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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.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(9) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/24/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 10/15/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Agenda Date: 07/30/2024

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Summary: This Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on 27 August 2024, when the ECSEANDC adopted the following motion by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining and directed that a Community Impact Statement be filed reflecting its position.

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23 September 2024

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The ECSEANDC requests that the following Community Impact Statement be attached/added to Council File: regarding:

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The ECSEANDC is providing general comments for Council File 24-0867

This Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on 27 August 2024, when the ECSEANDC adopted the following motion by a vote of 9 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining and directed that a Community Impact Statement be filed reflecting its position.

Motion: "The ECSEANDC urges the Los Angeles City Council to not adopt CF 24-0867 and/or consider the following general comments:

**EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS SOUTHEAST AREA
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
(ECSEANDC)**

The Empowerment Congress Southeast Area Neighborhood Council acknowledges the critical role of Neighborhood Councils as the grassroots foundation of Los Angeles' government. We recognize the importance of increasing participation, especially among youth, and the necessity of term limits to foster fresh leadership within our councils. We conditionally support the motion to mandate a youth seat on every Neighborhood Council board and to implement term limits for board positions. Youth are vital members of our community, and their active participation will help sustain the relevance and dynamism of our councils. Similarly, term limits are crucial to encouraging new leadership and preventing stagnation within our boards.

However, it is imperative to address the disparities in participation across different Neighborhood Councils. In more affluent areas of the city, engagement is typically higher, and the resources available to attract and retain volunteers are more abundant. In contrast, areas like South Los Angeles, where our council operates, face significant challenges in maintaining consistent participation. Due to low engagement, our council had to lower its quorum requirement just to conduct business, a reality that many other councils in similar areas face as well. This lack of participation not only hampers our ability to function effectively but also prevents us from fully capturing and acting upon the true will of our community.

We urge the city to consider these disparities when proposing changes to the Neighborhood Council system. While we support the principles behind this motion, we advocate for a tailored approach that reflects the unique needs and challenges of each community. The idea that all Neighborhood Councils should be treated the same contradicts the very principle of these councils being independent bodies designed to serve their specific communities. If these changes are suitable for resource-rich areas like Silverlake or Beverly-Crescent, they should be implemented there, but not necessarily imposed on areas like ours, where the circumstances are markedly different.

Furthermore, we pose the question: How can we ensure that changes to the Neighborhood Council system do not exacerbate existing inequities between affluent areas and those in need? If the city genuinely aims to enhance participation and leadership development, it must recognize and address the systemic barriers that communities like ours face.

In conclusion, the Empowerment Congress Southeast Area Neighborhood Council supports the motion's intent to increase youth participation and implement term limits. Still, we call for a more nuanced approach that considers the diverse realities faced by all Neighborhood Councils across Los Angeles. We welcome more participation, more members, and more voices to push city leadership in a direction that better reflects the will of the people, particularly in underrepresented areas like ours.

Sincerely,

Jesse Munoz, Board Secretary

Seconded by: Twyla Peters, Area Representative