



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

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Item Number:

Summary: The Wilmington Neighborhood Council Governing Board voted to recommend the following areas as priorities for 2023-2024 City budget. These priorities are based on stakeholder needs throughout our community that were brought to our attention by the public comments at our council meetings, by phone, emails, letters and in-person meetings and outreach events. Please see the attached list which is categorized by department and our community needs for city services. Whereas the Wilmington Neighborhood Council understands that implementing the attached priorities require funding increases to the relevant departments, be it further resolved to maintain a balanced and realistic budget, the Wilmington Neighborhood Council recommends that funds be redirected away from the following city departments and funds: The Unappropriated Balance, General Services, General City Purposes, the Improvement Fund, the Other Special

Purpose Fund. All these funds for unspecified uses; specify them and use them for departments that will serve Wilmington from the beginning of the fiscal year.

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RE: City budget priorities for 2023-2024
CF 23-0600

Dear Mayor Bass:

The Wilmington Neighborhood Council Governing Board voted to recommend the following areas as priorities for 2023-2024 City budget. These priorities are based on stakeholder needs throughout our community that were brought to our attention by the public comments at our council meetings, by phone, emails, letters and in-person meetings and outreach events.

Wilmington community members and those that live in the neighborhood, continue to feel overburdened by industry without enough services in return from the Los Angeles city government.

Industrial commerce, in the name of economic development for the city and beyond, directly leads to our crumbling roads and streets, port truck traffic, noise, air, trash, trains, water and land pollution. This community is a coastal community with contaminated ocean waters, no safe beach access or community coastal access. No views due to the increased Port growth, unsightly container storage yard, and port cranes. Our underprivileged community needs basic resources.

These issues intersect with our daily lives and causes unfair burdens. It all makes for a more dangerous and unsafe community. While home values decrease, rents increase, jobs decrease, and our community continues to fall short compared to other communities within Los Angeles.

Keeping in mind that the community of Wilmington with our industry and ports generates a tremendous amount of revenue for the city and beyond. With \$200 million dollars of good flowing through these southern ports annually.

We thank the mayor for her initial proposed budget, and departments for doing your part to ensure our community has what it needs to be safe, well- run, livable, sustainable and with a government that puts community first.

Sincerely,
Valerie Contreras
Valerie Contreras, President
On behalf of the Wilmington Neighborhood Council

Wilmington Neighborhood Council Priority list-2023-2024

PUBLIC WORKS, BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES, URBAN FORESTRY, SANITATION

- Increase funding for installation of new sidewalks and curbs: Specific areas of concern.
 - Pacific Coast Highway West of the 110 Harbor Freeway between the Solomar apartments and the Ken Malloy Park property. Currently there are no sidewalks or curbs. Pedestrian are forced to walk on the street with oncoming traffic. See attached letter. Work with all entities to accomplish this long-time issue.
 - All of Avalon Blvd. starting south between Harry Bridges way and Pacific Coast Hwy.
 - Sandison Street between Wilmington Blvd and Neptune. Currently there are no sidewalks and no curbs.
 - Add sidewalks along Anaheim Street West of Figueroa Place along the newly renovated Ken Malloy Regional Park property. Across the street from Phillips 66 refinery. Residents cannot safely walk to the park.
 - Create a new sidewalk repair program-according to the city controller, Ron Galpin's report it needs to be fixed.
- Increased funding for tree trimming and repair where sidewalks are affected by large trees.
- Increased funding for speed bumps and additional stop signs through the community.
- Add funding for street resurfacing due to heavy port truck traffic along Alameda from Anaheim to Lomita Blvd. Our roads suffer a beating from the many port trucks that travel through our community day and night.
- Increased funding for new roadways and transition ramps to accommodate the increased volume of Port truck traffic in our resident community.
- Increase funding for blue curb painting and sign posting for disabled residents.
- Increased funding for red curb painting – it is all faded and blites the community.
- Increase funding for street sweeping in all of Wilmington.
- Increase funding for clean ups of large illegal dumping.
- increase funding to water our trees and green spaces.
- increase funding for additional light poles and new LED lighting Between Sanford Avenue and Drum Avenue just North of PCH and South of E. Sandison Street

