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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0600

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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 to 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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Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/29/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against Unless Amended

Impact Information

Date: 05/30/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Summary: EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS CENTRAL AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL is submitting a COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT for CITY COUNCIL FILE # 25-0600, RE: Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Mayor's Proposed Budget. Our organization writes this letter on behalf of our constituents, stakeholders, and neighbors, echoing their opposition unless amended to the Los Angeles City budget currently before City Council.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

May 29, 2025

To hon. members of
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

RE: Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Mayor's Proposed Budget
CITY COUNCIL FILE # 25-0600

Our organization writes this letter on behalf of our constituents, stakeholders, and neighbors, echoing their **opposition unless amended** to the Los Angeles City budget currently before your council.

Of particular significance to our members are the potential for cuts to Animal Services. We were heartened to see the proposed amendments to the budget that restored 60+ positions that were due to be cut and would maintain the current service levels across all six city-operated animal shelters. Our organization fully supports these amendments, as well as any additional resources that can be allocated to these over-worked and under-staffed members of our community.

We also voice our support for EmpowerLA and the The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, who are facing drastic cuts. This includes a reduction in funding for all Neighborhood Councils from \$32,000 to \$25,000 per fiscal year. We also oppose the removal of Neighborhood Empowerment Advocates (NEAs), who are already stretched thin. The NEAs provide significant support and education to groups like ours throughout the city. As a launchpad for young and engaged citizens in Los Angeles, the NC program is vital to our city's function and future. Further cuts to this department would send the clear and disheartening message that grassroots participation isn't valued by the city or its current leadership.

We ask that you honorable members of city council vote to maintain the current funding levels for our Neighborhood Councils, and oppose any reduction of our NEAs. The (unpaid) work that our incredible organization does is crucial to the DNA of this city and any potential savings to our city's bottom line should, respectfully, come from somewhere else.

This CIS was approved by a vote of our entire present and non-recused board members (8 in favor, 0 against), with no abstentions on May 29, 2025 during our Neighborhood Council's designated meeting.



Janay Coplon
President

Empowerment Congress Central Area Neighborhood Council

cc:

Marqueece Harris-Dawson

President, Los Angeles City Council / Eighth District Representative