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(via E-mail & personal delivery)

Dear Ms. Qureshi,

Thank you for attending the first meeting and swearing-in of the 2008 Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC) Board of Representatives last evening. As you referenced then, I am now forwarding (via E-mail w/ and attached PDF, and paper copy for hand delivery), the Mt. Washington Revote Addendum agendized that night.

At that same ASNC meeting, the seated members of the board unanimously approved this addendum, for forwarding to DONE, with the specific dateline revisions suggested by Independent Election Administrator Jerry Kvasnicka. His communication, sent after reviewing an earlier draft of what follows, is included for your reference. In it, he also offers his assessment that . . . *“it complies with the needs and integrity of the ‘revote’”*.

And, as we also discussed earlier, in order for this timeline to work and for Mr. Kvasnicka to serve as the IEA for this small final portion of our 2007 election (during an opening in his elections schedule), we will need DONE’s approval for what you are now receiving within 3 weeks or less (i.e., before Feb. 21). This will allow just enough time for proofing, printing, and mailing to stakeholders of the outreach communications and ballot pieces outlined.

I’ll check back with you shortly to make sure you have received the hardcopy and that there are no missing components to it – or please feel free to confirm receipt via e-mail.

Thank you, in advance, for expediting this,

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Enclosures: Board-approved Mt. Washington Revote Addendum
Communication from IAE Kvasnicka, Jan 28, 2008
2007 DONE-approved Election Procedures
Jan. 28, 2008 Agenda for ASNC Board Meeting
Dec. 18, 2007 FDM Report, re: Election Challenge

ADDENDUM

(to Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council 2007 Election Procedures)

Submitted to L.A. City Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment, Jan. 29, 2008,
following approval by the ASNC board on Jan.28, 2008 *(final)*



Background: On December 18, 2007 the City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission, acting as the Final Decision Maker (FDM), upheld a stakeholder-initiated challenge to one portion of the 2007 ASNC general election held on November 25 and called for that neighborhood council "to revote ONLY the Mount Washington representative positions." In keeping with the spirit and definition of that limited-scope decision, the ASNC Rules and Elections Committee provides the following revote-specific addendum to the 2007 Election Procedures approved by DONE this past fall, to serve as additional guidelines for a March 2008 revote.

- 1) Universal changes to approved elections procedures necessitated by the required revote (a continuation of the ASNC's November 2007 general election):
 - a) Based on the ruling of the FDM, all references within the 2007 Procedures to board seats other than the two (2) Mount Washington Geographical Representatives were previously satisfied and do not apply to this revote event.
 - b) Based on the ruling of the FDM, all such references to voting district(s), stakeholder definitions, voting eligibility, apply only to the community of Mount Washington, within and as outlined by the ASNC boundaries
- 2) Delineated changes to the ASNC 2007 Election Procedures, as necessitated by the ruling of the FDM, are as follows (unless otherwise noted above or herein, those procedures stand as previously approved):

(refer to corresponding Roman numeral sections in approved Procedures attached)

II. THE ELECTION

C. Voters may cast their ballots on the following dates, times, and locations:

March 24, 2008, 3:00-7:00 PM

Mount Washington Elementary School, 3981 San Rafael Ave, L.A. 90065

E. Election will be held at Mount Washington Elementary School, which is handicapped-accessible. Stakeholders with disabilities may also vote by mail

IV. DEFINITION OF STAKEHOLDER

E. Previously satisfied on 9/27/07 and 11/25/07 for purposes of appearing on the ballot and becoming a write-in candidate, respectively.

VII. THE INDEPENDENT ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR

- B. and C. Jerry Kvasnicka will again serve as IEA, assuming this addendum is approved by DONE in a timely manner (within 3 weeks of receipt).

VIII. THE GOVERNING BOARD

- D. Previously satisfied on 11/25/07 for purposes of becoming a write-in candidate.

