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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-0867

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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.

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Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/17/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 09/26/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 24-0867

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Rampart Village Neighborhood Council joins the Reseda Neighborhood Council (RNC) in opposing Council File 24-0867 for the following reasons and we share their concerns about sweeping foundational changes such as term limits and mandatory youth seats being discussed outside of the context of a larger discussion of improving the Neighborhood Council system. We draw your attention to Article III, Section 2(b)(ii) of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils (the Plan), which states: "Terms of members of the Governing Body shall be for two or four years,

to be decided upon by individual Neighborhood Councils. Neighborhood Councils may limit the total number of terms that a member of the Governing Body may serve, if the term limitations are set forth in the Neighborhood Council's bylaws after the date this provision was amended." This provision clearly establishes that: 1) Individual Neighborhood Councils have the authority to determine their own term lengths. 2) The implementation of term limits is at the discretion of each Neighborhood Council, to be set forth in their respective bylaws. In addition, along with the RNC, we note the following considerations that should be taken into account in future proposals for Plan improvement: 1. Lack of data: There appears to be insufficient data on current board member retention rates. 2. Risk to institutional knowledge: Term limits may lead to a loss of experience and institutional memory. 3. Existing challenges with retention: Many Neighborhood Councils already struggle to fill board seats and retain members. 4. Quorum concerns: With DONE's mandate against floating quorums, some Neighborhood Councils struggle to maintain quorum. Therefore, we agree with the RNC that the current motion contradicts this established legal framework, which emphasizes local control and flexibility. Any attempt to impose universal term limits would require an amendment not just to the Plan, but also to the City Charter.

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**Community Impact Statement
Neighborhood Council Bylaws / Youth Participation /
Diversity Increase / Leadership Growth
Council File 24-0867**

September 17, 2024

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

The Rampart Village Neighborhood Council joins the Reseda Neighborhood Council (RNC) in opposing Council File 24-0867 for the following reasons. Like the RNC, the RVNC appreciates Councilmember Rodriguez's intent to increase diversity and foster leadership growth within the Neighborhood Council system. However, we share their concerns about sweeping foundational changes such as term limits and mandatory youth seats being discussed outside the context of a larger discussion of improving the Neighborhood Council system.

We draw your attention to Article III, Section 2(b)(ii) of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils (the Plan), which states: "Terms of members of the Governing Body shall be for two or four years, to be decided upon by individual Neighborhood Councils. Neighborhood Councils may limit the total number of terms that a member of the Governing Body may serve, if the term limitations are set forth in the Neighborhood Council's bylaws after the date this provision was amended."

This provision clearly establishes that: 1) Individual Neighborhood Councils have the authority to determine their own term lengths. 2) The implementation of term limits is at the discretion of each Neighborhood Council, to be set forth in their respective bylaws.

In addition, along with the RNC, we note the following considerations that should be taken into account in future proposals for Plan improvement:

1. Lack of data: There appears to be insufficient data on current board member retention rates, turnover, and the factors influencing participation.
2. Risk to institutional knowledge: Term limits may lead to a loss of experience and institutional memory, particularly if turnover rates for board members are very high.

3. Existing challenges with retention: Many Neighborhood Councils already struggle to fill board seats and retain members.

4. Youth engagement: Mandating youth seats without addressing the barriers to youth participation (such as time commitments, competing priorities, youth outreach, and City Council inaccessibility) won't achieve the desired outcome.

5. Quorum concerns: With DONE's mandate against floating quorums, some Neighborhood Councils struggle (and even fail) to maintain the minimum number of board members necessary for quorum.

Therefore, we agree with the RNC that the current motion contradicts this established legal framework, which emphasizes local control and flexibility. Any attempt to impose universal term limits would require an amendment not just to the Plan, but also to the City Charter.

In service,
Rampart Village Neighborhood Council

PRESENTED BY: Jennifer Quinones
SECONDED BY: Shafi Ahmed
YES: 8 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2 INELIGIBLE: 0
ON THIS DATE: September 17, 2024