



Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 21-1224

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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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Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(5) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 04/09/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 05/19/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

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Item Number:

Summary: The Westwood Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes the allocation of revenues from the Bus Lane Violation Enforcement Pilot Program to items that are not specifically related to public transit. We therefore oppose using these funds for "Transportation improvements and temporary staffing related to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic games." A \$200 million federal grant is already in the works to help with the proposed use of public buses at the 2028 Games. Council Files: 24-1151 and 21-1224.

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2025
BELMONT VILLAGE SENIOR LIVING
10475 WILSHIRE BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Lisa Chapman began the meeting at 7:12 p.m. but it was not called to order until 7:48 p.m. because there was no quorum until then. Board members in attendance were Amie Baron, Connie Boukidis, Sandy Brown, Lisa Chapman, Roozbeh Farahanipour, Philip Gabriel, Stephen Resnick, and Laura Winikow. Members excused were Marcy Agmon, Tracey Fitzgerald, Ann Hayman, David Lorango, and Michael Telerant. There were approximately 17 stakeholders and guests attending.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisa Chapman congratulated Roozbeh Farahanipour on the 40th anniversary of Delphi Greek restaurant.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Chapman moved to approve the March 12, 2025 minutes, seconded by Roozbeh Farahanipour and approved unanimously. This vote was taken after 7:48 p.m. when there was a quorum.

4. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS

- A. U.S. Congressman Ted Lieu's representative Janet Turner gave a legislative update.
- B. 3rd District County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath's representative Amanda Laflin gave an update on what issues are being dealt with, including debris removal and pulling money out of LAHSA to fund their own homeless department.
- C. LAFD Battalion Chief Mario Garcia discussed earthquake and wildfire preparation.
- D. CD5 Field Deputy Patricia Macias announced that there is a new 311 system, Veteran between Ohio and Massachusetts is severely damaged and will be repaired, and listed upcoming events.
- E. State Senator Ben Allen's representative Samantha Gallegos gave a legislative update and in answer to a question, will find out the Senator's position on SB 79.
- F. UCLA representative Marco Perez announced that 50,000 visitors are expected on April 12th for Bruin Day and gave an update on upcoming events at UCLA.
- G. State Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur's representative Sherwin Shamoeil gave a legislative update.

5. DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

DONE NEA Vincent Autiero announced that Budget Day will be June 21st and listed upcoming DONE events and online resources.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Motion to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report for March 2025
Treasurer Laura Winikow announced that three NPGs were granted for the library, music salon, and Emerson. Laura reported that the March 2025 MER had a beginning balance of \$42,650.46, \$15,101.98 spent, and a net available amount of \$27,548.48. Laura moved to approve the MER, seconded by Philip Gabriel, and approved unanimously.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

A stakeholder who lives near the 7-11 reported that there are many homeless around there with lots of shouting and commotion every night, and this has escalated over the past year. Yesterday a homeless individual was arrested there for having a weapon and making threats. All the neighbors

want this situation to be addressed but don't know what to do. CD5 Field Deputy Patricia Macias said that their team has been out there frequently and is working with the property owner. She will speak to SLO Ballesteros.

8. VACANT BOARD SEAT

A. Motion to move Philip Gabriel to open Owner Residential Area Director 2 Seat

This item will be acted upon in May. Philip Gabriel verbally resigned at the end of the meeting and will submit a written letter of resignation.

9. SELECTION OF CANDIDATE TO FILL VACANT BUSINESS GROUP DIRECTORS SEAT, BY CANDIDATE CHRIS SCHROEDER

A. Introduction of Motion to approve Chris Schroeder to fill the vacancy

Lisa Chapman moved, "Agenda items 8 and 9 will be tabled until May." Philip Gabriel seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

10. NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSES GRANT PRESENTATIONS & AWARDING OF GRANTS

A. The Salvation Army – To purchase a GMC Savana cargo van for use to pick up food and supplies for the shelter. It would also be used to help families move into their permanent housing when they leave the shelter. Request up to \$5,000.

Laura Winikow moved, "WWNC will award up to \$5,000 to the Salvation Army." Amie Baron seconded and the and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Warner Avenue Elementary School - To create an outdoor science and explorers experimental garden. The grant will be used to purchase items such as a shed, microscopes, an exploration set, etc. Request up to \$5,000.

Natasha made the presentation for the amount of \$4,616.63. Laura Winikow moved, "WWNC will award up to \$5,000 to Warner Avenue Elementary School." Amie Baron seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

11. DISCUSSION IN REGARD TO AN ENTERTAINMENT ZONE IN WESTWOOD VILLAGE

A. Introduction of Motion: "The Westwood Neighborhood Council opposes the establishment of an entertainment zone in Westwood Village. A Community Impact Statement is to be filed for CF 18-1101."

Sandy Brown moved to table this item, seconded by Lisa Chapman, and the motion carried unanimously.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF MOTION IN REGARD TO THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL'S LACK OF CONSIDERATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

Lack of Consideration of Neighborhood Councils from the Los Angeles City Council

From the Los Angeles City Council meeting agenda of March 19, 2025 –

REQUEST the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC), with assistance of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), Youth Development Department, Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the City Clerk, to provide recommendations on potential methods and options including but not limited to the feasibility of amending the NC Bylaws to ensure youth participation in NCs, including the designation of a youth seat on each NC board to increase diversity and allow for leadership growth.

