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Community Impact Statement - Submission Details

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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 rResolution 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 Councils 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.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(30) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Type of NC Board Action: Neutral Position

Impact Information

Date: 11/04/2023

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Council File Number: 15-0499-S2

Agenda Date:

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Summary: The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council supports the recommendations given in the TREE AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING AND THE CITY'S URBAN CANOPY AND TREE CANOPY COVERAGE report delivered to City Council on July 28, 2023, as well as the amendments made by Councilmembers Raman. While BABNC wholeheartedly supports the idea of building and maintaining a healthy urban forest, we are skeptical that the recommendations in the report will achieve the desired results without first establishing clear and attainable goals. Once specific goals are set, reasonable and effective policies can be designed to ensure those goals are met.

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Biodiversity Protection / Urban Forest / Tree Canopy Coverage / Sustainable Built Environment / Tree Placement / Tree Removal / Land Use Environmental Review

On October 25, 2023, the Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council held a publicly noticed full monthly Board meeting, and with a quorum of 30 members present, unanimously approved the following Community Impact Statement (agenda item #10) with regard to the protection of urban forestry.

The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council supports the recommendations given in the TREE AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING AND THE CITY’S URBAN CANOPY AND TREE CANOPY COVERAGE report delivered to City Council on July 28, 2023, as well as the amendments made by Councilmembers Raman.

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Our Council represents an area of the City blessed with an abundant tree canopy. We recognize that other areas are not so fortunate and do not enjoy the many benefits that improved tree coverage would provide. Attention to equity is and must be a critical element of any urban forestry initiatives.

While we support the planting of new trees throughout the city, we believe that the preservation of existing trees is the most efficient and cost-effective means of assuring a healthy tree canopy, and that maintaining our existing tree canopy should be a priority. We therefore applaud the recommendations for greater interdepartmental communications and disclosure of on-site trees as well as CM Raman’s recommendations related to protected trees.

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Research shows that tree canopy is being removed across all areas of the City. There are reasons for this that we see in our neighborhood and throughout the City. We see undeveloped lots with abundant greenery, including protected trees, being scraped to earth regularly, often before any permits are requested. Every year, Los Angeles has a decrease in its overall tree canopy coverage despite the effort to plant more trees due to the removal of our existing canopy. For this reason, the measures recommended by CM Raman, and adopted by Council, should be implemented at the soonest possible time, without delay and without a lengthy report back.

If we truly want there to be more trees on private property and on streets, then policy choices must be made that gives trees the space they need to grow and thrive.

We note that the following current City policies and priorities are contributing to the loss of our urban canopy:

- Mansionization;
- Density Promotion;
- ADU Parking Space Policy; and
- Meager setback requirements.

We also recommend the following policy choices for preservation of mature trees:

- Removal of such trees must be discouraged by strong regulations;
- The introduction of a “Significant Tree Ordinance” which would protect trees, not just our current 6 protected tree species, but trees of a significant size so long as such protection is consistent with life-safety considerations;
- City employees must presume that tree-related clearances are necessary when a vacant lot is being developed; and
- City employees must access recent and past satellite images to verify developer claims regarding existing trees.

Sincerely,

Travis Longcore, Ph.D.
President