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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-0867 - Agenda Item Number: 12

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To: Clerk.CIS@lacity.org, ethics.policy@lacity.org, commission@empowerla.org

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(11) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/13/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 08/15/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees, City Ethics Commission, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

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Summary: Re: Council File CF-24-0867 - Neighborhood Council Bylaws / Youth Participation / Diversity Increase / Leadership Growth The Winnetka Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the proposed changes to Neighborhood Council bylaws as outlined in Council File CF-24-0867. While we appreciate the intent to increase diversity and foster leadership growth, we believe the suggested amendments would be detrimental to the effectiveness and stability of Neighborhood Councils. By focusing on the areas outlined in our recommendations, the City can empower Neighborhood

Councils to increase diversity naturally, engage youth, and develop leadership. This approach would be far more effective than imposing term limits or mandatory board positions, which risk depleting our councils of experienced members and institutional knowledge. We urge the City Council to reject the proposed bylaws changes and instead work with Neighborhood Councils to develop solutions that address our real needs and challenges. Together, we can strengthen the Neighborhood Council system and enhance its ability to serve our communities effectively.

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WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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August 14, 2024

Re: Council File 24-0867

Neighborhood Council Bylaws / Youth Participation / Diversity Increase / Leadership Growth

Attention: City Council and Committees; BONC; Ethics

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council strongly opposes the proposed changes in Council File CF-24-0867 regarding term limits for board members and mandatory youth seats. While we appreciate the intent to increase diversity and foster leadership growth, we believe these amendments would be detrimental to the effectiveness and stability of Neighborhood Councils.

Term limits would exacerbate existing member retention issues and risk losing valuable institutional knowledge, while mandatory youth seats often remain unfilled due to the time commitment required.

We believe these proposals address symptoms rather than underlying causes, which include insufficient funding and resources, lack of specialized support, and a fundamental skills gap in communication and public relations within DONE and supporting city departments.

Instead of mandating counterproductive bylaws changes, we urge the City to increase funding for Neighborhood Councils and DONE, enhance DONE support with comprehensive training and resources, provide better technology and communication tools, streamline administrative processes, facilitate inter-council collaboration, address the skills gap by providing specialized training and hiring communication professionals, and implement alternative programs such as mentorship, leadership workshops, and youth advisory committees.

We propose alternatives like structured mentorship programs, targeted outreach initiatives, flexible participation options, youth advisory committees, and collaboration with schools on civic education to foster engagement and diversity organically.

In conclusion, we strongly urge the City Council to reject the proposed bylaws changes and instead work with Neighborhood Councils to develop solutions addressing our real needs and challenges. By focusing on improved support, resources, and skill development, we can strengthen the Neighborhood Council system and enhance its ability to serve our communities effectively

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