Points made during the discussion were that this was passed by the City Council when two Neighborhood Councils (NC) supported it and 26 NCs opposed it. This shows that the City Council

doesn't listen to or value NCs. Board members suggested that a readout of the data be done at the City Council meeting and NCs be notified in advance when a vote will be taking place. DONE NEA Vincent Autiero said that the City Attorney will have to be consulted on whether data is allowed to be presented in front of the City Council. No action was taken on this item.

13. DISCUSSION OF CALL WITH DONE RE: SHARED BOUNDARIES WITH NORTH WESTWOOD NC, INCLUDING NEXT STEPS AND POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF MOTION TO EXPAND WESTWOOD NC BOUNDARIES

WWNC can't share Westwood Village but could get south of Wilshire.

14. WESTWOOD PARK ADVISORY BOARD

No report was given.

15. HOLMBY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

No report was given.

16. STANDING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. WRAC – Report & Motions

1. Support CF 25-0006-S38 re Creation of Climate Resilience District

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), supports Council File 25-0006-S38, which calls for a report back on creation of a Climate Resilience District for the directly impacted and adjacent areas of the Pacific Palisades Fire.”

Lisa Chapman moved the above motion, seconded by Stephen Resnick and carried unanimously.

2. Support CF 25-0172 re Repair of Fire Hydrants

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), supports Council File 25-0172, which calls for a report back on inspection and repair of the City's network of fire hydrants.”

Lisa Chapman moved the above motion, seconded by Stephen Resnick and carried unanimously.

3. Oppose Bus Lane Violation Revenue

Allocation of Revenues from Bus Lane Violation Enforcement Pilot Program

Refers to City Council file 24-1151

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes the allocation of revenues from the Bus Lane Violation Enforcement Pilot Program to items that are not specifically related to public transit. We therefore oppose using these funds for “Transportation improvements and temporary staffing related to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic games.” A \$200 million federal grant is already in the works to help with the proposed use of public buses at the 2028 Games. Council Files: 24-1151 and 21-1224.”

Stephen Resnick moved the above motion, seconded by Lisa Chapman. The motion carried by a vote of Yes: 7, No: 0, and Abstain: 1 (Amie Baron).

4. Support Wildfire Coastal Debris Catastrophe

“Whereas the recent devastating wildfires have left the LA streets and landscape covered with a multitude of toxic chemicals, heavy metals, hazardous materials, ash and fire debris;

“Whereas the recent heavy rainstorms have washed an enormous amount of this toxic material down to our coastline;

“Whereas the EPA and FEMA, against strong public opposition, have chosen to use the beach lots along our coast as sorting sites;

“Whereas our beaches are now covered with hazardous fire debris and black sludge;

“Whereas no significant water/beach testing information has been released to the public;

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of

Councils, strongly urges that this environmental catastrophe be taken seriously, with an immediate plan to fund, test, share information, and protect our coastal environment and the millions of people who enjoy it, by City of Los Angeles, City of Santa Monica and Los Angeles County authorities with respective operational control of our beaches in the region, including Dockweiler State Beach, Venice Beach, Santa Monica Beach, Will Rogers State Beach and Topanga Beach.

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council further urges that one or more of our Councilmembers who represent WRAC member councils (Hutt, Park, Raman and/or Yaroslavsky) bring a resolution in Council immediately 1) to address this catastrophe on all beaches over which the City has operational control, and 2) to request that the City of Santa Monica and Los Angeles County, respectively, take further, immediate action to address the catastrophe on all beaches over which they have operational control in the region.”

Lisa Chapman moved the above motion, seconded by Philip Gabriel and carried unanimously.

5. Oppose SB 677

“The Westwood Neighborhood Council, a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes SB 677 (Wiener), which mandates further streamlining and automatic approval of certain permits for increased housing development throughout the state, and places all areas within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ), including all or parts of Pacific Palisades, Brentwood and Bel Air-Beverly Crest, at risk of public safety, by failing to provide for an unconditional exemption for areas within the VHFHSZ.

“We further request that our Councilmembers representing WRAC member councils (Hutt, Park, Raman and/or Yaroslavsky) bring a resolution in City Council forthwith to add opposition to SB 677 to the Council’s state legislative priorities for 2025-26.”

Lisa Chapman moved the above motion, seconded by Philip Gabriel. The motion carried by a Vote of Yes: 7, No: 1 (Amie Baron), and Abstain: 0.

B. Executive – no report

C. Land Use & Planning

1. Beverly Hills Porsche project presentation

Jessica Pakdaman gave the presentation, along with two Porsche representatives. The Porsche dealership is on the corner of Santa Monica and Veteran and has been there for 35 years. Porsche has requirements for its dealerships and the current building doesn’t meet the requirements so they will demolish the existing building and build a three-story building in its place. All details of the new construction, upgrades to the facilities, lot configuration and entitlements requested were explained. WWNC decided to wait for the neighbors’ response before taking a position. There will be four public hearings before the project goes to Planning.

D. Outreach & Communications – no report

E. Homeless Committee - no report

F. Budget Advocates -no report

G. Public Safety/ Transportation & Parking – no report

H. WRAC – Emergency Preparedness – no report

I. Bylaws – no report

17. ADJOURNMENT

President Lisa Chapman adjourned the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

