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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-0867 - Agenda Item Number: XII. c

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Mon, Oct 14, 2024 at 7:39 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](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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### Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/10/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against

### Impact Information

Date: 10/14/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

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Summary: The Northridge West Neighborhood Council wishes to formally express our opposition to the proposed motion to amend NC bylaws to enforce term limits on neighborhood council members and mandate the inclusion of a designated youth board member seat as written in Council File CF 24-0867. While we recognize the intentions behind these

proposed changes—such as promoting new perspectives and ensuring youth representation—we firmly believe that these amendments could have unintended negative consequences for our community and the effective functioning of our council. The Los Angeles City Charter (Article IX, Sec. 906) guarantees neighborhood councils the ability to select a board that represents the diverse interests within their area. Additionally, Article III, Section 2(b)(ii) of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils establishes that neighborhood councils have the authority to determine their own term lengths and to implement term limits at their discretion. We strongly urge the City Council to reconsider the motion as presented in Council File CF 24-0867.

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## **Northridge West Neighborhood Council**

September 9, 2024

Los Angeles City Council and its Committees

### **No to CF 24-0867: Neighborhood Council Bylaws / Youth Participation / Diversity Increase / Leadership Growth**

Position: For – **CF 24-0867: Neighborhood Council Bylaws / Youth Participation / Diversity Increase / Leadership Growth**

To City Council,

The **Northridge West Neighborhood Council** wishes to formally express our opposition to the proposed motion to amend NC bylaws to enforce term limits on neighborhood council members and mandate the inclusion of a designated youth board member seat as written in Council File CF 24-0867.

While we recognize the intentions behind these proposed changes—such as promoting new perspectives and ensuring youth representation—we firmly believe that these amendments could have unintended negative consequences for our community and the effective functioning of our council. The Los Angeles City Charter (Article IX, Sec. 906) guarantees neighborhood councils the ability to select a board that represents the diverse interests within their area. Additionally, Article III, Section 2(b)(ii) of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils establishes that neighborhood councils have the authority to determine their own term lengths and to implement term limits at their discretion.

Our opposition is based on the following key concerns:

1. **Impact on Continuity and Experience:** Imposing term limits could undermine the continuity and depth of experience that our council members bring to the board. Neighborhood councils, made up of volunteers, often tackle complex issues that require a nuanced understanding of longstanding community concerns and institutional knowledge. Term limits might lead to a loss of valuable expertise, harm retention efforts, and hinder our neighborhood council's ability to address long-term projects and build on past successes. Effective governance often depends on the stability and accumulated experience of its members, and imposed term limits can



lead to frequent turnover, and create gaps in leadership that can diminish the effectiveness of our neighborhood council.

2. **Challenges in Youth Representation:** While we wholeheartedly support the involvement of youth in our community and encourage youth candidates, mandating a specific youth seat on the board will present challenges in finding a suitable candidate who is both willing and able to meet the responsibilities of the position. The added impact of not being able to fill a mandated youth board member seat can present challenges to the board when attempting to meet quorum.

We strongly urge the City Council to reconsider the motion as presented in Council File CF 24-0867.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jorge Antonio Jimenez", is written over a small, faint circular stamp or watermark.

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