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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 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 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(5) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Agenda Date: 09/12/2022

Item Number:

Summary: This is a letter from the Westlake South Neighborhood Council explaining our support for the Guatemalan Square Naming Initiative.

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Letter in Support of Council File: CF22-1094

December 21, 2023

Los Angeles City Council
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Guatemalan Square

The Westlake South Neighborhood Council (Neighborhood Council) supports formally naming "Guatemalan Square." The area would be defined as within South Park View Street from 8th Street to 7th Street, 7th Street from South Park View Street to Alvarado Street, Alvarado Street from 7th Street to 6th Street, 6th Street from Alvarado Street to Valencia Street, Valencia Street from 6th Street to 8th Street, and 8th Street from Valencia Street to South Park View Street (see map included). On February 27, 2023, the Neighborhood Council voted in favor of the Guatemalan Square naming initiative. Soon afterward, the board failed to meet again and address the Guatemalan Square initiative until a new

board was formed in October 2023. During our most recent special board meeting on November 9, 2023, the board voted, and approved, sending a Community Impact Statement in favor of the Guatemalan Square naming initiative. A large proportion of the Westlake and MacArthur Park community is Guatemalan. We have heard from our community a strong interest to recognize the positive influence the Guatemalan community has brought to our neighborhood via this naming initiative.

Westlake South became a place where many Guatemalans found refuge after civil unrest and discontent in Guatemala in the 1960's. Since then, the Guatemalan community has made invaluable contributions to the social, educational, financial, and political wellbeing of our neighborhood, and the City of Los Angeles (City). Now, the children of these brave Guatemalan and Mayan war refugees are sharing the roots their parents planted to enrich the diversity and culture that we all now enjoy within the City. The establishment of Guatemalan Square serves as a formal indication of our appreciation of the Guatemalan community and their contributions to Westlake South. Furthermore, it would allow their identity, culture, and traditions to continue to flourish.

For these reasons, the Westlake South Neighborhood Council stands in solidarity with this initiative.

Thank you for your time.

Westlake South Neighborhood Council

cc: Office of Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez

