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

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Wed, May 14, 2025 at 1:14 PM

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To: Clerk.CIS@lacity.org, melanie.labrecque@yahoo.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 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(0) Ineligible(2) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/12/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 05/14/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 25-0600

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

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Summary: May 12, 2025 To: Los Angeles City Council and Budget and Finance Committee Re: In Opposition to Council File (CF) 25-0600 – Regarding Reduced Funding of Neighborhood Councils We, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council, declare that on May 12, 2025, a Brown Act-noticed public meeting was held by the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council with the current quorum of 9 board members present, and that by a vote of 13 Yes, 0 No, and 0 Abstentions, 2 ineligible. The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council hereby requests the City of Los Angeles OPPOSE the motion for CF 25-0600 regarding funding of neighborhood councils.

May 12, 2025

To: Los Angeles City Council and Budget and Finance Committee

Re: **In Opposition** to Council File (CF) 25-0600 – Regarding Reduced Funding of Neighborhood Councils

We, the **Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council**, declare that on May 12, 2025, a Brown Act–noticed public meeting was held by the **Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council** with the current quorum of **9** board members present, and that by a vote of

13 Yes, 0 No, and 0 Abstentions,

The **Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council** hereby requests the City of Los Angeles **OPPOSE** the motion for CF 25-0600 regarding funding of neighborhood councils.

Ray Regalado, President
Chris Valle, Vice President
Melanie Labrecque, Treasurer
Victor Christensen, Secretary



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May 12, 2025

Los Angeles City Council
200 Spring Street, Room 340
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT WITH RESPECT TO COUNCIL FILE 25-0600 – NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL FUNDING

Los Angeles City Council Members,

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council understands the criticality of the City's \$1 billion budget shortfall but ask you to **SUPPORT the neighborhood councils (NCs)** by preserving the current NC budget of **\$32,000** and **OPPOSE Mayor Bass' proposed budget reduction to \$25,000 per NC—a 22% cut.**

- When the NC system was established in 1999, each NC was allocated **\$50,000 (the purchasing power of \$97,321.67 in March 2025)**. In 2009, the City approved a budget reduction to **\$45,000**. When the COVID-19 lockdown took effect, NC budgets were reduced to **\$32,000**. Once the lockdown was over and the City recovered its footing, City-wide department cuts were reversed, excluding the NCs; the **NC budgets were never restored** to their pre-COVID level of \$45,000 per NC.
- For NCs who do not spend their money, these funds are not lost; they revert to the General Fund.
- NCs have operational commitments, including meeting space, minutes, audio visual, storage units or office space, website maintenance, elections and election materials, operational and training expenses (for new board members), outreach materials, etc. Remaining funds are utilized to flesh out the NC system mission—for outreach events, community projects and neighborhood purpose grants, which allow us to give back to our communities and engage with our stakeholders.
- Ninety-nine NCs across the City provide a tremendous service to the 3.8 million (as of 2023) people in the City of Los Angeles. Each of the 1,703 elected members in the NC system takes an oath of office, but we **do the work as volunteers**. Volunteerism doesn't end there as NCs have an additional group of dedicated community members who work on committees.
- NCs engage stakeholders in a way the City Council cannot because we are part of our communities. We work with our council offices, each helping the other to achieve common goals. We work with the mayor's office, our local Chamber of Commerce, as well as City committees, commissions and civil departments, the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Fire Department, local businesses, schools and nonprofits. Additionally, **NC members have gone on to become elected officials, valued city employees, appointed advisors, and committee and commission members.**
- **Consider the financial benefit the City receives from 1,703 board members.** Each NWSPNC board member commits to a minimum of approximately 3 hours per week (156 hours per year) of their time. Computed at \$17.81 per hour minimum wage, **the City receives a financial benefit of over \$4,731,547.08 per year from NC volunteerism.**

Current \$32,000 budget	x 99 NCs	= \$3,168,000 annually
1,703 board members	x 156 hours/year x \$17.81/hour	= \$4,731,547.08 annually

It would be a shame to sabotage the efforts of NCs by further reducing our already very lean budget. Therefore, we again urge you to **OPPOSE** this proposed budget reduction and vote no.

Yours truly,

Ray Regalado, President

On Behalf of the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

cc: Mayor Karen Bass, Councilman Tim McOsker, LA City Council Members, Central San Pedro NC, Coastal San Pedro NC, Wilmington NC, Harbor City NC, Harbor Gateway North NC and Harbor Gateway South NC