

Resolution by the Board of Olympic Park Neighborhood Council
Statement of Opposition to BONC's Prohibition of In-person Meetings

WHEREAS, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) at their June 21st meeting, voted to enact a policy of outlawing in-person Neighborhood Council (NC) meetings until the end of 2021 or it is found their policy is no longer permissible under the law.

WHEREAS, the pandemic restrictions that necessitated virtual meetings were lifted by the State, County, and City on June 15th 2021, due to high vaccination rates and relatively low new COVID-19 infections.

WHEREAS, the decision to "fully re-open" the states economy and end most pandemic related restrictions, including social distancing, on June 15th 2021 was broadcast by the Governor on April 6th 2021 with ample time for BONC to craft a policy accommodating in-person NC meetings.

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles City Council began meeting in-person on June 15, the day the pandemic restrictions were lifted.

WHEREAS, the policy enacted by BONC has impeded the Olympic Park Neighborhood Council's mission, outlined in the City Charter, to promote more citizen participation in government and to make government more responsive to local needs and has made it more difficult to reach our stakeholders, some of whom have difficulties participating virtually.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLYMPIC PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL:

The official position of this board is in opposition to BONC policy number 2021-1 which totally and arbitrarily restricts in-person meetings by Neighborhood Councils. We request that the Commission reverse this policy and put in its place a commonsense alternative that allows Neighborhood Councils to safely meet in-person, including an option of hybrid in-person/virtual meetings.

ADOPTED THIS 12TH Day of July, 2021