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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 15-1207-S1

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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(10) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(1) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/07/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against Unless Amended

Impact Information

Date: 05/26/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Summary: See attachment



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Honorable City Councilmembers:

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT - COUNCIL FILE 15-1207-S1

RE: Opposition Unless Amended – Los Angeles Convention Center Expansion Proposal by AEG

Approving the Los Angeles Convention Center expansion amid a \$1 billion budget deficit is fiscally reckless and unjustifiable. Without a transparent financial plan to protect taxpayer funds, this project threatens to divert critical resources from urgent city priorities, including housing, infrastructure, and public services.

Beyond financial concerns, Pico Union—a historically underserved neighborhood adjacent to the Convention Center—will bear the greatest disruptions. Residents already contend with persistent traffic congestion, rerouted streets, and parking shortages due to year-round events at AEG’s venues, including LA Live and Crypto.com Arena. Increasing convention activity will only exacerbate these burdens, further diminishing residents’ access to their own community.

Additionally, the environmental consequences cannot be ignored. Increased construction and traffic will elevate pollution levels, disproportionately affecting a community already struggling with environmental stressors. Pico Union residents, who face heightened risks of respiratory conditions linked to poor air quality, cannot afford the deepened health disparities this expansion would create.

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This concern is not without precedent. In 1998, AEG faced a lawsuit due to environmental damage caused by its developments, with legal action linked to the Windmill Links Community Environmental Fund. That case underscored the need for corporate accountability when projects harm local communities. Given the environmental risks posed by this expansion, the City Council must exercise the same level of scrutiny to protect residents' well-being.

Instead of approving a corporate-driven expansion that disregards community needs, the City must prioritize sustainable and equitable development. This proposal should be opposed unless amended to include direct benefits for the Pico Union community. Specifically, AEG should facilitate the acquisition of Preferred Parking Permit status and commit to funding parking permits for residents within a three-quarter-mile radius west of the Convention Center. These measures would help mitigate ongoing street disruptions and worsening traffic caused by year-round events at Crypto.com Arena and the Convention Center. Currently, residents face significant challenges in securing parking near their homes.

Moreover, the financial burden of this project extends far beyond its initial cost. Reports from the CLA and CAO estimate the expansion will total \$4.7 billion over 30 years. While Convention Center fees would offset some expenses, Los Angeles taxpayers would still shoulder an annual \$43 million debt. This contradicts assurances made during the Olympic bid that existing venues were sufficient and would not require additional city funding. The Convention Center is already operational and in adequate condition to serve as an Olympic venue.

The Pico Union Neighborhood Council urges the City Council to reject the proposed expansion plan unless it is revised to guarantee concrete, meaningful benefits for Pico Union residents and all Angelenos. Moving forward with this plan amid a projected \$1 billion deficit would impose an excessive financial burden while prioritizing corporate interests over the well-being of Los Angeles residents. The Council must act responsibly and equitably, ensuring that local needs are addressed before approving any expansion.

Sincerely,

Jay Park
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