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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(16) Nay(1) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 03/06/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 03/07/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-1376-S3


Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The North Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes this motion to criminalize our unhoused neighbors. Banning unhoused Angelenos from sheltering within 500 feet of dozens of libraries will only lead the City further away from truly effective measures instead. Our city is facing a homelessness crisis, one which city leaders readily admit that we do not yet have the resources to address. Available beds and social services lag far behind the number of people who need them. Too many of those who are placed into interim housing are unable to transition to permanent options that are in short supply. Yet this motion criminalizes people with no other place to go, for merely seeking shelter within a wide radius of many locations. It does nothing to solve homelessness, merely forcibly pushing people from place to place. We particularly oppose this motion because of the central role libraries, such as the Westwood Branch Library in our district,

play in helping people who lack internet access get housing, jobs, and services. Public libraries help those in need access the internet, books, and a growing list of other resources. If this motion passes, many unhoused Angelenos, families, and children will be driven away from libraries. Instead of using libraries to help people in homelessness, this motion undermines the very purpose of public libraries. We urge the City Council to take a new approach founded on services, housing, and listening to the needs of the unhoused. We wholeheartedly oppose this contextless, blanket proposal, a telling example of the limitations of the 41.18 criminalization policy the City has enacted.

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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [20-1376-S3](#)

Title: Unlawful Sitting, Lying, Sleeping / Unlawful Personal Property Storage, Use, Maintenance / Personal Property / Library / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment

Position: Against

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