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

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Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 1:32 PM

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(8) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/17/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 09/19/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 24-0867

City Planning Number:


Agenda Date:

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Summary: September 17, 2024 RE: Council File 24-0867 Dear Council members: The Arleta Neighborhood Council strongly opposes Council File 24-0867 for the following reasons: • CF: 24-0867 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 (NC) system. The motion is not innocuous and it further demonstrates that elected officials want to subordinate NCs to their whims and suppress criticism

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ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL Community Impact Statement

September 17, 2024

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- While youth representation within an NC is feasible this seat has not come without issues of concern. For years youth representative seats have remained unfilled despite NC outreach—and even with successful NC board recommendation and appointments—the seat(s) would become vacant due to youth representatives': school workloads, athletic programs, afterschool employment, other commitments, and/or lack of parent/guardian availability/transportation for the minor's participation at each neighborhood council board meeting, NC committee meetings, and/or NC events. Furthermore, there are concerns of liabilities and safety matters that arise with youth participation that can and will impact both an NC board and the City of Los Angeles should emergencies arise, or not, at NC meetings that are open to the public and

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often without police presence. Lastly, youth representatives are minors and their votes within a neighborhood council's proceedings on matters of land use (monetary items), *for example*, which can be highly controversial and highly complex even for adults alone, can dramatically impact property owners' livelihoods—particularly homeowners who have a vested and non-transient interest in their community. Recent history on development in the City of Los Angeles has led to the incarceration of former council members over land use transactions that were wrought with cloaked financial interests and gains for both guilty incarcerated officials and undisclosed recipients.

The Arleta Neighborhood Council requests that the City of Los Angeles solve actual problems such as automatic Los Angeles Police Department enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code 41.18 *at all times* in the City, more hiring of police officers, establishing a true independent Ethics Commission governing body that is elected directly by the public and not appointed by elected officials, increased funding of Recreation and Parks facilities and youth programs with more department personnel at historically marginalized communities, sidewalk repairs and maintenance at historically marginalized communities, exercising of outreach and financial incentives for manufacturers to return back into the City of Los Angeles for more employment opportunities for the citizenry, the retention and nourishment of the Film and Television industry in the City, installation of protected left turn signals at busy street intersections that do not have them, and request of LA County Health Department enforcement at unpermitted food vendor sites in the City that operate without regulations and present grave health concerns to the public's health as well as urban hazards where some of them directly dump grease onto street surfaces and sidewalks thus creating slippery surfaces for both pedestrian and motorized vehicles and accidents have already happened in the community of Arleta as a result of such conditions.

The Arleta Neighborhood Council strongly opposes council file 24-0867.

Respectfully,

The Arleta Neighborhood Council

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