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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-0867

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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](mailto: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: 08/15/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against

### Impact Information

Date: 08/19/2024

Update to a Previous Input: Yes

Directed To: City Council and Committees

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City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: Brief Summary: The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) opposes the motion presented by Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez. The Los Angeles City Charter establishes us as independent Neighborhood Councils and it is improper and offensive for the City Council to dictate decisions

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August 15, 2024

## Community Impact Statement

RE: LA City Council File 24-0867

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) opposes the motion presented by Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez. The Los Angeles City Charter establishes us as independent Neighborhood Councils and it is improper and offensive for the City Council to dictate decisions that should only come from the Neighborhood Councils.

Term limits for Neighborhood Council Boardmembers should not be limited for several reasons. Continuity permits current Boards historical perspective of long-term issues facing Stakeholders. While term limits are an important safeguard against corruption among paid policymakers who control large budgets, our Boardmembers are empowered with influence, rather than policy or big budgets, and term limits for Neighborhood Council members is a negative. Many Boards have problems filling Board seats. Reducing the pool of potential Boardmembers is both short sighted and could lead to Boards not reflecting the demographics of their Stakeholders. Term limits for Boardmembers could also have the opposite effect on Stakeholder participation, especially where many Neighborhood Councils have a small number of Stakeholders that have the energy, interest, or time to devote towards being a Neighborhood Council Boardmember.

The SORO NC has had a Youth Seat for over 20 years, however, we recognize that this might not fit for other Neighborhood Councils based on their unique demographics and their Bylaws language that regulate voting. Some NCs may not have many high school age youths within their boundaries. Other Neighborhood Councils may have justifiable reasons why they do not want a Youth Seat. It should not be assumed that a "one-size fits all" approach is appropriate for every one of the 99 Neighborhood Councils.



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The City Council should not infringe on the autonomy of the Neighborhood Councils.

Sincerely,

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