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## Community Impact Statement - Submission Details

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Tue, Aug 22, 2023 at 4:59 PM

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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### Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/15/2023

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 08/22/2023

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 23-0359

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Rampart Village Neighborhood Council supports Council File 23-0359 and the effort to direct the City's Chief Legislative Analyst, in consultation with the Ethics Commission, to report back on the feasibility of establishing a democracy vouchers program, including options to achieve full public financing of campaigns, in Los Angeles City. Low income Angelenos and communities of color are often left out of our campaign finance system, which requires disposable income in order to participate. A democracy vouchers program would empower all Angelenos, regardless of income or background, to have the opportunity to contribute to local campaigns, ensuring that donors, candidates, and officeholders are more representative of the electorate. A similar program has been in place in Seattle since 2015, resulting in an expanded donor pool that is similar to voters in terms of age, income, and race, a larger and more diverse candidate pool,

and increased levels of civic participation, especially among low-propensity voters. To ensure our city government is representative of the diversity of Los Angeles, we encourage the City Council to research options for expanding our campaign finance and empowering more Angelenos to participate in our democracy.

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**CIS for Council File 23-0359.pdf**

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## Community Impact Statement for Council 23-0359

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August 15, 2023

Honorable Mayor of Los Angeles Karen Bass,  
Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

### **Community Impact Statement Democracy Vouchers Program / City Elections / Representative Decision-Making Council File 23-0359**

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In service,  
Rampart Village Neighborhood Council

PRESENTED BY: Kyle Denman  
SECONDED BY: Jennifer Quinones  
YES: 8 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2 INELIGIBLE: 0  
ON THIS DATE: August 15, 2023