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Community Impact Statement - Submission Details

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A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enabled by the Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or resolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Council's rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)
Date of NC Board Action: 07/19/2023
Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

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Council File Number: 22-0736
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Item Number:
Summary: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 22-0736 to bypass the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) and bring "high value projects" directly to the full City Council. (See attached President's letter in support.)

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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

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RE: High Value Projects Opposition, Letter Supporting SCNC Board Agenda Item 8(a)

All projects of significant impact or size deserve full vetting with sufficient time and input devoted to evaluating their impacts. The City Planning Report points out that the proposed action would have the effect of limiting public participation in the approval process. The proposed procedural change to bypass the PLUM Committee would result in delay of other City Council business. Alternative solution(s) must be developed to deal with the problem of the corruption in the planning and land use process engaged in by the City Council 's Planning and Land Use Management Committee and the City Council. The Studio City Neighborhood Council opposes the City Council motion seeking to bypass the PLUM Committee for "High Value projects."

Bypassing the City Council's PLUM Committee bypasses the last critical opportunity to fully vet and evaluate the most impactful projects in the City of Los Angeles and their effects on the communities in which they intend to build. Circumventing the Council's PLUM Committee could lead to increased corruption with less review. These "High Value" projects provide the public many opportunities to comment on the significant impacts to their neighborhoods, land values and traffic effects, which we doubt can be accommodated by the full City Council. This motion to expedite projects would have the effect of limiting public participation in the approval process by eliminating any hearing held by the City PLUM Committee. Pressing matters of the full City Council will curtail the amount of time for public participation now handled in meetings at the PLUM Committee stage and the Planning Department Report has presented quantifiable determination as to exactly what constitutes a "High Value" project, and questions whether the full City Council can dedicate the time, staffing or depth of understanding to acquire a full understanding of all the significant issues that could/will significantly impact a neighborhood or community.

The City has created insufficient barriers to the lawyers, private planners, lobbyists and other individuals in promoting a "High Value" project to Council Members, thus creating the opportunity for even more City decision makers to be targets for corruption. The City Council would be better off limiting the access of developers and lobbyists to Councilmembers for the purpose of influencing project determinations and should make real efforts to create a true independent review of these "High Value" projects, which cost hundreds of millions of dollars and affect the lifestyles and environment of hundreds of thousands of Los Angeles residents and businesses for multiple decades.

The SCNC strongly urges the Los Angeles City Council to consider the following points for "High Value" projects and delay passage until the following are addressed for the benefit of the public:

1. Alternative definitions of a "High Value" project be offered by City Planning, for the public and the City Council, that reflect "High Impact" since size does not always match impacts. Size should not be the only determinant.
2. The public should know in advance for transparency as to exactly which individual(s) using which requirements will have the authority to determine if a project is sent to the City PLUM Committee or sent directly to the full City Council for resolution.
3. A solution is found that creates a greater timeframe and more generous appeal process for the public—and specifically for stakeholders in the neighborhood where the project is slated to be built—before the sitting City Council members make any final decisions.
4. Requirements be developed to prohibit contact outside of public meetings between "High Value" applicants or their representative and the Members of the City Council or their staff.
5. The proposed "Policies and Procedures" undergoing review by the City Attorney must include and not limit

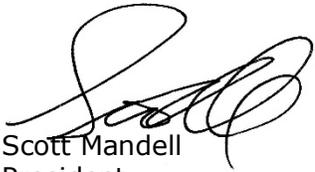
opportunity for Neighborhood Councils to participate in project vetting.

6. For "High Value" projects, Neighborhood Councils should be provided additional time to comment on projects due to the complexity of issues.

7. Neighborhood Councils and the Public should be given additional time to comment after changes introduced within the meeting or since the last public meeting.

The Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) advises the Los Angeles City Council, the Los Angeles Planning Department, and the City Department of Neighborhood Empowerment must perform greater outreach to the residents and business of the City of Los Angeles and to their elected Neighborhood Councils so that the constituents of this City can have a greater voice in the most significant projects impacting our surrounding environment and lifestyles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Mandell', written in a cursive style.

Scott Mandell
President,
Studio City Neighborhood Council