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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(23) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/28/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 09/04/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

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City Planning Number:

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Summary: See full CIS attached. Summary: Consideration of additional restrictions on Neighborhood Councils is not appropriate at this time. A charter reform process has begun in this City, and consideration of the role, operation and composition of Neighborhood Councils should be a topic for this process, not for ad hoc legislative motions presented to Council.

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Neighborhood Council Bylaws / Youth Participation / Diversity Increase / Leadership Growth

Neighborhood Councils came out of the most recent charter reform process. With the adoption of the charter, Neighborhood Councils were established, and their role was defined but real-world function and dynamics were unknown. Now twenty-five years have passed, and we have some idea of the advantages and shortcomings of the system.

During those twenty-five years, the Neighborhood Councils have been subject to ever-greater restrictions. Neighborhood Council members, though they are volunteers, must spend significant time participating in compulsory training. They can no longer meet in locations of their choosing. The age range for youth seats is now set by the City rather than the Neighborhood Councils.

At the same time, no new power has been conferred. Still, those speaking on behalf of Neighborhood Councils at City Council and Committees are not guaranteed speaking slots during public comment, and whether they can have additional time to present positions that are to represent thousands is up to the discretion of the Council President and Committee Chairs.

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RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

Bel Air Glen District
 Franklin-Coldwater District
 North of Sunset District
NON-RESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATION
 At-Large Members
 Commercial or Office Enterprise Districts
 Custodians of Open Space
 Faith-Based Institutions
 Public Schools
 Private Schools K-6 and 7-12

Term limits are generally put in place because of incumbent advantages conferred by relationships with funders and because of other incumbency advantages such as districts gerrymandered to preserve such advantage. The Neighborhood Council system does not have these problems.

Term limits also serve to eliminate those with expertise and institutional knowledge and are widely thought to empower lobbyists and special interest groups. Getting rid of long-standing board members because of the length of their service certainly puts Councils at risk of being populated by those who do not understand the problems or who represent special interests.

Our Neighborhood Council has had very valuable youth representatives, both when we defined “youth representative” as somebody in their early twenties and also after it was redefined for us to be high-school age. We encourage other Neighborhood Councils to have youth seats and promote youth participation but whether a Neighborhood Council has a youth seat and what the age range for eligibility should be for that youth seat should be determined by individual Neighborhood Councils and must not be defined by City Council.

This statement was adopted unanimously by the Board of the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council at its regular public meeting on August 28, 2024, with 23 members present and voting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Longcore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Travis Longcore, Ph.D.
President

September 3, 2024