X. POLLING PLACE OPERATIONS

- A.(iii.) The selected site is not generally convenient for those utilizing public transportation (it is unlikely that any large-enough site within the affected hillside community would be). It is, however, more centrally located to Mount Washington stakeholders than sites used in previous years. The ASNC Rules and Election Committee will endeavor to recruit volunteers willing to drive stakeholders that would have otherwise used public transportation to reach the polling place, when requested. Stakeholders who require the use of public transportation may also vote by mail.

XI. BALLOT DESIGN

- C. All four carryover candidates for the two open board seats from the challenged November 2007 portion of this election previously submitted 100-word statements. These will be included with the corrected Mail-in Ballots for this revote event.

XII. CANVASS OF VOTES, ETC.

- D. April 1, 2008

XIV. OUTREACH FOR THE ELECTION

- B., C., and E. Previously satisfied during the unchallenged portion of the approved Election Timeline, between 9/4/07 and 10/19/07. All such dates meet or surpass the "not less than 60 days prior to the election" requirements.
- D. (See **Revote/Election Timeline** following, specifically regarding the March 4 ballot mailing and the IEA-suggested "outreach mailer" to precede it by at least 1-2 days).

3) ASNC Appendix: For any references to specific dates for as-yet unsatisfied election events listed in the special 2007 election appendix, refer to the updated revote timeline that follows, and previous notations in this 2008 revote addendum.

4) Revote/Election Timeline - (compare to previous Attachment A)

The following election events/activities are proposed for March/April 2008:

[Note that previous elements of the original approved timeline which have already been satisfied include: mailing of election packets (9/4/07); candidate workshops (9/23 & 9/25/07); deadline for declaring candidacy (9/27/07); submission deadline for candidate statement (10/19/07) -- *all 4 candidates involved in the revote have already submitted these*; Candidate Forum (11/18/07) -- *all 4 candidates involved in this revote were invited to take part*; and, deadline for write-in candidates to file (11/25/07)].

New dates for timeline elements not satisfactorily completed during the November 2007 portion of this ongoing election, based on the ruling of the FDM:

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION (or other details)
<i>Ballot addressing</i>	March 3, 2008	
<i>Official ballots mailed*</i>	March 4, 2008	
<i>Deadline for receipt of returned mail-in ballots</i>	March 22, 2008	
<i>Election Day</i>	March 24, 2008	Mt. Washington Elem. School 3981 San Rafael Ave, L.A. 90065 (Smith Library/Community Ctr.) 3:00-7:00 p.m.
<i>Official Certified Canvas of Votes</i>	(no later than) March 31, 2008	
<i>Final date for challenges</i>	5 days after submission of Final Official Certified Canvass of Votes (FOCCOV)	<i>(Challenge due date to be noted on FOCCOV)</i>
<i>Elected officers take office</i>	April 28, 2008	<i>(At regular monthly board mtg.)</i>

*In addition, an "outreach mailer" previously used to invite stakeholders to the candidates forum and mailed one week after the ballots were mailed will instead be mailed in advance of revote ballots to assist in explaining the rationale for the revote and to alert stakeholders to "watch for" the new ballots in the mail. (Note: This re-purposing of the outreach device was specifically suggested by IEA Jerry Kvasnicka. The actual mailing date for this will depend on the timing of DONE's approval of this partial revised timeline, but will precede ballot mailings by at least 1-2 days.)

Re: (draft) ASNC MW Revote Addendum

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Subject: Re: (draft) ASNC MW Revote Addendum
Date: Jan 28, 2008 4:02 PM

Joe,
just a few comments:

Canvas of Votes: the deadline is 7 days after the election day; however, I am usually able to submit the Final Official Canvass of Votes (FOCCOV) by the next day if we finish the counting that evening. So I suggest you change to:

Canvass of Votes: no later than March 31

Final Date for Challenges: this is a floating deadline, ie 5 days after FOCCOV submittal. So I suggest you change to:

Final Date for Challenges: 5 days after FOCCOV submission.

(the Challenge due date will be noted on the FOCCOV)

I also suggest that you put the 3-7pm on the timeline for the Mar 24th election day....just to be clear.

Otherwise, if DONE approves this, I have it scheduled and feel that it complies with the needs and integrity of the "re-vote".

Jerry

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