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

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To: Clerk.CIS@lacity.org, commission@empowerla.org, j.goodie@mincla.org

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 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(11) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/12/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 05/22/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

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

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Summary: Neighborhood councils are the boots on the ground for LA city government and are often the first place stakeholders turn when having issues. Our service to the City and our communities is on a volunteer basis, but there is a limit to how much time and labor each of us can give. When the pandemic hit and all departments were asked to cut their budgets, Neighborhood Councils took a disproportionate 24% reduction and were never restored. We are now being asked to take another 22% reduction at time when we are being asked to be of even more service to our city. We need our budgets restored to their original \$50,000. It is very hard to function on our current \$32,000 a year allocation and make a significant difference in our communities, it will be even more difficult on a \$25,000 budget. We have to decide

between basic operational expenses and making a difference in our neighborhoods. Most NCs are making this up by over relying on the free labor of our board member volunteers and we are getting exhausted and worn out. This has a disproportionate effect on disadvantaged communities where board members do not have the luxury and privilege of time to dedicate hours upon hours to service of their communities. It has become clear that the City is leaning very heavily on our free labor and the situation is untenable and will drive active volunteers out of the NC system. If the NC system is to survive, we need our budgets reinstated to \$50,000 a year.



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Honorable Mayor Karen Bass
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**RE: Los Angeles City Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
CF 25-0600**

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If we provide simple snacks for a trash clean up it will be 5% of our budget – Mayor Bass has asked us to participate in monthly clean-ups through 2028. Sending out a single mailer will be almost 50% of our yearly budget. A financial literacy or tenants rights workshop for stakeholders would be about 20% of our budget. MINC is known for hosting a neighborhood arts and musical festival and we will not be able to do that again if our budget is cut. Renting a single 10x10 storage unit will be 15% of our budget. We can't afford to rent a meeting space, we can't afford to hire someone to perform basic admin tasks. We have to decide between basic operational expenses and making a difference in our neighborhoods. Most NCs are making this up by over relying on the free labor of our board member volunteers and we are getting exhausted and worn out.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,
Mid City Neighborhood Council