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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 20-1375

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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 rResolution 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(23) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/28/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 09/18/2024

Update to a Previous Input: Yes

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Agenda Date: 09/17/2024

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Summary: The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (BABCNC) appreciates Councilmember Hutt's motion to reactivate this Council File. Protecting open space provides environmental protection, climate change mitigation, recreational opportunities and community resilience, among other benefits, and protecting the City's open space will yield benefits now and for future generations. Protecting 30% of the City's open space presents a challenging problem. In the attached document, we offer suggestions on how to proceed with implementation.

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30 x 30 Conservation Campaign / Open Space Conservation

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Protecting 30% of the City's open space presents a challenging problem. We offer the following suggestions on how to proceed with implementation:

1. Map the lands that meet the definition of "preserved open space" per 30x30 guidelines.
2. Determine how much land/water should be preserved in order to meet 30x30 goals.
3. Collaborate with SMMC, MRCA, Baldwin Hills and Urban Watershed Conservancy, San Gabriel, Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and Coastal Conservancy to create a comprehensive Master Plan for Open Space Acquisition in the City of Los Angeles.
4. Inventory all existing funding sources. Explore how to use existing funding including QUIMBY and Prop K funds. If obstacles for using these funds are identified, appropriate ordinance modifications should be approved by the City Council. List of funding sources should be made available to environmental organizations, other government bodies and to City employees.

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Franklin-Coldwater District
North of Sunset District
NON-RESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATION
At-Large Members
Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts
Custodians of Open Space
Faith-Based Institutions
Public Schools
Private Schools K-6 and 7-12

5. Explore creating an ordinance that would provide reasonable incentives to developers in exchange for funding for open space acquisition projects and/or dedication of open space to conservation organizations, etc.
6. Explore adoption of ordinance that imposes mitigation fees when environmentally sensitive parcels are being impacted in addition to on-site mitigation (e.g. tree replacements).
7. Consider participating in California Department of Fish and Wildlife (“CDFW”) programs such as Regional Conservation Investment Strategies, Mitigation Credit Agreements, etc. <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Planning/Regional-Conservation>.
8. When adopting Community Plans, identify and designate “desirable open space.” City should also include strategies to preserve said open space (besides just let someone else do it).
9. Rezone land acquired by conservation organizations and other environmental non-profits to “Open Space.”
10. Rezone City-owned vacant lots with environmental value to “Open Space.”
11. As part of the Open Space Element update, establish concrete goals for achieving preservation of 30 percent of City land/water
12. Consider acquiring land through eminent domain in appropriate circumstances for acquiring vacant land with high environmental value.

This Community Impact Statement was unanimously approved by a quorum of 23 Board members present at a duly noticed, public meeting of the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council on August 28, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Longcore", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Travis Longcore, Ph.D., President
September 17, 2024