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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal

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To: reformlacher@lacity.org, Clerk.CIS@lacity.org, commission@empowerla.org, Rep.Frishberg@gmail.com

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

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Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 03/24/2026

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Summary: Empowerment Congress Central Area (ECC) Neighborhood Development Council strongly urges the Charter Reform Commission to add language that would protect, preserve, and enshrine Neighborhood Council elections to the Charter.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

March 23, 2026

To hon. members of
Los Angeles City Council, the Charter Reform Commission,
and the **Board of Neighborhood Commissioners**

RE: **CHANGES TO LOS ANGELES CITY CHARTER**

Empowerment Congress Central Area (ECC) Neighborhood Development Council **strongly urges** the Charter Reform Commission to add language that would protect, preserve, and enshrine Neighborhood Council elections to the Charter.

Budget deficits and cost-cutting policies are not excuses for sidelining or outright cancelling democratic elections on the most basic local levels. If anything, given the current national political climate, we should protect them even more.

While the Charter specifies elections every four years for positions like Mayor, Controller, City Attorney, and City Council — no such guarantees are provided for Neighborhood Council elections. This is unacceptable.

In consultation with other Neighborhood Councils and the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC), we have arrived at simple, suggested language to be added to the Charter:

"Neighborhood Council terms are set in their bylaws and elections/selections are held every two years."

We further ask the Charter Reform Commission to add to the City Charter a minimum \$40,000 budget along with the LANCC recommendation (item #16 in the staff report dated Feb,3 — *"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 Council's budgets are similarly restored."*)

Like all city positions and organizations, Neighborhood Councils face budget cuts in the midst of disasters, pandemics, or economic crisis'. But unlike the other departments, Neighborhood Council budgets are not automatically restored when the crisis abates. We ask your help in keeping the Neighborhood Councils functional by providing the funds we need to operate.

In the name of democracy, and as testament to the power of local government, we ask your commission to support these meaningful changes to the Charter.

This CIS was approved by a vote of our entire present and non-recused board members (10 in favor, 0 against), with no abstentions on March 23, 2026 during our Neighborhood Council's designated meeting.

Janay Coplon
Chairperson

Empowerment Congress Central Area Neighborhood Development Council