

Your Community Impact Statement has been successfully submitted to City Council and Committees.

If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at NCsupport@lacity.org.

This is an automated response, please do not reply to this email.

Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council

Name: Jay Ross

Phone Number:

Email: jross@wlanc.com

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

Date of NC Board Action: 02/24/2021

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 04/05/2021

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-1225

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: At the Feb. 24, 2021, meeting of the West Los Angeles Sawtelle N.C., the Board of Directors voted, 10-0-0, to support CF 20-1225 to develop a “healthy soil” strategy to support urban agriculture, address carbon sequestration and increase water capture, and authorize the Chair to submit Community Impact Statements in the future. 1. The City shall un-pave underutilized spaces and replace them with composting/ mulching facilities. 2. The City shall develop small- and mid-scale composting operations on public land. 3. The City shall use compost, mulch and regenerative land and tree management in green spaces, in order to reduce chemical and water use. 4. The City shall create and improve green employment opportunities. 5. The City shall educate and publicize the importance of healthy soil and regenerative land management. 6. The Fire Dept. shall protect soil during brush clearance. Facts and background: 1. Information on Health Soil Initiative: <https://www.treepeople.org/healthy-soils-for-healthy-communities-initiative/> Findings and justification: 2. Unpaving increases water percolation into soil, which further reduces flooding, recharges aquifers, and reduces expensive water import from northern California. 3. Decreased use of expensive pesticides reduces water pollution and improves public health. To government agencies: Only the Chair and designated Boardmembers may testify to public agencies on behalf of the West L.A. Sawtelle NC. The Board requests that the Council Office and private/non-profit entities do not testify or speculate on behalf of the NC. /s/ Jamie L. Keeton Jamie L. Keeton, Chair WLASNC cc: Len Nguyen, Ben LaZebnik, Council District #11 (Len.Nguyen@LACity.org, Ben.LaZebnik@LACity.org)