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

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LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>

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Reply-To: LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>

To: Clerk.CIS@lacity.org, amcorona.punc@yahoo.com

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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Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(1) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/07/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 05/26/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Summary: See Attachment



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Sent via email

Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT – COUNCIL FILE 25-0600

RE: Opposition to the Elimination of the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO)

The Pico Union Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the proposed elimination of the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO) in the FY 2025-26 city budget. This decision will have far-reaching consequences, jeopardizing climate resilience efforts and disproportionately harming frontline communities, including Pico Union, that are most vulnerable to worsening environmental conditions.

Beyond the immediate loss of vital climate initiatives, eliminating CEMO forces the City to forfeit a \$750,000 state grant designated for LA's first heat action and resilience plan. This plan is essential in protecting Angelenos who cannot afford air conditioning, as well as outdoor manual laborers who face extreme heat risks. Without this funding, those most impacted by climate change will be left defenseless against intensifying heat storms.

CEMO was established to ensure that Indigenous, frontline, and labor communities have a leadership role in shaping the City's climate policies. Its removal strips them of their seat at the table, silencing the very voices that should be central to environmental justice and decision-making. We urge the City Council to restore CEMO's funding to last year's \$750,000 budget, ensuring that those disproportionately affected by the climate crisis remain involved in policy co-design and governance.

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Los Angeles has long been recognized for its leadership in climate and biodiversity initiatives—within C40 Cities, Climate Mayors, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, and global Biodiversity Conferences of the Parties. Eliminating CEMO at a time when cities worldwide are accelerating their climate commitments would be a step backward, undermining the City’s progress and international reputation.

Budget constraints should not come at the expense of environmental justice. While the City faces a **\$1 billion deficit**, cutting CEMO provides minimal savings while severely weakening LA’s ability to combat climate change. The City Council has a responsibility to ensure climate policy remains a priority. We urge you to **reject the proposed elimination of CEMO** and reaffirm Los Angeles’ commitment to sustainability, resilience, and environmental equity.

Sincerely,

Aurora Corona
Secretary
Chair, Quality of Life & Safety Committee
Pico Union Neighborhood Council

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