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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 16-1104-S3

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Thu, May 22, 2025 at 8:12 PM

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](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/19/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 05/23/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

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Summary:



May 19, 2025

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: CF 16-1104-S3 - City Council Rules/Council Rule 7/Council Rule 63/N-Word and C-Word Epithets/Amendments**

Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWA) supports council file CF-1104-S3, which changes the Los Angeles City Council Rules 7 and 63 to prohibit the use of the N-word or the C-word.

Use of the N-word and C-word is harmful. The harm only increases in a formal public meeting where some members of the public receive the false impression that the City of Los Angeles condones the use of these words. Use of these epithets is also disruptive. Besides inciting, or threatening to incite, verbal and even physical altercations, these slurs disrupt Council and Committee meetings and make it intolerable for many members of the public to attend and participate in meetings. This denies elected officials the benefit of hearing from constituents and subverts the function of the public comment period. It also suppresses the constitutional right of many members of the public to freely petition their government.

We request that the prohibition of the use of the N-word and the C-word be extended to neighborhood council meetings and all city meetings.

ECWA thanks the City Council for your attention to this matter and we appreciate your commitment to strengthening our community.

Respectfully,

Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWA)