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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0002-S13

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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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Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 03/05/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 03/18/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 25-0002-S13

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: NWWNC supports extending the ability to hold virtual/teleconference meetings, originally done during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency and then enacted into law in SB 411 (2023). We ask that bills that do so in the current legislative session (SB 707 and AB 467) be added to the City's state legislative program in support. We also ask the California legislature and our state legislators to approve them and ask the City to advocate for them. Unlike other government bodies, Neighborhood Councils like ours are all-volunteer and have no free, guaranteed meeting space. The SB 411 teleconferencing options allow us and other NCs across the city flexibility to meet in ways that include the most

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Senate Bill: [707](#)

Title: Open Meetings: Meeting And Teleconference Requirements

Position: For

Assembly Bill: [467](#)

Title: Open Meetings: Teleconferences: Neighborhood Councils

Position: For

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