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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 21-1230-S5

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Wed, Nov 13, 2024 at 5:10 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 Councils 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(17) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 11/06/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against Unless Amended

Impact Information

Date: 11/14/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Item Number:

Summary: At our November 6, 2024 Board meeting the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council voted 17-0 to strongly oppose the proposed ordinance as written. Please see attachment for specifics.

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Final CHIP CF 21-1230-S5.pdf
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Honorable John Lee,
Los Angeles City Councilmember
District 12

Date: November 6, 2024
RE: CF 21-1230-S5 Ordinance

Dear Councilmember Lee

The Chatsworth Neighborhood Council (CNC) reviewed the proposed CHIP Ordinance at its November 6, 2024, Board meeting and unanimously voted to strongly oppose the proposed ordinance as written. Below are our comments regarding the proposal.

1. **Do not include Single family zoned parcels.** Higher densities should be focused where more appropriate, within commercial and multi-family zoned parcels, which are closer to transit and commercial uses. Putting multi-family developments in single family neighborhoods will result in haphazard development, massive loss of tree canopy, loss of equestrian uses, loss of neighborhood character, loss of privacy, increase in local street congestion and over parked streets, etc.
2. **Do not amend Site Plan Review (SPR)** – Keep SPR at the threshold of 50 or more market rate units. Site Plan review ensures that larger residential or mixed use projects which pose greater potential impacts, such as lack of street parking, or cumulative impacts, are carefully reviewed and addressed at that time.
3. **Do not reduce yard setbacks by 30 percent.** Chatsworth is getting hotter and hotter by the day. We need to preserve and maintain yard space for natural cooling, such as preserving or planting shade trees and providing more permeable ground cover, not less.
4. **The Housing Element EIR Addendum 2 is woefully insufficient.** As this CHIP ordinance is an implementation tool of the Housing Element, it needs to delve deeper into potential impacts;

however, it does not. For example, there is no mitigation for the potential loss of significant trees, of which Chatsworth has many. We value our healthy mature trees and want them to be preserved as much as possible, and if not possible, then whatever trees are to be removed needs to be replaced in kind on the project site. Under CEQA review, a tree is a tree. It's a living organism that provides benefits to people and animals. Chatsworth's lower density areas supports an abundance of wildlife that we need to continue to protect and preserving trees is one way to do that. Our community borders the Rim of the Valley and other open space areas. To say there will be "Significant and Unavoidable" impacts to Biological Resources because it would be "a burden to needed housing," and "we don't have the resources to administer this," is shockingly irresponsible and untrue. We need real mitigation, not excuses.

5. **The Chatsworth Community will be the hardest hit by the CHIP Ordinance (see map below of Opportunity Corridors).** The growth and density designated for Chatsworth under the CHIP ordinance is intense and widespread. It is also the case that whereas the Chatsworth Community Plan is the oldest community plan in the City (1993), for some reason it is the last plan to get updated. Other plans are getting updated before ours. Additionally, our Devonshire/Topanga Specific Plan has been rendered inapplicable for years as being "subjective," not "objective." However, there has been no attempt by the Planning Department to assist in updating these plans so we can actually have input on what we would want to see in our community. Until Chatsworth has a say on the future buildout and improvements in our community, we are strongly opposed to the "streamlining" or "ministerial review" of projects under CHIP.

Respectively submitted,


Jim Van Gundy
Chatsworth Neighborhood Council
Land Use and Equestrian Committee Chair

Cc: Hannah Lee CD12