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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-0867

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Wed, Oct 2, 2024 at 11:51 AM

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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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(6) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/05/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 10/02/2024

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Title :	Neighborhood Council Bylaws / Youth Participation / Diversity Increase / Leadership Growth (Rodriguez - Hernandez): Introduced July 30, 2024 and referred to Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee. Committee. Motion is requesting that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, with assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, the Youth Development Department and the City Clerk to provide recommendations on potential methods and options to amend the Neighborhood Council Bylaws (Bylaws) to ensure youth participation in Neighborhood Councils including the designation of a youth seat on each Neighborhood Council board to increase diversity and allow for leadership growth. Motion is also requesting the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, with assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Attorney to report to the Council on potential options to amend the Bylaws to include term limits for Neighborhood Council board members to facilitate greater member participation and leadership development. S14KONICA_C24073012530 (lacity.org) , 24-0867 (CFMS) (lacity.org)
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Motion :	MOTION ENRICHMENT Los Angeles has various Neighborhood Councils that were created to connect its diverse communities to City Hall. They were established in 1999 by an amendment to the City Charter. Together these Neighborhood Councils form the grassroots level of City government. Although Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers, they are public officials elected to office by the members of their community. The Neighborhood Council system tailors City municipal government to its individual communities, ensuring that recognition and accommodation of these communities' diversity is built into City governance. Every Neighborhood Council is held to the local, state, and federal standards that other City offices and agencies must observe. Each Neighborhood Council is uniquely tailored to the communities' specific needs. Each Neighborhood Council has a governing board, structured with seats representing the particular type of stakeholders that they serve. Some Neighborhood Councils have seats for renters while others have seats for equestrians. Boards range in size from 7 to 35 members. Board terms vary as well with most consisting of two-year terms and others consisting of four-year terms. The current challenge faced by Neighborhood Councils is the recurrence of the same individuals serving on their governing boards. Implementing term limits would facilitate the evolution of leadership, ensuring alignment with current events and the evolving needs of the constituents they represent. Youth development and participation in local activities and government is vital in our communities. In order to increase youth participation and youth leadership in local issues, the City recently established the Youth Development Department. As such, youth participation in Neighborhood Councils should be promoted to keep Neighborhood Councils in touch with the needs of the youth who are vital members of the community as well.
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	<p>Relative to increasing youth participation, the City should also consider the feasibility of implementing term limits for board members. In this manner, Neighborhood Councils may facilitate greater member participation and leadership development. Presently, the Neighborhood Council bylaws provide for a youth seat on the governing board as an optional provision. To enhance youth participation, it is advisable to mandate the inclusion of a youth seat. I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, with assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, the Youth Development Department and the City Clerk, be requested to provide recommendations on potential methods and options to amend the Neighborhood Council Bylaws (Bylaws) to ensure youth participation in Neighborhood Councils including the designation of a youth seat on each Neighborhood Council board to increase diversity and allow for leadership growth; I FURTHER MOVE the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, with assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Attorney, be requested to report to the Council on potential options to amend the Bylaws to include term limits for Neighborhood Council board members in order to facilitate greater member participation and leadership development.</p>
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<p>EP Position :</p>	<p>The citywide system of neighborhood councils was setup in the City Charter to create advisory bodies reflecting diverse neighborhoods and provide local voices. They were always meant to be autonomous and have the ability to write their own bylaws based on the needs of individual and unique communities.</p>
<p>Vote :</p>	

<p>“YES” Vote:</p>	<p>YES = YES on the Motion</p>
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<p>“NO” Vote:</p>	<p>NO = NO on the Motion</p>
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