SAFE COMMUNITY OF WILMINGTON

- Funding for a community evacuation safety plan and funding to widen our main roads such as Avalon Blvd., Anaheim, Wilmington Blvd & Wilmington Avenue. In case of an Earthquake or refinery explosion we will need a safe way to evacuate 60 thousand people. We are surrounded by refineries and the port. Our power grid is one of the oldest in the city of LA. In case of an Earthquake or refinery explosion we will need a safe way to evacuate 60 thousand people.
- Increased funding for proper fire equipment and vehicles for an evacuation
- Increased funding to build a hospital in Wilmington like providence Lil Company of Mary or a Memorial hospital. All we have are small clinics and only people who have Kaiser insurance can use the Kaiser hospital. Should there be an emergency crisis, we do not have proper care for our residents.
- Increase funding for our Los Angeles Harbor Area Police- Rearrange and prioritize existing funding for the Harbor Division Los Angeles Police Department to
 - Increase funding to open the Harbor Jail and maintain it, increase foot-beat, response time due to high volume.
 - Create a traffic division for the harbor area to enforce the enormous amount of illegal port truck traffic in residential neighborhoods.

- Get infrastructure funding to help Wilmington keep up with the Port growth and the negative impacts we are experiencing from port related business and projects.
- Increase Police manning due to high crime statistics in our area for homicides, assaults, thief and burglary and homeless criminals.
- Add bicycle police patrols to business corridors.
- Increased funding for prosecution and removal of illegal cannabis dispensaries.
 - Increased funding for license plate readers with cameras that capture the speeding car's detailed information to automatically generate a citation in problem areas of Wilmington.
 - Increase funding for LAPD to man the Wilmington Municipal City Hall building as do other municipal buildings. After hours police manning is needed.
 - Increase funding for LAPD at the Neighborhood Council Meeting.
 - Increase funding for more park Rangers at Wilmington, Banning Park, all parks.
 - Increased funding for more senior lead officers in Wilmington.
 - Make sure that all homeless housing projects are safe from all fire dangers and don't allow storage of junk. Our tiny homes are part of our Harbor College campus and sports complex. Safety first.
 - Ban bike lanes for our community and only have share the lane so we do not have an evacuation problem with only one lane in case of a catastrophic event.

Be it further resolved that the Wilmington Neighborhood Council recommends that the Police Department budget be increased and should also be rearranged and prioritized to be more efficient and achieve a safer city.

LIVABLE

- Increased funding to remove unsightly graffiti that plagues our community and causes gang violence, shootings, and increased crime rates.
- Funding to facilitate the operation of a work source center in Wilmington to offer Trades to our constituents.
- Funding for a proper port truck route that will not allow port truck traffic to enter any residential street as they go to and from container storage yards in our community which are in abundance. Add strict enforcement for violators.
- Simplify the process for blue curb painting and sign posting for disabled residents.
 - Increased funding for street resurfacing due to heavy port truck traffic along Alameda from Anaheim to Lomita Blvd.
- Increased funding for large pothole repair due to increased port truck traffic.
- Increased funding for street paving due to damage from a large increase of port truck traffic and heavy haul trucks that are rerouted from Long Beach into Wilmington
- Increased funding for sidewalk power washing and repair, especially around the business corridors and public access ways, Library, post office and schools.
- Increased funding for street cleaning for our entire community. Since we have such heavy industrial pollution in our area and port truck traffic is causing more dust and debris.
- Increased funding for illegal dumping of oversized objects since we have the largest amount of green parking zones for safe RV safe homeless parking in our area compared to other communities in Los Angeles. For this reason, we also need funding for sign posting. No oversized vehicles. No idling, no trucks over 6,000 lbs., no overnight parking to control this and not overburden our residents.
- Increased funding for additional light poles installed and installation of new LED lighting.

Specifically, in the area between Sanford Avenue and Drum Avenue just North of PCH and South of E. Sandison Street

- Add funding to install Center Medians to our community that can support a creative community beautification and native-plant-greening efforts and great lighting and esthetics.
- Funding for increased low pathway lighting along walk paths in our main streets and public access ways.

