the Solar Energy program after properly vetting the program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Neighborhood Council provide the City with a Community Impact Statement.