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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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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(7) Nay(1) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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CIS supporting CF10-2468-S2.pdf

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CIS supporting CF10-2468-S2 with stipulations

Palms Neighborhood Council supports Council File CF10-2468-S2 as amended on July 1, 2025, stipulating that City Council instructs LAFD and the Community Forest Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Department of City Planning, Bureau of Sanitation and Bureau of Street Services, to report to Council on the State's proposed regulations and recommendations to better tailor those proposed regulations to allow for better integration of biodiversity and ecological health in fire mitigation planning.

We agree with Steve Hawks of the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety that synthetic or artificial turf (AT) should not be allowed in Zone Zero. We urge the City of Los Angeles to ask the Board of Forestry to go further and ban AT from all defensible space. Language in the Board's July revisions at § 1299.03. b 03 has been written at the direction of AT lobbyists with the words, *Combustible petroleum-based products*. Please restore specificity to artificial turf being banned by name. Otherwise, we are concerned this will be answered by the synthetic turf industry by selling AT soaked in toxic flame retardants that leach into the watershed over the life of the product. We are also concerned about the risk to first responders from toxic gases released by melting or burning AT during a fire event, making the risk assessment for artificial turf much higher than that of a burning shrub. We underscore that USGBC-California notes that AT has the highest heat index of any building material contributing to the heat island effect—more than concrete, asphalt, or anything in the built environment.

Furthermore, we encourage the Board to allow local agencies to create carve-outs for native species known to be effective ember catchers. We face a biodiversity crisis of emergency proportions, and we have examples of native oak trees saving properties in the recent Palisades and Eaton fires. With many fire adapted native species, it's imperative that we do not view all landscaping as the same or warranting a one-size-fits-all approach. Accordingly, we are concerned that one-size-fits-all regulations will be used by the insurance industry to deny coverage or even worse, deny claims after a tragedy.

No conversation of defensible space is complete without discussing state incentives for sustainable greywater systems in fire risk zones to keep landscaping hydrated while reducing the burden on potable water resources. This has largely been overlooked in the Board's work thus far, and it should not be neglected as an important component of sustainable fire mitigation.

For all science-based decisions, we encourage the City to ask the Board of Forestry to focus on peer-reviewed data and post-fire scientific field analysis over work done in insurance industry laboratories.