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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 23-1010

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Thu, May 2, 2024 at 9:53 AM

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(12) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/01/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 05/02/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 23-1010

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The North Westwood Neighborhood Council supports a dedicated, stable funding source for the Ethics Commission. We reiterate our belief, in our Community Impact Statement for Council File 22-1232 if amended, that an update to our city's Ethics Commission rules is long overdue and that the recommendations proposed fail to fully enhance the independence of the commission. Thus, we again recommend: Higher Minimum Budget: The commission recommends their budget be set at \$4.5 million and tied to CPI. While this would protect against retaliation or defunding during a financial crunch, this essentially freezes the status quo into the charter. A minimum budget in the range of \$7 to

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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [23-1010](#)

Title: City Ethics Commission / Budget Process / Stable Funding Source

Position: For

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