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

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To: Clerk.CIS@lacity.org, KathyGuyton.ECWA@gmail.com

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(12) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/19/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against Unless Amended

Impact Information

Date: 05/23/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: CF 25-0600 - Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2025-26

On behalf of the Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWA) board and stakeholders, we formally state our positions regarding Council File #25-0600:

Opposition to reducing Neighborhood Council (NC) budgets from \$32,000 to \$25,000. The current funding level is critical for operational effectiveness, community engagement, and support for local nonprofits and their community- focused events. This proposed reduction represents less than half of the original \$50,000 allocation intended when Neighborhood Councils were initially established, not accounting for inflation, which significantly magnifies the impact of this funding decrease.

Support for the rollover of supplemental funds from the prior fiscal year. We acknowledge that rolling over these funds is necessary to maintain effective community outreach and engagement, as has been practiced in previous fiscal years.

Opposition to the proposed layoffs of three Neighborhood Empowerment Advocates (NEA) within the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). Such layoffs would significantly increase the workload on remaining staff, negatively affecting service quality. ECWA has greatly benefited from culturally competent NEAs, including former NEA Dina Andrews and current NEA Daniel Johnson, whose understanding of our community's evolving diversity and gentrification has been instrumental.

Cumulatively, neighborhood councils fund dozens, if not hundreds of local non-profit organizations, programs and other community-based efforts that serve thousands throughout the city. De-funding neighborhood councils will cause a devastating ripple and have a deleterious effect on our communities.

We appreciate your consideration of these critical concerns. The Neighborhood Council system is a vital conduit for amplifying stakeholder input on legislative matters, homelessness, public safety, and city services, particularly in communities like ours that are undergoing significant demographic and economic shifts. We strongly urge your support in maintaining these essential community empowerment tools.

Respectfully,

Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWA)