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

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Wed, Aug 28, 2024 at 8:25 AM

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(8) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/28/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against Unless Amended

**Impact Information**

Date: 08/28/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Council File Number: 24-0867

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Summary: The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC) voted at a Regularly Schedule Board Meeting held on August 26, 2024 to unanimously oppose CF 24-0867, as it stands. Please see the attached letter. Thank you.

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August 27, 2024

Los Angeles City Council

200 North Spring Street

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RE: Neighborhood Council Bylaw Rights CF24-0867

The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC) voted at a Regular Board meeting held on August 26, 2024, to unanimously oppose CF24-0867 as it stands for the following reasons:

- CF24-0867 is an attack on the autonomy of Neighborhood Councils. The City Charter specifically grants Neighborhood Councils the right to establish their own bylaws. This council file is a direct attack on the future of the Neighborhood Council system.
- Neighborhood Council members are volunteers, and they are public officials elected by members of their community to represent their community. This proposal would prevent Neighborhood Councils from establishing their own bylaws without interference from third parties.
- CF24-0867 is contrary to the spirit of the Neighborhood Council system of community identity. The Neighborhood Council system tailors City municipal government to its ninety-nine individual communities, ensuring that recognition and accommodation of these communities is built into our bylaws and governance.
- Imposing Term Limits would create a challenge with filling all seats and reaching quorum at meetings. There is no statistical proof that long-term members form a significant voting bloc. Furthermore, the knowledge base of long-term members is critical to the smooth operation and ethical standards of Neighborhood Councils.
- While Youth representation should be encouraged, it may not be possible within all geographies of Neighborhood Councils. Furthermore, there are better ways (such as locally created non-voting Youth Representatives) which avoid the barriers of mandated training and two- or four-year terms for a seat.

ASNC recommends that every Neighborhood Council board and each individual Neighborhood Council board member who opposes CF24-0867 file a CIS or personal statement against it in the Council File system.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter.

*Lynda Valencia*

President, Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council