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To: **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment**

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Re: **Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council Election**  
Final Decision Maker Report

Date: **December 15, 2006**

The role of the Final Decision-Maker (FDM) is to render a fact-based decision regarding challenges pertaining to an election. As a neutral entity with no interest in the outcome of an election except to ensure that said election is equitable to the entire community, the City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission (HRC) ensures that process and procedures are not violated.

As a result of this role, the HRC is pleased to announce that no challenges were rendered against the Board Election that took place on November 27, 2006. Congratulations to all those who participated in the process. Effective immediately the Human Relations Commission recognizes the newly elected representatives of the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council:

Pablo Lopez	Jack Fenn	Sara Lopez	Zara Scoville	Margaret Barto
Darlene Roker	Jerry Schneider	Scott Folsom	Ernie Sanchez	
Josef Bray-Ali	David Brunk	Ruth Ann Tarletz	Paula Sirola	

Looking at the numbers of votes that were cast in this election, the Human Relations Commission hopes that the Neighborhood Council will not be satisfied with a voter turnout of 231 people for this election in a neighborhood council that represents 24,521 stakeholders. Each election should be seen as an opportunity to improve the process, and thereby enhance all aspects of Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council, including outreach.

If Neighborhood Councils are to succeed, each and every one of them must be diligent in reaching out to all of their possible constituencies and be accessible to the communities they represent. We know that outreach is an arduous task, but it must be constantly done to ensure adequate representation from the many diverse communities of Arroyo Seco. To that end, we offer our assistance to this particular Neighborhood Council in the coming year in whatever way we can, to help improve outreach.

If you have any questions about our decision please feel free to contact me at (213) 978-1660.

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