



Community Impact Statement - Submission Details

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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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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(6) Nay(1) Abstain(2) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/21/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 02/22/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

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

Council File Number: 15-0389-S2

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Summary: The Northridge East Neighborhood Council, at a Brown Act compliant special meeting, voted to OPPOSE "granting community councils the same privileges as those afforded to Neighborhood Councils" as envisioned by this motion. All certified Neighborhood Councils are required to comply with the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq.), Public Records Act (Government Code Section 7920 et seq.) and the policies and rules of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Clerk's NC Funding Program and NC Election Division, including several training requirements. In contrast, "community councils" are not subject to these requirements, which serve to promote Neighborhood Council transparency, accountability and public participation. Several years ago, the Pacific Palisades Community Council declined to seek Neighborhood Council status, stating it did

not wish to comply with the Brown Act and other laws. PPCC also solicits private contributions, which Neighborhood Councils are not allowed to accept. The Brentwood Community Council requires the annual payment of \$150 by each person serving on its Board, which is contrary to the City ordinance governing Neighborhood Councils. The Westwood Community Council, unnamed in this motion, operates with "annual voluntary dues" and "contributions," which Neighborhood Councils are not allowed to accept. It also exists in an area already covered by two certified Neighborhood Councils (Westwood and North Westwood NCs) which, if this motion is implemented, would provide an unfair advantage to one community that is not available anywhere else in the City. Rather than providing special treatment of "community councils," the City Council should instead instruct the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to prioritize the formation of Neighborhood Councils in areas where they do not now exist, with the goal of achieving 100% coverage of the City by certified Neighborhood Councils.

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