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Community Impact Statement - Submission Details

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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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Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(6) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/16/2023

Type of NC Board Action: Against unless Amended

Impact Information

Date: 06/01/2023

Update to a Previous Input: Yes

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-0990

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Rampart Village Neighborhood Council (RVNC) opposes this ordinance in its current form. We request that the City Council reconsider its final vote on March 14, 2023 and refer the matter back to committee with instructions to come back with alternatives that respect the volunteer nature of Neighborhood Council Board and/or Committee participation. In particular, the arbitrary nature of the following clause is egregious. Section 22.801(h) of Article 1, Chapter 28, Division 22 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended to read as follows: (h) arrange training for department staff and neighborhood councils' officers, board and committee members, such as training in leadership, cultural awareness, dispute mediation, civics, communications, equipment utilization, and any other training necessary to achieve the goals set forth in Section 22.809, and implement and administer all mandatory training for neighborhood council

boards and committees. To implement and administer training, the Department shall have the authority to: (1) Promulgate rules and regulations, establish policies and procedures, and issue directives and moratoria necessary to implement all training requirements, enforce compliance, and resolve challenges raised by neighborhood council board members and committee members regarding any required training; and (2) Amend neighborhood council bylaws to reflect all mandatory training requirements and modify any language in the bylaws inconsistent with the Department's rules, regulations, policies, procedures, directives, or moratoria. The said ordinance is silent towards a public administrative hearing of a board member. The RVNC is not opposed to trainings, it is opposed to the overreach this gives to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). We oppose the ability or the authority of DONE to suspend, remove, or exclude from quorum any board member who is otherwise entitled to participate with Neighborhood Council activities.

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May 16, 2023

Honorable Mayor of Los Angeles Karen Bass,
Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

The Rampart Village Neighborhood Council (RVNC) joins the Encino Neighborhood Council in opposing unless amended the adoption of this ordinance in its current form. We request that the City Council reconsider its final vote on March 14, 2023 and refer the matter back to committee with instructions to come back with alternatives that respect the volunteer nature of Neighborhood Council Board and/or Committee participation. In particular, the arbitrary nature of the following clause is egregious.

Section 22.801(h) of Article 1, Chapter 28, Division 22 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended to read as follows:

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The merit of said ordinance is not opposed, but fails to be narrowly tailored, forces vagueness, and is silent towards a public administrative hearing of a board member. Due process should be applied to all cases. The RVNC is not opposed to trainings, it is opposed to the overreach this gives to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). We oppose the ability or the authority of DONE to suspend, remove, or exclude from quorum any board member who is otherwise entitled to participate with Neighborhood Council activities.

In service,

Rampart Village Neighborhood Council

PRESENTED BY: Lara Morrison
SECONDED BY: Shafi Ahmed
YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 3 INELIGIBLE: 0
ON THIS DATE: May 16, 2023