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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-0867 - Agenda Item Number: 6

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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 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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Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/22/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 09/23/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

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

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Summary: Due to the population of the City of Los Angeles increasing to over 4 million constituents, and the number of council members is set at 15 by charter, council members are not fully informed in the business of the city and cannot perform at the highest levels of achievement to deliver City Services to their stakeholders, required by City charter. As

stated in Council File 24-0867, "Neighborhood Councils, being grassroots level of City government; public officials elected to office by the members of their community; is held to the local, state, and federal standards that other City offices and agencies must observe; and is uniquely tailored to the communities' specific needs;" We, therefore must become voting members to ensure the delivery of city services to the highest level of achievement. We therefore vote to amend Article IX Department of Neighborhood Empowerment of the Los Angeles City Charter and Administrative Code; Section 900 Purpose as follows: To promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs, a citywide system of neighborhood councils, and a Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is created. Neighborhood councils shall include representatives of many diverse interests in communities and shall have a binding vote equal to the elected City Councilperson in each district on issues of concern to the neighborhood and communities in Los Angeles. Until the charter is changed as indicated above, Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council will not agree to term limits.

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Neighborhood Council

At the September 22, 2024 Brown Act compliant meeting of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council, the board voted. 12 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Recuse to approve and support this resolution.

Be it resolved that:

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Respectfully submitted by:


Linda Gravani, President



Certified by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment September 9, 2004, City of Los Angeles