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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 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 resolution 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(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(4) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/01/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 09/06/2024

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Summary: UNNC, the United Neighborhoods of the Historic Arlington Heights, West Adams and Jefferson Park Communities Neighborhood Council, SUPPORTS IF AMENDED Council File No. 24-0602, which requests reports back from several city departments, including LADWP, Recreation & Parks, General Services, Sanitation and Urban Forestry, regarding transitioning Los Angeles away from the use of artificial grass and towards California drought-friendly landscaping. UNNC would like to see stronger action than is currently proposed. Too often Angelenos, when encouraged

to save water, have “paved over paradise” with concrete or brick, with gravel, and with artificial grass – any and all of which discourage bio-diverse plantings and will damage our tree canopy since existing trees may not be watered and new trees may not be planted. Synthetic grass is made by fusing together rubber and certain plastics to create the illusion of lush lawns – but it turns out that these artificial turf components also create environmental risks from polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other “forever” chemical contaminants. Runoff from artificial turf can leach into waterways, and that danger is worse when the material is thrown away into landfills, where the materials break down even more. In addition, artificial turf does not support life, including insects and birds, and by depriving underlying soil of water, air and light, can kill beneficial organisms in the soil for many years to come. Along with reports, UNNC would like to see more action and emphasis on funding incentives to remove existing artificial grass, placing bans on new installations (not just on government-owned parcels), more public messaging on the harms of artificial grass, and funding for education campaigns so Angelenos can understand not just how to save water but also how to use it beneficially to support the growth of our trees and native plants that support biodiversity.

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