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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 15-1207-s1

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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 enable 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](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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### Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 07/15/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against

### Impact Information

Date: 07/23/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

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Summary: The Reseda Neighborhood Council recognizes that the Los Angeles Convention Center can use a remodel to modernize it. However, we believe given the current financial status of the City, this is the wrong time to pursue a multi billion dollar obligation, which is unlikely to recoup its costs. Please see attached filing for our full statement.

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[Council File 15-1207-S1](#) (Los Angeles Convention Expansion Project)

**Oppose**

To City Council

The Reseda Neighborhood Council recognizes that the Los Angeles Convention Center can use a remodel to modernize it. However, we believe given the current financial status of the City, this is the wrong time to pursue a multi billion dollar obligation, which is unlikely to recoup its costs.

The City Council is considering a large expenditure to improve the Convention Center for the 2028 Olympics. In a report from the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Administrative Officer, the City would borrow \$54.4 million for the “early works” of the project. According to an [article in the Los Angeles Times](#), “officials” said the City could pull the plug on the full project if the “early works” prove the project not to be feasible in the projected timeframe.

The Reseda Neighborhood Council struggles to recall any project in the City that has been delivered by its initial timeline. While ordinarily delay in building projects is not of major concern, given the massive outlay of expenses and the exceedingly tight timeline to meet the 2028 deadline, we have significant concerns about this project moving forward. It is a common experience that the Olympics cost significantly more than the original budget of the host city, often by several billions of dollars. The Olympic games were sold to the public on the idea that it could possibly be profitable for the City. This plan ensures that it will not be.

The full project, according to the report by the CLA and CAO, would cost \$4.7 billion over 30 years. While some of these costs would be mitigated by fees users of the Convention Center would pay, the City would still be saddled with \$43 million a year to pay the debt.

Even if we assume the changes could be made in time, the promise of the City's bid for the Olympic Games was that our venues were in place and we wouldn't need to spend City funds to build them. The Convention Center exists. It is a venue for the Games. In fact, it is in good enough condition to serve the Games today.

How many sidewalks could we repair with this money? How many people experiencing homelessness can we house with this money? We are in a time of austerity. The City just eliminated 1700 positions that will lead to reduced services for all Angelenos. An upcoming labor agreement with the Los Angeles Fire Department will push us further into deficit. While a modernized and expanded Convention Center would be nice, the Reseda Neighborhood Council urges the City Council to focus on the basics before embarking on improvements that, while nice, are not absolutely necessary. Let's revisit this when our financial house is in order.

This community impact statement was passed in a Brown Act Compliant meeting on July 15, 2024 with a vote of 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 0 recused.