

Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to City Council and Committees.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at NCsupport@lacity.org.

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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: 06/20/2022

Type of NC Board Action: Neutral Position

Impact Information

Date: 06/21/2022

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 21-1189

Agenda Date: 06/20/2022

Item Number: IX. C.

Summary: Now that members of the public may attend City Council meetings in-person, public comment will only be taken in-person, and not via teleconference. This inordinately impacts those that do not have the luxury of time to spend hours traveling downtown and accessing City Hall. Those with medical problems that make it still unsafe for them to take on the undue risk of COVID exposure, those that lack access to transportation, work, provide child or elder care, and those who face other inequities all deserve the chance to have their voices heard. Teleconference public comment has also allowed LAUSD students to participate in local government without missing inordinate amounts of class time. The Reseda Neighborhood Council objects to the inadequate notice regarding the cessation of telephonic comment and requests that hybrid meetings be held to accommodate not only public comment, but also Neighborhood Councils presenting Community Impact Statements. Community Impact Statements are the main way in which neighborhood councils earn their seat at the table and speak for their communities. In a previous Neighborhood Council community impact statement townhall, the Council President had told neighborhood council members that a hybrid system would be available when Council resumed. The City Council must prioritize the voices of the people it serves. Sincerely, Reseda Neighborhood Council



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[Council File 21-1189](#) (AB 361 / Teleconference / Meetings)

and

[Council File 20-0467](#) (COVID-19 Public Health Crisis / Reopening Guidance / Los Angeles City Hall Complex / Park Facilities)

CC: Board of Neighborhood Commissioner and the Board of Civil and Human Rights Commissioners

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This vote took place in a Brown Act compliant meeting on June 20, 2022. The vote was 9 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 recused, 4 absent.