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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 10-2468-S2

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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 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(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 06/18/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 10/03/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees, Community Forest Advisory Committee

Council File Number: 10-2468-S2

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council supports Council File CF-10-2468-S2 motion directing the Los Angeles Fire Department and the Community Forest Advisory Committee to report on the State's proposed "Zone-0" defensible space regulations. We appreciate the City's proactive approach to wildfire safety but urge amendments to ensure these regulations are effective, equitable, and ecologically sound. We recommend the following changes to the proposed Zone 0 regulations: Exempt healthy, high-moisture vegetation -focused removal only on flammable or invasive species. Protect native tree species (e.g., oaks, sycamores, walnuts) within 0-10 feet of structures. Exclude municipal

street trees from removal mandates, especially in dense urban neighborhoods. Do not increase tree limb clearance requirements -leaf litter, not limbs, is the primary ember risk. Provide flexibility in high-density areas where building proximity, not vegetation, poses greater risk. Extend compliance timelines for pre-2008 homes not built to Chapter 7A standards. These recommendations are supported by recent wildfire research showing: Homes with high-moisture vegetation nearby were more likely to survive. Bare ground was associated with higher destruction, contrary to current defensible space assumptions. Drought-stressed vegetation, not vegetation itself, increased risk. Building density and construction had a greater impact on fire spread than nearby plants. Overstory trees did not significantly influence building loss and may reduce ember exposure. Blanket vegetation removal is not supported by science and risks harming biodiversity, shade cover, and community resilience. We urge the Council to advocate for regulations that balance safety with ecological and urban health.



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Neighborhood Council

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Position: **FOR IF AMENDED**

Council File: **10-2468-S2**

***Defensible Space Regulations / Zone 0 / Ember-Resistant / High Fire Severity Zones /
Governor Newsom Executive Order N-18-25***

July 18, 2025

The North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council supports Council File CF-10-2468-S2 motion directing the Los Angeles Fire Department and the Community Forest Advisory Committee to report on the State's proposed "Zone-0" defensible space regulations. We appreciate the City's proactive approach to wildfire safety but urge amendments to ensure these regulations are effective, equitable, and ecologically sound.

We recommend the following changes to the proposed Zone 0 regulations:

- Exempt healthy, high-moisture vegetation -focused removal only on flammable or invasive species.
- Protect native tree species (e.g., oaks, sycamores, walnuts) within 0-10 feet of structures.
- Exclude municipal street trees from removal mandates, especially in dense urban neighborhoods.
- Do not increase tree limb clearance requirements -leaf litter, not limbs, is the primary ember risk.
- Provide flexibility in high-density areas where building proximity, not vegetation, poses greater risk.
- Extend compliance timelines for pre-2008 homes not built to Chapter 7A standards.

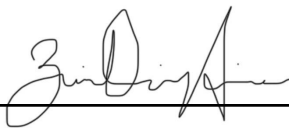
These recommendations are supported by recent wildfire research showing:

- Homes with high-moisture vegetation nearby were more likely to survive.
- Bare ground was associated with higher destruction, contrary to current defensible space assumptions.
- Drought-stressed vegetation, not vegetation itself, increased risk.
- Building density and construction had a greater impact on fire spread than nearby plants.
- Overstory trees did not significantly influence building loss and may reduce ember exposure.

Blanket vegetation removal is not supported by science and risks harming biodiversity, shade cover, and community resilience. We urge the Council to advocate for regulations that balance safety with ecological and urban health.

Thank you,
North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council

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Date of Board Vote: _6_/_18_/2025____

Board Vote Count: Aye__10__ Nay__0__ Abstain__1__ Recused__0__

Motion Status: Passed__X__ Failed____ Other_____