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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-0055

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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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Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(2) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/20/2024

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Date: 08/31/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees, Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, Street/Transportation Projects Oversight Committee

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Summary: The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council supports enforcing the gas leaf blower ban and amending the ordinance to shift the fine to the owner and make it easier to issue tickets without the presence of city staff. Los Angeles has consistently had the worst air pollution in the United States, including high rates of Ozone and particulate matter that are especially dangerous contribute to Alzheimer's, obesity, depression, asthma, and cardiovascular conditions, as well as

neurodegenerative issues in growing children. As these devices are used around our homes and schools, and during times when people are outside exercising or children walking to school, we are especially vulnerable to exposure to these pollutants, we need the City to step up and take action on this ban and work to remake gardening so that it is not so harmful to our health. As a first step, we invite the City to enforce this ban in its own departments, especially Recreation and Parks, and cease using these devices citywide. When these devices are used in substitute of a broom or rake, they create the additional danger of spewing dust, feces, fungus, and other pollutants into the air and creating additional air pollution and health hazards. Thus, we support education on the hazards of using these devices and restricting their use; and we especially encourage the use of vacuum devices over blowers.

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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: 24-0055

Title: Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers / Fiscal Year 2022-23 Complaints and Citations / Enforcement / Education Program

Position: Support

Summary:

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Data from the AQMD and the CDC has shown that an hour of gas leaf blower use is equivalent to 200 cars buzzing through our neighborhood. The noise the devices create can also cause harm to the heart, and cause hearing damage to the user within just 18 minutes. We encourage the city to educate homeowners to buy devices for their landscaper, to avert the great cost of utilizing several batteries for devices to be used

throughout a long workday. We hope also this could be an opportunity for education on the benefits of leaving leaf litter on the ground and its ecological benefits, and landscaping with native plants. Considering that the emissions from these elective devices will soon surpass vehicles, a great deal can be done to move towards our climate change targets by finally eliminating them and enforcing the law.

We hope gardening can be transformed and the obsession with ridding outside grounds of any existence of a leaf can be surmounted, so that we can continue to provide jobs to gardeners while complimenting the native ecology through promotion of native plants through calscape.org, increasing rebates for lawn replacements for native plants, and reduce the water guzzling and pollution of archaic lawns and landscaping. We welcome other efforts to clean our air such as reducing flaring at refineries, investing in building extensive public transportation, and preserving open space lands. Indeed, our actions must be swift and in excess for our health. There is nothing more invaluable. We hope that action can be taken before the wildfire season, when dangerous ash is on our ground and must be undisturbed and not pushed into the air and our homes.

Due to the forgoing, we support this Motion and efforts to clean our air and reduce noise pollution in our community.