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## Community Impact Statement - Submission Details

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Tue, Mar 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM

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](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(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 03/14/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

### Impact Information

Date: 03/19/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 23-0623-S1

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Board by unanimous vote (9-0) at the March 14 2024 duly noticed NANDC Board meeting moved to support the Ordinance if amended as detailed below. These changes are critically important in continuing the progress made in our community to enhance planning tools which NANDC has been a participant in, such as the South Community Plan and the pending South Los Angeles CPIO. Our neighborhood council has embraced affordable housing. NANDC has wholeheartedly supported affordable housing, working with developers, often succeeding in negotiating additional affordable units from the developer in excess of those required by City Planning. There are new projects that are 100% affordable that have met the current land use and zoning requirements. The new draft Ordinance should not damage the years of intelligent planning with an ordinance superseding plans and overlays that had years of review and formulation.

As we noted, NANDC has worked diligently on the South Community Plan and, most recently, the South Los Angeles CPIO currently before PLUM. The Board moved: to support the ED1 Ordinance if amended with the following: 1. Projects in HPOZs, CPIOs, NSOs, active CRA projects areas, and specific plans should be ineligible under the new Ordinance. 2. Projects in National Register or CA Register Districts, or listed in official, adopted surveys (e.g., SurveyLA, CRA, Bureau of Engineering) should be exempt. 3. Language should be added that for infill developments: massing, scale, volume, and setbacks shall adhere to the prevailing (the most commonly occurring on the specific block face.) 4. The new Ordinance rules shall not supersede HPOZs, CPIOs, NSOs, nor active CRA project areas. 5. Waiver requests shall not be unlimited.

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**NANDC ED1 per Motion 3.14.2024 fin.pdf**

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March 15, 2024

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Via e mail

RE: CF 23-0623-S1

Honorable Chair and Members of the PLUM Committee:

Last night on March 14, 2024, the Empowerment Congress North Area Development Council (NANDC) held a special Board meeting to provide recommendations for the pending draft Ordinance "Executive Directive No. 1 (ED 1) / 100 Percent Affordable Housing Projects / Procedures and Performance Standards / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment."

The Board by unanimous vote (9-0) at this duly noticed NANDC Board meeting moved to support the Ordinance if amended as detailed below. These changes are critically important in continuing the progress made in our community to enhance planning tools which NANDC has been a participant in, such as the South Community Plan and the pending South Los Angeles CPIO.

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succeeding in negotiating additional affordable units from the developer in excess of those required by City Planning. There are new projects that are 100% affordable that have met the current land use and zoning requirements.

The new draft Ordinance should not damage the years of intelligent planning with an ordinance superseding plans and overlays that had years of review and formulation. As we noted, NANDC has worked diligently on the South Community Plan and, most recently, the South Los Angeles CPIO currently before PLUM.

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3. Language should be added that for infill developments: massing, scale, volume, and setbacks shall adhere to the prevailing (the most commonly occurring on the specific block face.)
4. The new Ordinance rules shall not supersede HPOZs, CPIOs, NSOs, nor active CRA project areas.
5. Waiver requests shall not be unlimited.

The City's own interim guidelines state: [1]

"projects seeking a deviation from development standards (e.g., adjustment, variance, specific plan exception, waiver of dedication/Improvement) are ineligible for the ED 1 Ministerial Approval Process"

According to the "ED 1 MINISTERIAL APPROVAL PROCESS, Filing Instructions," the applicant must affirm, and the City must find:

"The project does not seek a deviation from development standards (e.g., adjustment, variance, specific plan exception, waiver of street dedications and improvements) outside of an affordable housing incentive program."

We believe these amendments conform to the original intent of the Directive; the proposed Ordinance does not contain these guard rails which makes the proposed amendments critically important. The Ordinance, If not amended, will have severe impacts on our plans and overlays that have been so carefully instituted for the care of our community. The Ordinance as drafted cannot qualify as an Addendum under CEQA

NANDC is a self-governed, self-directed, and independent organization empowered by the Los Angeles City Charter. This charter offers neighborhood councils a role in the City's decision-making process. NANDC was certified by the City of Los Angeles on April 27, 2002 and was the 24th neighborhood council formed under the guidelines of the City Charter.

Sincerely,



Julianne C. Burg, President  
Empowerment Congress North Area Development Council (NANDC)

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