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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0600

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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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### Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(5) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 03/18/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Neutral Position

### Impact Information

Date: 04/01/2025

Update to a Previous Input: Yes

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 25-0600

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date: 04/01/2025

Item Number:

Summary: I, Ricardo Márquez, declare that I am the Treasurer of the South Central Neighborhood Council (SCNC) and that on March 18th 2025, at a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by this NC with a quorum of 5 (number) board members present and that by a vote of 5 (number) yes, 0 (number) no, and 0 (number) abstentions adopted the following resolution: Whereas the South Central Neighborhood Council is hereby to remain neutral regarding Council File 25-0006 unless the stipulations indicated by this resolution are affirmed in the finalized Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. SCNC further advocates for the following, but not limited to, services, programs, and departments to remain at least at the level

of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget, as this resolution will provide last year's budget appropriation totals by the set budgetary departments or receive increased allocations of funds and prioritization to address the needs of South Central residents.<sup>3</sup> These include: Animal Services (\$30,307,409, FY 2024-2025), Community Investment for Families (\$42,922,919, FY 2024-2025), Economic and Workforce Development (\$25,718,072, FY 2024-2025), Board of Public Works (\$27,543,101, FY 2024- 2025), Bureau of Sanitation (\$417,399,748, FY 2024-2025), Bureau of Street Services (\$80,313,130, FY 2024-2025), Youth Development (\$2,302,814, FY 2024-2025), Recreation and Parks (\$67,591,304, FY 2024-2025), and Neighborhood Empowerment (\$3,621,802, FY 2024-2025). Residents of South Central overwhelmingly want cleaner streets, functional and adequate streetlights, and the installation of more streetlights, as many areas in South Central are completely dark or have low visibility, which is a barrier for disabled residents facing mobility or vision impairments. Moreover, South Central desperately needs infrastructure investment, including more tree planting and greener areas to reduce the human carbon footprint and mitigate the effects of global warming and climate change.

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## 2 attachments



**BAC CF 25-0600 Updated .pdf**

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**Council File 25-0600 FY 2025-26 Budget (updated).pdf**

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**Council File:** 25-0600<sup>1</sup>  
**Title:** Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2025-26<sup>2</sup>  
**Expiration:** 03/28/2027

### **Neighborhood Council Resolution**

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<sup>1</sup> "25-0600 (CFMS)," accessed March 18, 2025, <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=cfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=25-0600>.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> "Budgets," Office of Kenneth Mejia, LA City Controller, accessed March 18, 2025, <https://controller.lacity.gov/budgets>.

more tree planting and greener areas to reduce the human carbon footprint and mitigate the effects of global warming and climate change. There is also a need for preventative and sustainable measures to deter copper wire theft. The inherent goal of the new budget allocation is to continue improving and promoting general wellness among all residents of the City of Los Angeles, with a particular focus on South Los Angeles.

One of the ways the City of LA can further advance quality of life issues and positively impact communities is by providing more than the current standard yearly budget of \$32,000 to each Neighborhood Council (NC). This could keep the ability to roll over at least \$10,000 to the next fiscal year (2025-2026), restoring funding levels to pre-pandemic amounts of up to \$50,000 per NC. Alternatively, a conversation could be initiated with the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners to address questions residents and members of SCNC have raised about all 99 NCs and the ongoing issues that some NCs are facing—specifically, the failure to meet or approve budgets and make investments in areas like Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPGs). When NCs fail to spend their allocated funds, what happens to the unspent money? Can it be redirected to active NCs, particularly those with larger populations, like SCNC? SCNC has one of the highest population densities in Los Angeles, as evidenced by the 2020 LA Census data.<sup>4</sup> Council District Nine (CD9) is classified as having a “very high” low response score, with a higher percentage of African American and Hispanic/Latino residents and a larger proportion of households living in poverty. To further highlight the financial challenges faced by SCNC and CD9, 62% of households are living below 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI), and the median household income in 2022 was \$52,103. Additionally, 39% of residents are extremely low-income, 27% have less than a high school education, 15% have a college degree, and 39% are unemployed.<sup>5</sup>

Furthermore, 27% of CD9 residents live below 100% of the federal poverty threshold, compared to just 17% in the city of Los Angeles as a whole. This data underscores why SCNC is advocating for an increase in the annual funds beyond the current \$32,000. The high demand for Neighborhood Purpose Grants further demonstrates this need. For example, during the March 18, 2025, meeting, the Board approved \$16,000 in NPG funds for six organizations that are working on the frontlines to support individuals and families in need. In total, SCNC has approved \$28,800 in NPG funds for FY 2024-2025, with the initial \$32,000 budget and rollover funds from FY 2023-2024 (\$16,126.27), totaling \$48,126.17. Therefore, it is crucial to maintain or increase funding for NCs, and initiate discussions regarding NCs that are not using their funds for community programming, outreach, NPGs, or sustainable infrastructure investments. Unspent funds from these NCs could be reallocated to districts like South Central, where there is a higher population, lower economic prosperity, higher unemployment, and lower educational attainment

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<sup>4</sup> Mayor LACensus, “Average LRS Score Citywide,” Los Angeles, 2020.

<sup>5</sup> “Los Angeles Poverty Summit Dashboard – Neighborhood Data for Social Change,” accessed March 18, 2025, <https://la.myneighborhooddata.org/poverty-summit-dashboard/>.

Another way the city can detrimentally help residents while also keeping a focus in infrastructure investments that has already been started to implement to lessen how hot the pavements and streets get over the summer each year by the utilization of “cool pavement” which is widely applied by most urban cities that simply puts a layer of reflective material on streets and bouncing heat waves back to the atmosphere.<sup>6</sup> Furthermore, according to World Economic Forum article where scientists from Purdue University from Indiana have created a new type of “white paint” that reflects 98.1% of sunlight, 1000 square feet could have cooling power of 10 kilowatts, and even have used the white paint on top of roofs and walls as well in an effort to address that by 2050 air conditioning will triple in usage due to global warming.<sup>7</sup> The City of Los Angeles has started to paint some streets white, but more streets need to be painted across and especially in SCNC area.

Lastly, continuing to support immigrants and their families means continuing to help Los Angeles. Therefore, programs such as immigration literacy initiatives, immigration defense funds to educate immigrants and all residents about their rights, and funding organizations that provide crucial “Know Your Rights” workshops and free or reduced-cost immigration services should remain a priority. Immigrants are a fundamental and integral part of economies both within and beyond the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

**South Central Neighborhood Council**

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<sup>6</sup> “How Ultra-White Paint Could Help Fight Climate Change,” World Economic Forum, April 27, 2021, <https://www.weforum.org/stories/2021/04/ultra-white-paint-reflects-sunlight-cools-climate/>.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

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