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

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Thu, May 15, 2025 at 8:21 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 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(13) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(1) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/14/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against Unless Amended

Impact Information

Date: 05/15/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

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Summary: On May 14, 2025, at a properly-noticed meeting of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC), the GWNC board voted to file this community impact statement requesting the Mayor and the City Council to restore the amount annually allocated to Neighborhood Councils to at least the current \$32,000. The GWNC supports the rollover of all unexpended funds from this fiscal year to the next year, as proposed in the Mayor's budget. Please see attached letter.



To: Los Angeles City Council and Committees

Date: May 14, 2025

Re: Community Impact Statement, Council File 25-0600 - Mayor Bass' Proposed Reduction of Neighborhood Councils' Annual Budgets and Action re Rollover Funds

The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council understands the criticality of the City's nearly \$1 billion budget shortfall as announced at Mayor Bass's State of the City address.

It is tempting to look at the Neighborhood Councils who do not spend their money and conclude the Neighborhood Councils are over-funded. For the Neighborhood Councils who do spend their money, the \$32,000 budget is already tight. Neighborhood Councils have to pay for meeting spaces, storage units, and office space. Not all Neighborhood Councils pay for each of these, but many do. A budget cut would be devastating to Neighborhood Councils who have little more than the funds to cover their basic expenses.

For Neighborhood Councils who do not spend their money, these funds are not lost. They revert to the General Fund.

As a reminder, the original Neighborhood Council budget was \$50,000. Over time, the NC budget has been reduced and inflation has increased costs. When the Covid-19 lockdown took effect, Neighborhood Council budgets were reduced to \$32,000. When the City recovered its footing and the department cuts were reversed, the Neighborhood Council budget was not restored.

The Neighborhood Councils provide a service to the City. We engage stakeholders in a way the City Council cannot because we are part of our communities. Many of us work with our Council Offices, each helping the other to achieve the goals. It would be a shame to cripple this exercise in local democracy that is now hanging on by a thread.

Conrad Starr, President
Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council

