

Neighborhood Resource Center

Training, Technology and Resources for Neighborhood Organizations, Neighborhood Leadership Program,
Neighborhood Enhancement Area (NEA) Program, Neighborhood Problem Solving



June 10, 2009

For several years now, the City of Long Beach's Department of Development Services has published a "Directory of Neighborhood Organizations", often referred to as the "Red Book". The last published Directory was the 2007 edition.

The **Neighborhood Services Bureau (NSB)** is pleased to inform you that the **Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC)** will now publish and maintain a "**List of Neighborhood Groups**" to replace the Directory starting this year. The purpose of the NRC is to provide resources to neighborhood associations and to regularly communicate with community leaders. The purpose of publishing the "**List of Neighborhood Groups**" (**the List**) is to improve communications between the many neighborhood organizations of Long Beach and City Hall. As with the previous Directory, City Council members and City Departments may use the List to notify groups of specific projects and special events. The List is also a great tool for organizations to use for networking as well as for residents seeking involvement in their own neighborhood.

Beginning with this new listing, the Neighborhood Resource Center will list only groups that are established for the purpose of community and neighborhood improvement, as this more accurately reflects the core-services of the Neighborhood Services Bureau. It is not a listing of all non-commercial or non-profit organizations in Long Beach. Some organizations that were previously in the Directory may not be included in the new "**List of Neighborhood Groups**". This adjustment has become necessary, as the previous Directory included organizations that fit categories other than neighborhood or community improvement groups. A **Listing Criteria** form can be downloaded from our website which describes the group categories that will be listed.

The "**List of Neighborhood Groups**" will also be used to name which organizations are able to make full use of the resources at the NRC. Some of the NRC's resources for neighborhood groups incur a cost to the City (i.e. photocopying), so the use of these assets is limited only to groups that meet the objective of the NRC. The **Listing Criteria** is used to define those groups.

To move forward with this new listing, we need the most recent and accurate information regarding your group. Please visit our website and download the **Group Information Form** as instructed below and submit to us by **July 1, 2009**. The form will allow you to decide which information you would like published. We appreciate your returning the requested information to us promptly so we can provide this resource to City Departments and the community.

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Please do not hesitate to call us if we can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions about the changes described in this letter. You may contact **Jason Fraley** at **(562) 570-1010** regarding the "**List of Neighborhood Groups**" or any of the contents of this letter.

1. Please visit our website at:
www.longbeach.gov/cd/neighborhood_services/resource_center/
2. Download the *Listing Criteria* and *Group Information Form*
3. Submit the *Group Information Form* by one of the following:

Mail or drop off: Neighborhood Resource Center
425 Atlantic Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90802

Email: jason.fraley@longbeach.gov

Fax: (562) 570-1016

We look forward to continued communication with you and providing resources to your group so that you can carry on with your significant work of improving our City's neighborhoods and communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angela Reynolds', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Angela Reynolds, AICP

Neighborhood Services Bureau Manager