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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-0465

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

Date of NC Board Action: 07/10/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Neutral Position

Impact Information

Date: 07/15/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

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Summary: Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council submits the following pursuant to Article V, Section 508 to act on appointments by the Mayor, and in respect of the rights granted to the Neighborhood Councils under the City Charter, that the confirmation of Carmen Chang as the next DONE General Manager be deferred for up to the 45-day window to allow her a minimum of 30 days to meet with Neighborhood Councils and other interested parties to discuss issues of importance to the Neighborhood Councils and the Neighborhood Council system. Comments: The learning curve for Neighborhood Council board members from one council is difficult enough with all the rules and policies. The ideal General Manager for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment should be an experienced hire. A General Manager

with direct experience to run a large staff such as DONE, direct experience in support to all staff equally and equally to all board members and the public involved in the Neighborhood Council system to and including specifically in the areas of Ethics, Advocacy, Outreach, Community Improvement, Responsive and Direct City Department Collaboration and Creative Solutions Supportive to those Neighborhood Council Board members in office now and in the future. Zero direct experience will be a disservice to the Neighborhood Council system. Direct experience includes having served on a Neighborhood Council board, Completion of all required training, participation and speaking at City Department and Commission hearings including specifically the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. There is no place for hate or division in the Neighborhood Council system. Respectfully submitted, Lydia Grant STNC President

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May 8, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council members:

On April 26, 2024 the board members of the Neighborhood Councils learned Mayor Bass had selected a General Manager for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. This selection was then sent to the Neighborhoods & Community Enrichment Committee for approval on May 1, 2024 and from there to the City Council on May 8, 2024 for final approval.

All this was done within the space of two weeks and without including Neighborhood Council members input even though this decision directly impacts every single Neighborhood Council Member and the Stakeholders they represent. At no time were Neighborhood Council members consulted in this process. And, due to the rapidity of the movement through our system Neighborhood Councils were pretty much excluded at every level of the selection process.

Neighborhood Council Board members are elected by their community members and are responsible to their Stakeholders and the City.

The Neighborhood Councils were created over 20 years because community members felt disenfranchised by Los Angeles City Hall and thus the Councils were created to give the Stakeholders a greater voice.

Instead, we are treated pretty much like children with all decisions being made by our "superiors". Our voice not needed.

Mayor Bass and the City Council showed our Stakeholders and our hard working volunteer elected Neighborhood Council members just how little our voice matters to City Hall.

One of the requirements for the position was experience with the Neighborhood Council system. Several people who had served in the Neighborhood Council system applied for the position- they were never interviewed or even acknowledged.

Instead, the choice seemed to be some sort of political agenda rather than what might work best for the Neighborhood Council system.

Today, many of our Neighborhood Councils struggle to attract board members- or to maintain a quorum- and this latest snub by City Hall goes a long way to show the real problem with the Neighborhood Council system- If the NCs are treated as nothing more than a nuisance and disregarded every turn is it any wonder the system is failing.

Is this deliberate on the City's part? This question needs to be asked.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lydia Grant

President

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council