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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 01-1516

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Mon, May 11, 2026 at 10:56 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](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 04/08/2026

Type of NC Board Action: Neutral Position

#### Impact Information

Date: 05/11/2026

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

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City Planning Number:

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Summary: Please see attached community impact statement.

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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [01-1516](#)

Title: VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PROPERTY / WEST LOS ANGELES HEALTHCARE CENTER

Position: Neutral

Title: Constitution Ave Pedestrian Gate at Veteran Ave

next to the Veterans Affairs (VA) Hospital and the The Los Angeles National Cemetery (LANC) is located West LA VA campus in Los Angeles. After a series of court verdicts, much of the VA campus is now to be used primarily for veteran housing. This is an opportune moment to revisit the 2002 decision to close the pedestrian gate at the Eastern side of the cemetery (Constitution Avenue and Veteran Avenue).

This decision was based on the report of the National Institute of Building Sciences, produced in the wake of 9/11, which lists National Cemeteries among the nation's critical infrastructure. The decision to close the gate was apparently based on the notion that pedestrians pose a national security risk. However, national security and healthy and sustainable transportation modes like walking are fully compatible. Access through the pedestrian gate should be restored again.

Urban cemeteries often face challenging transportation issues, unlike rural locations, where motorized access is the default. Given the accelerating impacts of climate change, urban locations should actively invite other modes of transport. This location, in particular, will shortly be next to two new Metro stations, meaning more people will be visiting the cemetery on foot and from different directions. As the VA has issued a strong commitment to respond to the climate crisis, and is required to provide a healthy environment for our veterans, solutions that encourage healthy and sustainable forms of transportation should be implemented with urgency.

We ask the Los Angeles City Council ask the Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials to adopt the following action plan:

Create a plan for how the re-opening of the pedestrian gate can be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the ceremonial nature of the cemetery, how it could

offer employment opportunities (Compensated Work Therapy) for veterans guarding the character of the space, how it will benefit veterans living on the adjacent VA campus to reach destinations in Westwood independently, including those who are using a wheelchair, how it could improve local outreach, and deliver environmental and health benefits for the VA community, patients at the VA hospital, and for the wider community, reducing traffic congestion and minimizing fuel consumption and pollution. The committee is tasked “to make recommendations to the Secretary on issues related to the selection of cemetery sites.”

We ask that the City request that the Secretary provide resources to study the positive impacts that revisiting the 2002 decision could have for the Los Angeles National Cemetery.

Public health experts and urban planners should be consulted in this process.