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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 20-0190 - Agenda Item Number: 10B

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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 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(15) Nay(2) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 12/03/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 03/19/2026

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-0190

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Summary: The Encino Neighborhood Council supports Council File 20-0190, which would allow LA Park Rangers to carry a firearm while on duty. Our Public Safety Committee brought this forward because of what is happening in the Sepulveda Basin right now. This is not a new position for us. We submitted a unanimous CIS in support of this same file on

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**CIS - CF 20-0190.pdf**

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# Encino Neighborhood Council

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## COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT ON CF 20-0190

**Council File:** 20-0190

**Title:** Amendment to LAMC 63.41 / Authorization for Park Rangers to Carry Firearms While On Duty

**Position:** **SUPPORT**  
**Vote:** **15 Yes/2 Absent**

### Summary of Position

The Encino Neighborhood Council supports Council File 20-0190, which would allow LA Park Rangers to carry a firearm while on duty. Our Public Safety Committee brought this forward because of what is happening in the Sepulveda Basin right now. This is not a new position for us. We submitted a unanimous CIS in support of this same file on December 8, 2021, and nothing has happened since then to make us feel any differently. If anything, the situation has gotten worse.

### Rangers Are Trained. They Should Be Armed.

Park Rangers in Los Angeles are sworn peace officers. They go through the same law enforcement and firearms training as LAPD recruits. They are required to hold a four-year college degree. A lot of them come in with additional training on top of that: fire and rescue, search and rescue, wildland firefighting, backcountry navigation. They can arrest people. They can enforce the law. What they cannot do, under the current Municipal Code, is carry a gun while they are doing it. State Park Rangers carry firearms. Rangers at the Mountains and Recreation Conservation Authority carry firearms. LA Rangers do not. That is the problem this motion is trying to fix, and it is long overdue.

### What Is Happening in the Sepulveda Basin

The Sepulveda Basin is in our backyard, and our residents use it constantly. Trails, open space, youth sports, family outings. Rangers are often the only law enforcement presence out there, and they are regularly the first ones on scene when things go wrong. Between January 2021 and October 2022, there were 21 documented assaults on police officers and Park Rangers in City parks. Rangers have had to call for LAPD backup when facing situations involving guns, knives, and active shootings. Hundreds of firearms have been recovered in City parks. And while all of this is happening, LAPD staffing is going down, not up. We should not be sending Rangers into that environment and telling them to wait for someone else to show up.

### Our Position on Councilmember Raman's Vote

We strongly disagree with Councilmember Raman's vote against this item. The dangers in the Sepulveda Basin are not theoretical. They are real, documented, and felt by people in this community. Rangers working that terrain are qualified to carry firearms. They are trained to use

them responsibly. Voting against arming them does not make the Basin safer. It just makes the Rangers more vulnerable. We urge reconsideration.

**Accountability and What This Means for Encino**

This motion is not a blank check. It requires Recreation and Parks and the LAPD to put a Memorandum of Understanding in place covering use of force policies, training requirements, and investigatory standards that match what we hold LAPD officers to. We support that. Accountability matters. But so does equipping people properly for the job they are doing. The families who use the Basin, the kids playing on the fields, the seniors on the trails, they deserve to know that the Rangers watching over those spaces have what they need. Arming Rangers is not a step away from safety. It is a step toward it.

**For these reasons, the Encino Neighborhood Council Is In Support of Council File 20-0190.**

**Submitted by:** Encino Neighborhood Council



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**Date Submitted:** 8 March 2026