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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 enable 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 Councils 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(8) Nay(6) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 11/13/2023

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 11/14/2023

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Council File Number: 23-1097

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: SONC supports the creation of an Office of Compliance, provided that this office has disciplinary authority to establish, maintain, and enforce an adequate review system, in conjunction with the city's existing Ethics Commission, and to refer violations of conflict or interest, ethics, corruption, or other like violations to Los Angeles City Attorney's Office or other relevant agency for investigation and disciplinary action. SONC does NOT support an Office of Compliance that only advises City Council members without binding authority to address violations. It does no good whatsoever for the people of Los Angeles to establish an Office of Compliance without teeth and ability to effectively combat foul play.

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**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (shermanoaksnc.org)

November 14, 2023

Los Angeles City Council and its Committees

Conditional Support for an Office of Compliance That Has Disciplinary Powers

For If Amended — CF 23-1097. Office of Compliance / Conflict of Interests / Ethics Laws / City Councilmembers.

To City Council,

Whereas a series of criminal charges have been filed against multiple Los Angeles City Councilmembers over the past decade, including charges of embezzlement, perjury, conflict of interest, racketeering, and other corruption-related violations;

And Whereas the reputation of City Council greatly depends on the City's ability to combat corruption and enforce conflict of interest rules, laws, and other ethics policies while effectively addressing criminal activity by public officials;

Therefore, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) supports CF 23-1097 to establish a dedicated Office of Compliance or other like body whose function shall include the moderation and identification of conflict-of-interest questions relative to Council Files and other city business.

However, SONC's position For if Amended seeks to further empower this Office of Compliance or related entity to actively refer to the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office or other relevant agency potential violations of law, corruption, or other nefarious conduct by violative City Councilmembers, and for the City to establish, maintain, and enforce an adequate review system, in conjunction with its Ethics Commission, that empowers the City to investigate and penalize Councilmembers for violations that may not arise to the level of criminality, but are nonetheless violative of policy. Investigative reports and recommendations should be publicized and even agendized at City Hall by this Office of Compliance to ensure transparency and to affirm to the public this City's desire to combat the scourge of corruption that has at times befallen City Council.

Thank you for your attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

With Pride and Determination—

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