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Unleashing the Power of Participation

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Dear Civic University[®] (Civic U[®]) Participant:

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2018 Civic University[®] 2.0 program. Civic U[®] is a non-credit certificate program developed by the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs at Cal State LA in association with the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, supported by Cal State LA's College of Professional and Global Education. We are delighted that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has once again invited us to offer this program to the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils.

As a reminder, this is a four-night program on consecutive Mondays. The dates are January 8, 22 and 29 and February 5, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 pm. Civic U[®] 2.0 is an advanced program that will include workshops and project design and presentation.

The course will feature presentations, guest speakers and breakout sessions. There will be time for questions and answers each night. Certificates signed by Mayor Garcetti and Cal State LA President William A. Covino will be presented on the last evening. This program is designed to help you gain the skills to become an even more effective advocate and to successfully work with city government. To receive your Cal State LA certificate, you must attend and sign in for each session. Your attendance and participation in the activities during each of the four sessions is key to the success of the program.

Part of the sessions will be focused on working in small groups on a case study based on a specific topic. Please be on alert for a separate email about the breakout sessions. It will include a link with a list of topics from which to select. Please sign up for first and second choice by January 7th (or a group will be assigned to you); choosing which would be most interesting for you.

You can check out additional information on the DONE Civic University[®] webpage.
<http://empowerla.org> Parking instructions are provided as an attachment.

Congratulations for being part of this exciting program. I look forward to seeing you all on January 8th!

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raphael Sonenshein".

Raphael J. Sonenshein, PhD.
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