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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 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(13) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 11/12/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 11/26/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Summary: Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council Statement of Opposition to Zone 0 and Support for Options 4 and 2 on Trees The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) strongly opposes the proposed Zone 0 regulations as currently drafted and supports Options 4 and 2 on trees. While we fully support the goal of reducing wildfire risk — including the removal of dead vegetation, diseased branches, leaf litter, and other obvious fire hazards — we oppose

blanket restrictions that would require removal of healthy, live trees and vegetation within five feet of structures. See attached for full statement.



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November 12, 2025

The following Community Impact Statement CF-10-2468-S2 was approved by a vote of the board on November 12, 2025 with 13 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 0 Ineligible, 0 Recusal.

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Statement of Opposition to Zone 0 and Support for Options 4 and 2 on Trees

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) strongly opposes the proposed Zone 0 regulations as currently drafted and supports Options 4 and 2 on trees.

While we fully support the goal of reducing wildfire risk — including the removal of dead vegetation, diseased branches, leaf litter, and other obvious fire hazards — we oppose blanket restrictions that would require removal of healthy, live trees and vegetation within five feet of structures.

Our key concerns are:

- **Hillside Stability & Safety**
In hillside communities such as Sunland-Tujunga, live trees and established vegetation help stabilize slopes and reduce erosion and landslide risk. Large-scale removal could unintentionally increase geological hazards and endanger homes.
- **Urban Canopy, Habitat, and Heat**
Trees provide shade, reduce extreme heat, and support urban habitat and biodiversity. Eliminating canopy near homes will worsen heat impacts, especially for vulnerable residents, and degrade our already stressed urban ecosystem.
- **Fire Risk Focused on True Hazards**
Research indicates the greatest ignition risk in Zone 0 comes from fine fuels (dry grasses, leaf litter, mulch, and combustible fencing), not properly maintained, irrigated trees. Well-maintained live trees can function as windbreaks and reduce radiant heat, rather than acting as primary ignition sources.
- **Financial Burden on Homeowners and Small Landlords**
The cost of complying with mandatory removal of live trees and vegetation would be extremely high, particularly for small, “mom-and-pop” property owners. There

is no accompanying funding or assistance, and these costs could undermine housing stability and affordability.

STNC respectfully urges the Board to:

- Reject the current Zone 0 proposal, and
- Adopt Options 4 and 2 on trees, which:
 - Distinguish between fine, highly combustible materials and healthy, irrigated vegetation;
 - Emphasize maintenance standards (pruning, irrigation, clearance from structures) rather than automatic removal;
 - Allow flexibility where live trees are important for slope stability, erosion control, and community safety.

We believe a more balanced approach — one that targets true fire hazards while preserving healthy trees and the urban canopy — will better protect both public safety and environmental resilience for Sunland-Tujunga and similar hillside communities.

Sincerely,

Lydia Grant

Lydia Grant, President
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council