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## Community Impact Statement - Submission Details

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Tue, Oct 17, 2023 at 10:00 PM

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](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/10/2023

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 10/18/2023

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees, Board of Transportation Commissioners

Council File Number: 23-1051

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council (SVANC) in its regular board meeting of October 10, 2023, passed the following Community Impact Statement to support the Council File #23-1051 in-specifying traffic "accidents" as collisions, crashes, or incidents to avoid the vague and sometimes innocent-sounding connotations associated with the word "accident."

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**COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

**Council File:** [23-1051](#) (Accident / Collision / Crash / Incident / California Department of Transportation / Traffic Crashes)

**Position:** Support

The Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council, SVANC, in its regular meeting of October 10, 2023, passed the following community impact statement by a vote of: 11 yes, 0 no, 4 absent, 0 recused, and 0 ineligible.

Words matter, and the word "accident" when talking about a car crash, a car versus pedestrian crash, or a car versus cyclist crash, implies that it was simply a mistake that could not have been avoided.

However, crashes can be avoided; we can lower speed limits, introduce interventions that physically discourage speeding and unsafe driving, and do other things that prevent crashes.

Furthermore, using the word "accident" when someone drives unsafely, or drives impaired, is disrespectful to the victims of traffic violence.

Therefore, the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council strongly supports this motion, and asks that the City change its vernacular to "crash", "collision", or "incident" in lieu of "accident".

Respectfully,

Norma O. Chávez

President, Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council