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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 enable 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 Councils 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(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(1)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/11/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against Unless Amended

Impact Information

Date: 02/13/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees, Los Angeles City Tourism Commission, Board of Public Works Commissioners

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Summary: At a regular public meeting on February 11, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to submit this Community Impact Statement Against Unless Amended of CF 15-1207-S1/S2: Los Angeles Convention Expansion Project. Please see our attached letter for additional information regarding our position.

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February 11, 2025

**RE: Community Impact Statement on CF 15-1207-S1/S2: Los Angeles Convention
Expansion Project**

To Whom It May Concern:

At our regular public meeting on February 11, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to provide the following comments below:

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council submits this additional Community Impact Statement **against unless amended** of CF 15-1207-S1/S2: Los Angeles Convention Expansion Project

As highlighted in DLANC's [Community Impact Statement](#) dated February 13, 2024, the expansion of the Los Angeles Convention Center is critical for the long-term financial and economic vitality of both Downtown Los Angeles and the city as a whole. This project has garnered overwhelming support from a wide range of stakeholders and organizations within our community.

While we acknowledge findings in the joint CAO and CLA report dated January 31, 2025, which suggests that proceeding with a full expansion and construction project at this time may bear too much risk, we are **deeply concerned by the proposal to abandon or "pause"** the project entirely. The Convention Center's role as a key amenity for Downtown Los Angeles and neighboring communities is essential, especially as downtowns across the nation are struggling to recover from economic shifts that began during the COVID-19 pandemic era.

The current state of the Convention Center has had far-reaching negative consequences for our city's economy. Due to the facility's outdated size and condition, Los Angeles has missed out on valuable event bookings, impacting surrounding hotels, restaurants, small businesses, nightlife, and workers, including union laborers. Wholesalers and suppliers have also lost revenue, jobs,

and traffic as a result of these lost events. These reductions in event bookings have further affected the city's General Fund, with declines in revenues from sources like the Transit Occupancy Tax (TOT). Failing to move forward with this expansion now will only exacerbate these financial challenges, ultimately putting the City in an even more precarious position as the Convention Center becomes obsolete.

As such, DLANC recommends that the City **pursue a phased approach** to the Convention Center expansion, **rather than a complete "pause"** until after the 2028 Games. Specifically, DLANC proposes that **"Phase I"** include the renovation of **Gilbert Lindsey Plaza, pedestrian and streetscape enhancements, and a comprehensive "Make-Ready"** project to prepare for future expansion of the Convention Halls prior to the Olympic Games.

This will allow the design and construction teams to advance construction packages, procurement, and logistics for future scopes thoughtfully, therefore minimizing the risk that comes with a fully "Fast-Tracked" approach. Additionally, the "Make-Ready" scope will ensure that necessary utilities and infrastructure are in place for the "Phase II" expansion of the Convention Halls after the Games. It is imperative that these public space improvements proceed before the Olympics to maximize the benefits for the Convention Center as an Olympic venue and for the surrounding community.

We urge the city to continue prioritizing this important project with a phased plan that balances fiscal responsibility with the potential for long-term economic growth and community benefits.

Sincerely,



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President,
DLANC



Debby Zhou
Chair,
DLANC Livability Committee

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