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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 23-1027 - Agenda Item Number: 13

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To: Clerk.CIS@lacity.org, ethics.policy@lacity.org, commission@empowerla.org

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](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/13/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 03/27/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Ethics Commission, City Council and Committees, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

Council File Number: 23-1027

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Summary: The Winnetka Neighborhood Council supports Council File 23-1027 which requests that the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with assistance from the City Attorney and City Clerk, report back with best practices for a Charter reform process and options to create a commission to evaluate and provide recommendations on Charter reform for the 2024 or 2026 ballots. It also requests that the City Attorney, the CLA, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Ethics Commission, and the Planning Department report back with separate recommendations for identifying and prioritizing sections in the

Charter that would benefit from reform to modernize the City's organizational infrastructure and/or support more strategic citywide policies. Most importantly, that the CLA seek and incorporate equitable input from Council Offices and other City stakeholders regarding Charter reform and include in the report these concerns and/or recommendations.

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## **WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**20122 Vanowen St. Winnetka, CA 9130**

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**February 13, 2024**

**Re: Council File 23-102**

Charter Reform / Commission Creation / Periodic Review / Organizational Infrastructure / Strategic Policies Support If Amended

**Attention: City Council and Committees; BONC; Ethics**

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council (WNC) supports Council File 23-1027 which requests that the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with assistance from the City Attorney and City Clerk, report back with best practices for a Charter reform process and options to create a commission to evaluate and provide recommendations on Charter reform for the 2024 or 2026 ballots.

It also requests that the City Attorney, the CLA, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Ethics Commission, and the Planning Department report back with separate recommendations for identifying and prioritizing sections in the Charter that would benefit from reform to modernize the City's organizational infrastructure and/or support more strategic citywide policies.

Most importantly, that the CLA seek and incorporate equitable input from Council Offices and other City stakeholders regarding Charter reform and include in the report these concerns and/or recommendations.

For these reasons, we hope that the charter commission process does not stall current City and public efforts to place meaningful and much-needed reforms on the 2024 general election ballot. The responsibility to clean up our city's politics ultimately sits with you.

In its Recommendations for Charter Amendments as requested by the Motion for Council File 23-1027, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment concluded, "Engaging Neighborhood Councils in the process ensures that their unique perspectives and insights are considered, enhancing the inclusivity and relevance of the proposed changes."

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council supports this conclusion and encourages other Neighborhood Councils to get on board to share both our unique perspectives and insights and the collective wisdom that has been amassed over the past two decades.

The City's Charter needs both minor revisions in the short term and a major overhaul in the long term. It is important that the City Council engage with the public to start this work now. In addition to addressing the issues of the current Charter, the City should also create a process for a periodic review of the Charter to ensure that future Charter updates are more orderly.

Winnetka Neighborhood Council

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