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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/02/2021

Type of NC Board Action: Against

#### Impact Information

Date: 09/04/2021

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 13-0933

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: OPPOSE:CF 13-0933 ARTS DEVELOPMENT FEE (ADF) / UPDATE. (CEDILLO) WHEREAS, On July 28, 2021 councilmember Cedillo motioned to reallocate \$37,000 of CD1 Arts Development Funds (\$26,000 from Lincoln Heights 4th of July event / Northeast Car Show) to fund Gil Cedillo's 2021 Latin Jazz Festival. On August 4, 2021, LA City Council adopted the item and approved this motion. WHEREAS, The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council do not approve of the defunding of Lincoln Heights programming. The Funds for the Lincoln Heights 4th of July event and North East Car Show (total \$26,000) should be retained by CD1 for future programming within our community. WHEREAS, The elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council received numerous requests from residents about possible funding for Avenue 26 Night Market to provide waste management and sanitary facilities such as hand washing stations and public toilets to serve the thousands of visitors. The city closed the site and moved the market. In hindsight, it appears that CD1 did have the funds all along but chose not to provide such amenities. Those amenities were important during a pandemic for the health of our community. NOW, THEREFORE, The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council request that LA City Council Member Gil Cedillo allocate the \$26,000 DCA Developer Art Funds to actual Lincoln Heights cultural events that serve our 39,000 stakeholders. These funds come from developers who are a threat to the health, safety and welfare of our community, and they should not be used to promote local politicians. Arts funds are to enrich the lives of communities who pay a price with aforementioned development. That price being displacement and cultural erasure.

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September 2, 2021

## COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

CF 13-0933

The Board Approves This Community Impact Statement Yea (17), Nay (x), Abstain (x) on September 2, 2021

Honorable City Council  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 North Spring Street, Room 395  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

### RE: CIS OPPOSING CF 13-0933 ARTS DEVELOPMENT FEE (ADF) / UPDATE. (CEDILLO)

Dear Honorable members of Los Angeles City Council:

On September 2nd, 2021 in a Brown Act compliant meeting, the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council considered the following resolution regarding CF 13-0933. The stakeholders and elected officials have come to the following conclusions listed below:

**WHEREAS**, On July 28, 2021 council member Cedillo motioned to reallocate \$37,000 of CD1 Arts Development Funds (\$26,000 from Lincoln Heights 4th of July event / Northeast Car Show) to fund Gil Cedillo's 2021 Latin Jazz Festival. On August 4, 2021, LA City Council adopted the item and approved this motion.

**WHEREAS**, The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council do not approve of the defunding of Lincoln Heights programming. The Funds for the Lincoln Heights 4th of July event and North East Car Show (total \$26,000) should be retained by CD1 for future programming within our community.

**WHEREAS**, The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council do not approve of the \$26,000 being moved to fund Gil Cedillo's 2021 Latin Jazz Festival at Sycamore Grove Park in Highland Park. This event already has \$120,000. in funding, and with the additional funds, that total amounts to \$157,000.

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**WHEREAS**, The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council do not approve of the defunding of our community. The residents and elected Neighborhood Council officials never were properly notified of the motion and were denied the ability to take action opposing the motion. The motion was submitted July 28, 2021 and approved on August 4th 2021. The community and Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council had only five days to act. This Motion was approved with minimal public notice.

**WHEREAS**, The elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council received numerous requests from residents about possible funding for Avenue 26 Night Market to provide waste management and sanitary facilities such as hand washing stations and public toilets to serve the thousands of visitors. The city closed the site and moved the market. In hindsight, it appears that CD1 did have the funds all along but chose not to provide such amenities. Those amenities were important during a pandemic for the health of our community.

**WHEREAS**, The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council do not approve of council member Gil Cedillo reallocating \$26,000. to fund the Gil Cedillo Latin Jazz festival which is already fully funded. This festival coincides with the councilman's 2022 CD1 campaign and is a publicity event branded with his name.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council request that LA City Council Member Gil Cedillo allocate the \$26,000 DCA Developer Art Funds to actual Lincoln Heights cultural events that serve our 39,000 stakeholders. These funds come from developers who are a threat to the health, safety and welfare of our community, and they should not be used to promote local politicians. Arts funds are to enrich the lives of communities who pay a price with aforementioned development. That price being displacement and cultural erasure.

Sincerely,

Sara Clendening, President  
Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council

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