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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(13) Nay(1) Abstain(2) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/13/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 02/15/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Council File Number: 15-1207-S1

Agenda Date:

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Summary: At a special public meeting on February 13, 2024, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to submit this Community Impact Statement In Support If Amended of CF 15-1207-S1: Los Angeles Convention Expansion Project.

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February 13, 2024

**RE: Community Impact Statement on CF 15-1207-S1/S2: Los Angeles Convention
Expansion Project**

To Whom It May Concern:

At a special public meeting on February 13, 2024, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (“DLANC”) voted to provide the following comments below:

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council submits this Community Impact Statement **in support if amended** of CF 15-1207-S1/S2: Los Angeles Convention Expansion Project

The Los Angeles Convention Center is one of the most critical economic engines supporting Los Angeles’ tourism and trade economy. The current state of the Convention Center, as documented in countless reports and studies, has had major ramifications on our City’s economy due to the loss of event bookings because of the size and state of the facility. The impacts extend beyond the Convention Center and into our hotels, restaurants and nightlife, neighborhood small businesses, workers and union laborers, and wholesaler suppliers that lose out on revenue, jobs, and traffic due to the loss of events at the Center. The impacts even go as far as our City’s General Fund and revenue streams due to the reduction of funds such as the Transit Occupancy Tax (TOT).

The need to modernize the Convention Center to be a Tier 1 facility to support the City’s economy and jobs is undeniable. Like any infrastructure project, such as Airports, Mass Transit, and parks, the benefits of investment almost always outweigh the cost. The Convention Center’s impact alone as an amenity to Downtown Los Angeles and neighboring communities is critical to supporting the micro-economies that are still recovering from the impacts of COVID-19. The improvement of the expansion of the Convention Center, such as the upgrades to Gilbert Lindsey Plaza, enhanced pedestrian lighting, and connectivity to the community of

Pico-Union to Downtown LA will be immense and otherwise not achievable if modernization did not occur.

Given the benefits of upgrades and improvements to the Convention Center, DLANC recognizes that the impact and risk to the City and the General Fund will be significant, no matter the delivery approach. As such, any delivery method should minimize the impacts to our already stretched City budget and risk while ensuring the work can be accelerated and delivered on time. However, the City should heavily consider studying the viability of a **P3 delivery model** given the associated challenges and time constraints with a city-delivered project.

Secondly, DLANC shares the concerns raised by the Council regarding the potential ramifications and significant risks associated with proceeding with modernization before the Olympics. DLANC concurs that if delays were to occur during construction, the loss or relocation of the venue would have an adverse impact on Downtown and the City as a whole. Should the City proceed with delivering this project before the LA28 games, **DLANC recommends that the project be phased** so that any work is directed towards the actual expansion of the Convention Halls themselves, any relevant MEP, Fire/Life Safety and ADA upgrades to keep the facility operational during the games and public/open space at the street level be done first, versus other building upgrades/modifications such as that over Pico Boulevard.

Sincerely,



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President,
DLANC



Debby Zhou
Chair,
DLANC Livability Committee

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