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

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Thu, May 22, 2025 at 12:11 PM

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 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](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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### Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(9) Nay(1) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/20/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against

### Impact Information

Date: 05/22/2025

Update to a Previous Input: Yes

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 25-0600

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date: 05/20/2025

Item Number:

Summary: GTLNC opposes CF 25-0600 (Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2025-2026) and the fiscal mismanagement of public funds. GTLNC and the People of Greater Toluca Lake expect and demand honesty, competence and responsible stewardship in the management and administration of their public tax dollars. That the City's nearly \$1 billion structural deficit exists is a testament to the conspicuous individual and collective failure of numerous elected officials and staff – yet with none held accountable for the shocking losses, allowing their negligence and incompetence to continue unabated. See details and recommendations in attached CIS.



Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council  
(GTLNC)  
Community Impact Statement  
Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025



**Position: OPPOSE**  
**Vote: 9 / 1 / 0**

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*The City has a spending problem, not a revenue problem* [emphasis added] says Christopher Thornberg, Founder and Partner at Beacon Economics, a consulting firm often retained by the City. Indeed, from 2024 to the Controller's estimates for the upcoming fiscal year, revenues from the seven economically sensitive taxes have increased by almost \$300 million (5%).

At a recent federal court hearing before Judge David O. Carter, the judge said LAHSA has protected elected officials from responsibility in how *billions of taxpayer dollars* [emphasis added] have been spent on homelessness. He said, "It's a perfect shield for political responsibility."

This irresponsible stewardship over any financial controls within the homeless sector and elsewhere has resulted in squandering millions of dollars of taxpayer funds, triggered the further reduction of essential city services and the proposed layoff of 1,647 civilian employees.

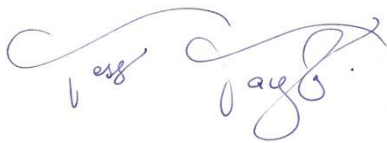
GTLNC recommends the following (all of which the Los Angeles Budget Advocates have requested over the years):

1. The Four Year General Fund Budget Outlook must be updated to reflect anticipated raises for City employees. Personnel costs comprise about 75% of the City's expenditures.
2. Develop a two-year budget as recommended by the City Controller and the LA 2020 Commission.
3. Conduct open and transparent labor negotiations which require significant outreach to Angelenos before, during, and after the negotiations.

4. Place a measure on the ballot that would prohibit the City from entering into any labor agreement that would create a current or future deficit. In the short term, pass an interim ordinance.
5. Develop a long-term infrastructure plan to address deferred maintenance and future capital expenditures.
6. Create a robust Reserve Fund that can only be used in declared emergencies, not to balance the budget as is the current and inappropriate procedure.
7. Establish an Office of Transparency and Accountability as recommended by the LA 2020 Commission, to oversee the City's budget and finances in real time.

These recommendations will help eliminate the Structural Deficit and allow the City to live within its means, and commit to an honest and ethical process, and a financially and operationally sustainable future.

The Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tess Taylor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Tess Taylor  
President

Preliminary list of recipients, subject to confirmation and possible supplementation. This list is for information purposes only and is not part of the subject resolution itself.

To: Mayor Karen Bass  
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Los Angeles City Council including its Budget and Finance Committee  
Adrin Nazarian, Councilmember, Council District 2

cc: [Council File 25-0600](#) (Yaroslavsky, Harris-Dawson), Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2025-26  
Los Angeles Budget Advocates  
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