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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0600

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Fri, May 9, 2025 at 10:03 AM

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

Date of NC Board Action: 05/07/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 05/09/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

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City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Pico Union Neighborhood Council opposes the 22% reduction of our budget from \$32,000 to \$25,000.

Please read attach letter for more details.



25-0600 (Mayor's Budget) (1).pdf

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May 8, 2025

Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky
Budget, Finance, and Innovation Committee Chair
200 N. Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Mayor's Proposed Budget (Council File 25-0600)

Dear Councilmember Kathy Yaroslavsky,

The Pico Neighborhood Council strongly urges the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles City Council, and Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass to **maintain the annual funding allocation for Neighborhood Councils**, targeted for a 22% reduction on the Mayor's proposed budget. This would change the annual allocation for each of the 99 Neighborhood Councils from \$32,000 to \$25,000.

With our current \$32,000 allocation, Neighborhood Councils must cover all operational expenses, outreach initiatives, and community projects, including Neighborhood Purposes Grants. Despite inflationary costs continuing to increase prices, Neighborhood Council budgets have actually decreased twice throughout the program's history. The original Neighborhood Council budget was \$50,000. In 2008, the budgets were cut to \$40,000. In 2020, the budgets were cut to \$32,000 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2023, when department budgets were restored post-COVID, Neighborhood Council budgets remained at \$32,000. Now we're on the chopping block again.

The Pico Union Neighborhood Council spends its funds fully and effectively to promote citizen engagement and make government more responsive to local needs, the mission of the Neighborhood Council system. Critics of the system and proponents of NC budget cuts have argued that not all Neighborhood Council spend their full budgets, but that ignores the fact that Neighborhood Council budgets can be rolled over to subsequent fiscal years. Neighborhood Council board members are also unpaid volunteers, usually with no professional financial background, and limited training by the City. We are the voices of our neighborhoods and respectfully request you not silence our voices by slashing our budgets.

The following are a few select examples of activities and projects funded in part or in whole by the Pico Union in 2024-2025, types of activities and projects that will be at risk should the Neighborhood Council budgets be reduced:

- 4th Annual Bike Safety Camp & Earth Day Fest at Magnolia Elementary School
- Spring Egg Hunt at Normandie Recreation Center
- LAFD 3-Day Battalion 11 Firefighter Appreciation Dinner
- 3rd Annual Youth Poetry Competition and Celebration with the Pico Union Library
- 2nd Annual Dia De Los Muertos Festival & Resource Fair

- 5+ Movie Nights each year
- 10+ community clean ups each year
- T-shirts for participants in college prep program at University Prep Value HS
- Sponsorship of LA Korean Festival
- Back to school supplies for distribution with the Salvation Army
- Adopt-A-Median Maintenance on a California Native Garden
- Annual Support for the Congress of Neighborhoods

Neighborhood Councils do amazing, hyperlocal work to enhance Los Angeles. We do it for no pay. But we do it because we love our community. Please allow us to keep working in partnership with you in making Los Angeles the best city in America.

Sincerely,

Jay Park
President, Pico Union Neighborhood Council

Cc:

Eunisses Hernandez, Council Member, LA District 1 (councilmember.hernandez@lacity.org)
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Approved
7 May 2025
Yea 10, Nay 0, Abstain 0