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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 19-1020

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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(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/08/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 10/11/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

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Summary: It is of the utmost importance in our current homelessness emergency to treat the unhoused currently experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles as experts of the systems that are supposed to address their housing and shelter needs. Those who are experiencing homelessness need a venue to provide feedback when programs fail to work as advertised, when resources and staff are misaligned, to provide an understanding of how new ordinances impact people who are unhoused, or how sexism, homophobia, and institutional racism impact services. A

Commission for Lived Experiences in Homelessness would serve as an official forum of unhoused advisors, allowing them to offer feedback to policymakers. It will be a start on the long-overdue process of reversing displacement on our streets. We would not trust an LGBTQ+ committee that was not being legitimately advised by people who identify as LGBTQ+, a body convening on racial justice that was not informed by lived experiences of people of color, nor an accessibility task force that did not include feedback from a wide range of people living with various disabilities. The same applies for the City's homelessness programs. Unhoused people can best discuss real-life gaps in the current systems and policies and provide insights into the opportunities to improve the coordination of resources, care, and housing. The North Westwood Neighborhood Council supports the creation, funding, and staffing of a Commission for Lived Experiences in Homelessness. We implore the City Council to take immediate action to establish it and to keep this Council File alive before the Council File expires. It will be a start on the long overdue process of reversing displacement on our streets and making progress towards our city reaching its very best potential. Finally, we encourage the commission, when established, to collaborate with the lived experience advisory boards and similar advisory bodies of LAHSA and LA County.

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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

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Title: Commission on Lived Experience with Homelessness

Position: For

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A Commission for Lived Experiences in Homelessness, as proposed in this Council File, would serve as an official forum of unhoused advisors, allowing them to offer feedback to policymakers. It will be a start on the long-overdue process of reversing displacement on our streets.

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Finally, we encourage the commission, when established, to collaborate with the lived experience advisory boards and similar advisory bodies of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, Los Angeles County, and the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative.