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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 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](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(7) Nay(2) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/04/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against

### Impact Information

Date: 09/11/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

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

Council File Number: 24-0867

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Item Number:

Summary: The motion in Council File 24-0867 calls for each Neighborhood Council to be mandated to have a youth seat on its board and mandatory term limits. The Neighborhood Council is opposed to term limits for the Neighborhood Council system as it exists today. Term limits would be a great if we had a sufficient number of people wanting to serve on Neighborhood Councils, but we do not. During the 2023 election, nearly 40% of the Neighborhood Councils, thirty-nine of the ninety-nine, were not able to attract a sufficient number of candidates to have an election at all. The Palms Neighborhood Council would love to see the City focus on enough outreach to generate interest in serving on

Neighborhood Councils. The City currently leaves this outreach to the Neighborhood Councils whose budgets are too paltry for the task at hand. We ask, is this a solution looking for a problem? Looking at the NC system across the City, is there a lack of turnover? Of the thirteen seats on the Palms Neighborhood Council, only four ran for election in 2023. It would be hard to believe that Palms is that unique. Before we decide there's a problem, let's collect some data and know. This appears to be a knee-jerk reaction to some stimulus rather than a thought-through plan. Until such a time that there are enough people wanting to compete for enough seats on enough Neighborhood Councils, the idea of term limits can do nothing other than destroy the Neighborhood Council system. With regards to the youth seat, the Palms Neighborhood Council has a youth seat in our bylaws. We currently have an outstanding representative serving in that seat, but it is not always so. Finding a high school aged student who has the bandwidth to serve is extremely difficult and our youth seat is empty more than it is filled. While there are many good reasons to have a youth seat, for some Neighborhood Councils, requiring it could be a barrier to achieving quorum. This motion should not move forward.

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