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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(16) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council ("PICO") strongly supports the recommendations put forth by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition ("LANCC") and the recommendations put forth by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners ("BONC") as further detailed in the attachment.



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To: LA Charter Reform Commission

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CIS LA Charter Reform

The P.I.C.O. Neighborhood Council (“PICO”) strongly supports the recommendations put forth by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (“LANCC”) and the recommendations put forth by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (“BONC”).

LANCC RECOMMENDATIONS

The PICO Neighborhood Council supports the Charter recommendations submitted by LANCC. LANCC's analysis is spot on. Due to lack of compliance with and understanding of existing administrative language, the right for Neighborhood Councils to deliver voted-on community impact statements before all public meetings must be cemented into the Charter. LANCC is also correct that we need to clarify the separation of duties between elected Neighborhood Councils and DONE, which serves the Neighborhood Councils. We recommend the specific LANCC-proposed Charter language ensuring that DONE will never again substitute its judgment for that of elected NCs, create policies that become de facto regulations, or coerce NCs into advocating for particular legislative positions.

We also strongly believe that Council should not have the ability to change Neighborhood Council composition in terms of board seats and term limits. Decisions of that nature must go to the ballot for the public to decide. We further support LANCC's proposals that Neighborhood Councils have a formal role in the hiring of DONE's General Manager.

We also support the creation of an Office of Transparency and Accountability. The Office of Transparency and Accountability would be a truth-telling body that operates independently of elected officials and provide unbiased facts to the public as the people's watchdog. We believe this office would help to restore public trust as long as independent appointment of the body is maintained.

We strongly support LANCC's recommendations to increase the number of Ethics Commissioners from five to seven. This would allow representation on the commission to include a commissioner appointed by the Neighborhood Councils and one additional commissioner to be appointed by the Ethics Commission itself. These two additional seats should not require confirmation by the City Council to maintain their independence.

We strongly support the ability for a Neighborhood Council to speak to any government agency. In order to advocate for our neighborhoods, we must be able to affect change with the bodies that oversee all the different aspects of our communities.

Lastly, we support the NC Budget Advocates recommendation that the CAO's office should prepare four-year budget outlooks that reflect realistic city revenues and raises for City employees. Furthermore, we support the Budget Advocates, the LA 2020 Commission, and the City Controller in requiring a two-year budgeting process. To achieve a balanced budget, the charter should include language in which the City Council cannot approve labor agreements that would create a current or future deficit.

BONC RECOMMENDATIONS

PICO Neighborhood Council strongly supports the recommendations from BONC that give us a guaranteed right to speak at all city council and commission meetings, gives us a voice in picking the general manager and new BONC Commissioners, and dedicates 1/10 of one percent of the general fund to funding the activities of Neighborhood Councils.

We need a stabilized funding model. At present, no one advocates for us during the budget process and our current budgets are 27% of what they once were when Neighborhood Councils were first created, adjusted for inflation. The Neighborhood Councils function as an accountability arm, but we cannot do that when our funding is unstable. Lastly, a practical budget is an equity issue. Neighborhood Councils need the ability to hire help with things like website management and minutes. Otherwise only those who are privileged with time can navigate the many requirements and dysfunctional bureaucracy.

We further support that during budget challenges; the percentage of Neighborhood Councils budget reductions shall not be greater than that of the office of the mayor. When the Mayor's office budget is restored after the budget challenge, the Neighborhood Councils budgets shall be similarly restored. The Neighborhood Councils need representation elected by the NC's themselves on BONC. Therefore, we support the LANCC recommendations to increase the number of commissioners from seven to nine with the two additional commissioners being at-large and appointed by the Neighborhood Councils. This would allow the NCs themselves to elect true public representatives of our stakeholders to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, instead of the current system of just handpicked commissioners solely from the mayor's office.

We further support giving BONC oversight responsibilities over DONE and the City Clerk and making BONC an appeals body for NCs and/or board members seeking redress for actions by DONE and/or the City Clerk. By supporting these recommendations, the Charter Reform Commission would enshrine the much-needed reforms that acknowledge the true value that Neighborhood Councils play in the governance and quality of life of all of our fellow Angelenos.

Sincerely,


Lisa Kaye
President, PICO NC

PRESENTED BY: PICO NC General Board
SECONDED BY: Monique Carrabba
YES: 16 NO: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, RECUSAL: 0
ON THIS DATE: March 18, 2026

