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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-1399

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

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Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 03/18/2025

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Summary: Request changes in the areas of mandatory trees, native plants, greening in the public realm. For details, please see the attached PDF.

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CIS for CF24-1399

The Palms Neighborhood Council supports the larger goals and efforts in the Landscape and Site Design Ordinance created by the Department of Planning. We do, however, regret that the City failed to adopt some key recommendations from the Los Angeles Community Forest Advisory Committee and other professionals. By adding these alterations and corrections, the Landscape and Site Design Ordinance will be improved and better suited to meet the stated goals of the City and the stakeholders of Los Angeles. We therein offer our conditional support upon adoption of the following.

Section 3.5 Biodiversity and Habitat (pages 25-28)

a. Mandatory Trees in Open Space Areas

In this section of the ordinance there is an effort to incentivize tree canopy. We applaud this. However, by requiring applicants to install trees that come in nursery stock sizes of 24-inch-box and up, the City unintentionally incentivizes the planting of non-native species that do not support biodiversity in the local ecosystem because most native species currently are only available in the slightly smaller 15 gallon standard nursery size. Generally, within five years there is no difference in the canopy size of trees planted from a 24-inch-box or a 15 gallon container because the smaller trees will acclimate to the site more quickly and grow faster. This section should be revised to allow for 15 gallon container trees to qualify, especially if the species are native to the California Floristic Province.

c. Native Plants

The ordinance here asks for 75% native plants for landscaping. We are in the middle of a biodiversity crisis with pollinator and habitat loss at critical levels. There's simply no reason to be incentivizing applicants to plant 25% non-native plants during this crisis. Plants that are not planted to create food for human consumption or a recreational playing field should be 100% native to the California Floristic Province.

f. Greening in the Public Realm

In the vines section, there is inconsistency between the order of the scientific and common names of several species on the list. This is a typo that will cause potential confusion. The list should read:

1. Island Morning Glory (*Calystegia macrostegia*)
2. Virgin's Bower (*Clematis ligusticifolia*)
3. Chaparral Honeysuckle (*Lonicera interrupta*)
4. Pink Honeysuckle (*Lonicera hispidula*)
5. California Blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*)
6. Chaparral Clematis (*Clematis lasiantha*)

The list then continues with four non-native species we object to incentivizing that should be removed from the list. If the City needs additional native vining options to offer, we suggest:

7. Dutchman's Pipe (*Aristolochia californica*)
8. California Grape (*Vitis californica*)
9. Desert Wild Grape (*Vitis girdiana*)
10. Chaparral False Bindweed (*Calystegia occidentalis*)