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Community Impact Statement - Submission Details

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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 to 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(24) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Council File Number: 12-1824-S2

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The current party house ordinance must be updated in order to effectively address party house problems.

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January 1, 2024

Councilmember Nithya Raman, District 4
Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, District 5
City of Los Angeles

Re: Council File 12-1824-S2 Party House Violation Enforcement / Loud and Unruly Gatherings Ordinance / Home-Sharing Ordinance / Cost Recovery

Dear Councilmembers,

The Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council area includes parts of the City that are recognized as having some of the most active and persistent party houses. These areas are also served by LAPD stations having a great deal of experience with handling party houses.

Parties in our neighborhoods are especially dangerous because they can create ingress and egress issues on narrow streets that impede passage of emergency vehicles. Party goers will often park in ways that fully block streets. On top of this, they bring crime into neighborhoods (5 killings in Benedict Canyon alone) and, of course, interfere with residents' quiet enjoyment of their homes.

Our communities were very hopeful about the potential efficacy of the party house ordinance when it was initially passed. We believed that the escalating series of fines would provide a sufficient deterrent without keeping residents from entertaining guests in a reasonable manner.

Our real-world experience is that an LAPD patrol officer responding to a party call will only rarely issue a citation, even when this action is specifically requested by residents, and even when the party in question is taking place at a notorious nuisance location. There are no fines, and therefore no escalating fines to act as a deterrent.

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The promoters who rent houses for parties, and the many websites who list these rentals are well aware that patrol officers will likely not arrive until after dawn, and that if they do, they will merely ask for the music to be turned down.

During the height of the pandemic and before, Hollywood Station was sometimes able to staff a “party car” with officers who went out with the sole purpose of ticketing for parties, and this was effective in shutting down a number of locations. Current staffing and crime levels mean that the “party car” is out very infrequently.

Additionally, the Neighborhood Prosecutors, who would address party problems in the past, seem to be no longer tasked with handling this issue.

For this reason, we support the motion in Council File 12-1824-S2.

We offer the following suggestions and observations:

- Renting out a house for a party or event is commercial activity which should not be allowed in a residential zone and enforcement must be certain and definitive.
- Party houses are often rented out on an hourly basis through platforms catering to event planners and location scouts. Rental for parties should not be lawful on these platforms, and listing residential homes for events should be unlawful.
- Homes are often rented for parties and sometimes multi-day events by major corporations. These events do not belong in neighborhoods.
- Given current staffing, LAPD should not be the only department with the authority to respond to parties. Providing funding for code enforcement officers to enforce party codes may be a more practical response.

The time has come to take effective action on party houses. Please preserve the health of our neighborhoods. We convey this message as approved at a duly noticed public meeting of the Board on September 27, 2023.

Sincerely,

Travis Longcore, Ph.D.
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