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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-0602

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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 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 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](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(1) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/04/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

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Summary: We welcome Councilmember Blumenfield's motion in Council File 24-0602 as a path toward eliminating artificial turf. Soil is an ecosystem, full of life. When you cover it with plastic grass, you kill living organisms in the soil and wildlife, contributing to the loss of biodiversity. We are in the midst of a biodiversity crisis, exacerbated by the climate crisis. To cover the earth with fake plants is contrary to everything we should be doing. Fake grass increases flooding by preventing stormwater capture and creating runoff. Additionally, the run-off from artificial turf, which is derived from either

crude oil or natural gas, aka methane, contains PFAS (forever chemicals) and microplastics that contaminate our drinking water and watersheds. The EPA has reported that there is no safe amount of PFAS, which are known carcinogens, neurotoxins, and hormone disruptors. Fifteen percent of the plastic in our oceans is attributed to artificial turf. Artificial turf can reach temperatures 80 degrees higher than the air temperature, burning skin on contact. It creates a heat-island effect, increasing the risk of heat stroke. This plastic grass can cause sports injuries, is expensive to maintain, and requires replacement. The artificial turf industry wants us to believe that they are designing an ever-improving product. But it will always be artificial turf, and we need to reassess and change how we are living in order to face the climate and biodiversity crises that we have created.

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