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

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To: Clerk.CIS@lacity.org, commission@empowerla.org, kay.hartman@palmsnc.la

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.

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Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/07/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against Unless Amended

Impact Information

Date: 05/11/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

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

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Summary: The Palms Neighborhood Council wants to see the NC budgets restored to \$32,000, a more honest liability budget, fewer sworn officers so there can be fewer layoffs of civilian personnel, removal of two LAPD helicopters, additional funding for animal services, and the creation of a CFO.

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To: City Council and Committees; BONC

Oppose unless amended

The Palms Neighborhood Council takes issue with several Items in the Budget.

We urge the City Council to restore the Neighborhood Council budget from the proposed \$25,000 to the current \$32,000. The original Neighborhood Council budget allocation was \$50,000. Over time our budgets have decreased while our expenses have risen. It is easy to say NCs are over-funded because of the number of Neighborhood Councils who do not spend their money, but some Neighborhood Councils do spend their money and are finding the going tight. The money the NCs don't spend doesn't disappear. It reverts to the general fund. During Covid, everybody in the City was cut. When the City regained its footing, the department budgets were restored. The NC budgets were not. We have taken our cut.

This is the wrong time to refurbish the Convention Center. \$5 billion including interest, as reported in the L.A. Times, is a lot of money. If we weren't spending this, how many City jobs could we save? How many sidewalks could we repair? How many unhoused people could we get into shelter? This is the time to buckle down and pay attention to the core services the City should be providing to its residents.

There is no real reason to believe that \$187 million is a sufficient liability budget when this year's payout will be in the neighborhood of \$300 million. It is time to give up on the myth that the increase in liabilities is the result of a Covid-19 backlog. Please give the City an honest liability budget.

It makes no financial sense whatsoever to pay sworn officers to do civilian jobs, yet this is what happens when you eliminate civilian workers from the LAPD. It makes more economical sense to let some officers go. We understand how difficult it is to recruit and hire sworn officers, but it is fiscal mismanagement to have them doing civilian work. If we're talking about laying off 300 LAPD civilian workers, it would not take 300 sworn officers to save the same money. The right balance has not been reached. Please reevaluate the cuts to this department.

We ask why the budget includes two new helicopters for the LAPD. According to an audit from Controller Mejia, the helicopter program is not cost-effective. Sure one can point to an arrest that happened as a result of the program, but one has to look at the overall cost-effectiveness. Given insufficient evidence this program provides enough value and given the economic straights in which we find ourselves, we should not invest in LAPD helicopters now. Again, we need to focus on core services.

All of the above is about core services for humans. What about animals? The cuts to the Animal Services Department should be thought through more carefully. If we provide insufficient spade and neuter services, we will have an explosion of unwanted dogs and cats and

this will cost us more money in the long run. Closing the West Los Angeles shelter will cause a lot of harm to the community.

Finally, the City needs a Chief Financial Officer. This City is run by politicians who have political duties. This is not a criticism. It is a fact. A City of 4 million people with a \$13 billion budget needs full time management. Washington D.C. hired a CFO when their budget was tanked and that City was led to a sustainable path. This could happen in Los Angeles too. We have no strategic plan. We have no capital plan. A CFO will recognize the folly of this and help us to become a City with the sustainable budget we all need.