**Civic U is back!**

After a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic, Civic U for Neighborhood Councils is back!

Civic U provides the tools neighborhood councils need to understand city government and to influence policy at City Hall. Since the first Civic U for neighborhood councils in 2015, over 500 people have completed and graduated from the program.

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, in partnership with the Mayor's office and Cal State LA’s Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs, invites each Neighborhood Council to appoint board members to attend Civic U. The number of appointees from each board will need to be less than a majority of the quorum for your board. We invite your board to take gender diversity and inclusiveness in its decisions. Your Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate is ready to assist

you in this process.

The 90 minutes sessions will be held virtually on:

 Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 6:30pm: *Power Structure at Los Angeles City Hall*

 Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 6:30pm *The Guts of City Government*

 Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 6:30pm: *Mobilizing for Influence*

To appoint board members, the item will need to agendized it at your July or August Board meeting. Here is the suggested language:

*“Discussion and possible action to appoint board members to attend the 2021 Civic University for Neighborhood Councils scheduled on September 9, 23 and 30, 2021.”*

Once appointed, participants need to register at tiny.cc/CivicU2021 in order to receive more information about the 3 sessions including the zoom link.