Safe Schools: Add funding to install metal detectors at our school. Even hand wands to check backpacks and scan the children and visitors. Add security cameras in hallways and parameters for safety. Add clear lockers.

BUILDING & SAFETY

- Funding for Code enforcement of street vendors after hours and holiday.
- Funding for Code enforcement in Wilmington for port related business such as container storage yards and private businesses that are operating illegally or against the city zoning regulations.
- We request a different Building & Safety Supervisor for the Harbor area who will get their code enforcement officers to get out and do their job to enforce. And create a strict code enforcement policy and procedures that will not give businesses 60-day, 90-day, and then additional time to comply when multiple violations persist.

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Require the Port of LA/LB to canvas Port projects surrounding borders and pathways with large pine trees and green walk paths to cover unsightly environmental impacts. Rail tracks, refineries, port storage.
 - Require the refineries to canvas the surrounding properties with extremely large pine trees and green walk paths to cover unsightly environmental impacts.
 - Increase funding to remove the homeless encampments and clean up surrounding trash and large dumping.
 - Get Caltrans to clean up the homeless encampments and trash along the 110-harbor freeway in Wilmington.
 - Funding to remove the homeless RVs that are dumping human waste and are deemed hazardous and or when there is criminal activity.
 - Funding for more secure community trash cans that the wind, rain, animals, or people will not knock over. Built to last with secure lids. Made of expanded steel and anchored/bolted to the ground.
 - No exemptions on Environmental Impact Reports which are required to protect the community and our residents.
 - Add a moratorium for no more open storage in Wilmington due to the overburden of container storage yards and mixed zoning in residential areas.

CITY GOVERNMENT

- Increased funding for security staff at the Wilmington Municipal buildings where Neighborhood Councils conduct business after normal hours.
- Safe access for NCs to access our building and office anytime by obtaining our own key.
- Increased funding for security cameras and motion sensors at the Wilmington Municipal Building.
- Increase funding to install a more secure and automatic front door to the Wilmington Municipal building so the security guard and buzz in the constitutions.
- Increased funding for the City-wide Neighborhood Council system NC Budget restored to \$50,000 from the current \$32,000. Restore per the original city budget and charter for all Neighborhood Councils. The funding department and the city red tape make it impossible to

spend the money on our community needs. NC funding restrictions we cannot be more effective.

TRANSPORTATION- LADOT and Metro

Work with CD15 to install digital speed monitor signs.

- Increase funding to gate our Metro operated/Caltrans owned, Park and Ride lot so our stakeholders can safely use our community park and ride. Increase funding to add working cameras. Clean up the property. Enforce no illegal street vending that trashes the area. Request CHP enforce the illegal activities on this property in our community. Create a task force.
- Increase funding for metro to add bus shelter with lighting over all current and future bus stops and areas with no bus benches, so that commuters, with families and young children or elderly folks are protected from extreme weather be it rain or extreme heat. Bus stop at Avalon Blvd. and Harry Bridges has no bench and older folks with canes sit on the curb at 5 am. Use the benches with dividers so people won't sleep there. Even individual seats.
- Funding to ensure that all dirt roads in Wilmington are paved and coordinating with the Harbor Department and the State of California's Department of Transportation to accomplish this.
- Maintain and improve crosswalks and four-way stop signs around a three- block radius of all schools. Especially elementary schools.
- Increased funding to install License Plate Readers on local streets where major accidents have occurred with fatalities and near our schools where there are high speeding vehicles. See the attached photos.
- Better pedestrian walk- path markings with flashing yellow lights when a pedestrian is in the marked crosswalk and off once they safely get to the other side.
- Work with Caltrans DOT to update the posted signs along PCH-Anti-gridlock (30 years old) too many accidents, it is a hazard when large vehicles park there. Needs to read "No stopping anytime, no parking." Open the lane for better flow of traffic and update the signal light timing and other methods to control traffic speed.

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

- Please add increased funding to preserve our Historical museums,
- Historical churches, Historical buildings, historical trees, historical roads, historical overlay zones,
- Historical residential homes, historical archives, historical coastline & tideland trust
- Historical sites, monuments, historical cemetery- Where Civil War Veterans are buried.
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Respectfully submitted,

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