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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 22-0617-S5

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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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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(2) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/14/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 05/17/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 22-0617-S5

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: At a regular public meeting on May 14, 2024, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to submit this Community Impact Statement in support if amended of CF-22-0617-S5: Downtown Los Angeles Community Plan / Fashion District IX3 Zone / Housing Production. Please see attached.

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May 14, 2024

Re: Community Impact Statement on CF-22-0617-S5: Downtown Los Angeles Community Plan / Fashion District IX3 Zone / Housing Production

To Whom It May Concern:

At a regular public meeting on May 14, 2024, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (“DLANC”) voted to provide the following comments below:

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council submits this Community Impact Statement **in support if amended** of CF-22-0617-S5: Downtown Los Angeles Community Plan / Fashion District IX3 Zone / Housing Production

Rezoning IX3 to Include Housing:

DLANC recognizes that introducing housing into IX3 district risks the displacement of crucial industrial operations that provide significant employment opportunities and contribute to the economic diversity of Downtown Los Angeles. However, the need to balance and create communities that can adapt to changing market conditions and also contribute to a vibrant urban environment is paramount to the long-term success of the Fashion District neighborhood. As such, the limitations on adaptive reuse hinder the ability for the Fashion District to fluctuate as needed to accommodate evolving market conditions and demands for either new uses or typologies in the community. In addition, the ever-growing need for affordable housing adjacent to high-quality transit and employment centers can only be achieved by creating additional housing stock. As such, the Council must adopt recommendations that achieve both objectives for the preservation of employment centers and housing.

Therefore, DLANC **supports** the City Planning staff recommendations for “Productive Space” obligations in new residential constructions and the reduction of said obligations to 0.5 FAR as a reasonable compromise for the preservation of garment-related manufacturing uses.

Mandating Preservation of Industrial Features in Active Garment Manufacturing Buildings:

Furthermore, DLANC **supports** the City Planning staff recommendation that it is ill-advised to mandate the preservation of freight elevators, loading docks, and loading bays within active garment manufacturing buildings for every structure within a IX3 Use District. Such a blanket policy does not account for the operational needs of individual businesses and imposes a one-size-fits-all solution to a nuanced issue. The arbitrary nature of this requirement could lead to unforeseen and significant logistical and financial burdens on the development of garment manufacturing, ancillary businesses, and housing production, thus potentially stifling the sector's growth and innovation.

In conclusion, while DLANC is committed to the development and enhancement of the Downtown area, it is our firm belief that such development should not come at the expense of established and vital industrial spaces.

We appreciate your attention to our concerns and stand ready to engage in further discussions to protect the economic and cultural fabric of our community.

Sincerely,



Claudia Oliveira
President,
DLANC



Samir Bitar
Chair,
DLANC Planning & Landuse Committee

Cc:

Planning & Land Use Management Committee, City Council (via email)
Council District 14 (via email)
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Department of City Planning (via email)

