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## Community Impact Statement - Submission Details

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Wed, Feb 21, 2024 at 11:02 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(8) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/20/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against

### Impact Information

Date: 02/21/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 15-0389-s2

Agenda Date: 02/20/2024

Item Number: X. F.

Summary: The Reseda Neighborhood Council opposes Council File 15-0389-S2 granting the Community Councils of Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, and Westwood the same privileges as those afforded to certified neighborhood councils under Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.819. Instead, we recommend that community councils should follow the current procedures on how an area can become a certified neighborhood council. Neighborhood Councils have to follow a number of procedural rules in order to file community impact statements, including but not limited to compliance with the Brown Act, the California Public Records Act, certified elections, and filings with the City Clerk. Our meetings are free and open to all members of the public. Community Councils are not legally required to adhere to these same rules, therefore creating a lack of transparency and procedural oversight. Alternatively, if the City Council is concerned with

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Council File 15-0389-S2

Community Councils / Same Privileges As Neighborhood Councils / Legal and Charter Considerations / Brown Act Compliance / Los Angeles Administrative Code Amendment

Opposed

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This statement was passed in a meeting compliant with the Brown Act on February 20, 2024 with a vote of 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 recused