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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 18-0244-S8

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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 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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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(3) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 06/05/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 06/06/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Agenda Date:

Item Number:

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improved working conditions. As a result, DASH has faced shortages of operators that have hurt service supply and reliability. Ultimately, transit labor issues become transit rider issues. Failing to pay operators enough leads to canceled runs that strand travelers who depend on transit for their mobility. Degraded service pushes—or forces—people away from transit, thereby harming the City's climate, equity, and access goals. The work bus operators do is both vital and difficult. They deserve a raise in line with inflation and their peers at other agencies nearby. We suggest that their wages be at least commensurate with Los Angeles Metro operators and operators at other area systems and that they remain so over time, as wages on other agencies rise.

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Council File: [18-0244-S3](#)

Title: Bus Driver Shortage / DASH / Commuter Express / Cityride / LAnow / Wage Rates / Contract Transit Services

Position: For

Council File: [18-0244-S5](#)

Title: MV Public Transportation, Inc. / DASH Downtown Services / Management and Operation / Contract Amendment

Position: For

Council File: [18-0244-S6](#)

Title: MV Public Transportation, Inc. / DASH Mid-City / DASH Central Region / LAnow Transit Bus Services / Contract Amendment

Position: For

Council File: [18-0244-S7](#)

Title: MV Transportation, Inc. / Cityride Paratransit Program / Management and Operation / Contract Amendment

Position: For

Council File: [18-0244-S8](#)

Title: MV Transportation, Inc. / Management and Operation / North Region Transit Bus Services / Contract Amendment

Position: For

Council File: [18-0244-S9](#)

Title: MV Transportation, Inc. / South Region Transit Bus Services / Management and Operation / Contract Amendment

Position: For