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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 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.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)
Date of NC Board Action: 07/19/2023
Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 08/06/2023
Update to a Previous Input: No
Directed To: City Council and Committees
Council File Number: 20-1074-S4
Agenda Date:
Item Number:

Summary: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes the current draft AI Fresco Ordinance in Council File 20-1074-S4. "ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL." Studio City's section of Ventura Boulevard is unique from the rest of the Ventura/Cahuenga Corridor. There are several curves and it is relatively narrow compared to the rest of the Corridor, with little opportunity to widen because it is stuck between the hillside and the river channel. Our neighborhoods back up to or face the Corridor. There are numerous other issues causing quality of life issues and safety problems which are listed below: 1. Many of our sidewalks are substandard. 2. There are tree wells covering the 3 ½ miles within Studio City. 3. There are almost no circulation streets with alleys. 4. The alleys are not maintained by the City. 5. Most of the hillside and flat streets have restricted parking. 6. The hillside streets are substandard. 7. The river channel is a giant

megaphone both North and South. 8. Dangerous curves are within the Studio City Ventura Boulevard area. The SCNC stakeholders have put up with the current AI Fresco Dining because, of course, we want the restaurants to thrive. Most restaurants have valet parking, but without our parking lots, there is no place for them to park the cars and actually, the valets' cars as well. The valets illegally make U-turns around the medians or the middle of the street and hold up traffic when taking and returning cars for diners. The SCNC final point is the BY-RIGHT legalization of the AI Fresco Ordinance. This will allow a proprietor to skip the Neighborhood Councils and community input. It makes no sense to us that permits, etc. will be required, with no oversight from the affected areas.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) *opposes* the current draft Al Fresco Ordinance in Council File 20-1074-S4. "ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL." Studio City's section of Ventura Boulevard is unique from the rest of the Ventura/Cahuenga Corridor. There are several curves and it is relatively narrow compared to the rest of the Corridor, with little opportunity to widen because it is stuck between the hillside and the river channel. Our neighborhoods back up to or face the Corridor. There are numerous other issues causing quality of life issues and safety problems which are listed below:

1. Many of our sidewalks are substandard.
2. There are tree wells covering the 3 ½ miles within Studio City.
3. There are almost no circulation streets with alleys.
4. The alleys are not maintained by the City.
5. Most of the hillside and flat streets have restricted parking.
6. The hillside streets are substandard.
7. The river channel is a giant megaphone both North and South.
8. Dangerous curves are within the Studio City Ventura Boulevard area.

The SCNC stakeholders have put up with the current Al Fresco Dining because, of course, we want the restaurants to thrive. Most restaurants have valet parking, but without our parking lots, there is no place for them to park the cars and, actually, the valets' cars as well. The valets illegally make U-turns around the medians or the middle of the street and hold up traffic when taking and returning cars for diners. On Tujunga Avenue, with the street parking half removed for street dining and the structures allowed in the parking lots, it is very dangerous for pedestrians and stakeholders crossing the street even with street speed tables.

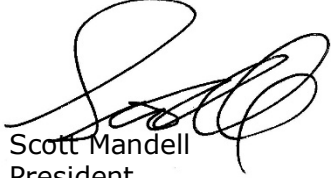
The sidewalks are so narrow in places, two pedestrians must walk in a single file line to get past the tables, planters and diners waiting for a table.

One of our worst impacts is that there is no enforcement of the current situation and we highly doubt that the Departments involved with the Al Fresco Ordinance have the staff or budget to enforce a new ordinance. Currently, all Departments are far behind on enforcement, and it hasn't been possible to get staff to inspect and follow through with a hearing either.

As for the noise level, the police do not enforce the Noise Ordinance. Within one mile of Ventura Boulevard, there are 10 restaurants, which back up to the hillside where homes are above. Imagine the noise created by all of the restaurants playing different music outside. At the North Hollywood Police Department, if you call, you are told it is closed or the wait time for anyone to answer can take 2 hours.

After reviewing the Draft Ordinance, we cannot find where any stakeholder comments are included other than the restaurants. There were many objections to this Draft Ordinance, which must be considered and further studies presented.

The SCNC final point is the BY-RIGHT legalization of the AI Fresco Ordinance. This will allow a proprietor to skip the Neighborhood Councils and community input. It makes no sense to us that permits, etc. will be required, with no oversight from the affected areas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Mandell', written in a cursive style.

Scott Mandell
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