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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 21-1230-S2

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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(12) Nay(2) Abstain(4) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/14/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 06/07/2025

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Directed To: City Council and Committees

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Summary: PICO NC strongly supports the Livable Communities Initiative's holistic vision for livable, healthy, and sustainable communities along the City's transit-rich corridors, utilizing mixed-use, mixed-income housing combined with opportunities to transform streets and public spaces by adding or improving wide sidewalks, tree canopies, outdoor dining facilities, bicycle infrastructure, transit shelters, fast and frequent transit options, and public seating and plazas. Thus, PICO NC: (1) Strongly supports Council File 21-1230-S2; (2) And further requests: (i) Pico Blvd from La Cienega to La Brea become an LCI Pilot Street; (ii) A set of pre-entitled standard plans consistent with the LCI (like those created for

ADUs) be created; (iii) The Mayor issue an Executive Directive to adopt the Mayor's Housing Innovation Advisory for Zero Carbon Housing with Zero Carbon Mobility based on the successful model used by LAUSD; and (iv) The LCI plan program be fast tracked through the City Council with urgency to address LA's housing and climate crisis.



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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT Support of Council File: 21-1230-S2

Dear Members of the Los Angeles, City Council:

The PICO Neighborhood Council (“PICO NC”) supports this motion and applauds the City Council for passing it.

The PICO NC strongly supports the Livable Communities Initiative’s holistic vision for livable, healthy, and sustainable communities along the City’s transit-rich corridors, utilizing mixed-use, mixed-income housing combined with opportunities to transform streets and public spaces by adding or improving wide sidewalks, tree canopies, outdoor dining facilities, bicycle infrastructure, transit shelters, fast and frequent transit options, and public seating and plazas.

The PICO NC asks the City Council to adopt an ordinance implementing the Livable Communities Initiative (“LCI”) and supports developing Pico Blvd between La Cienega and La Brea—within the PICO NC itself—into an LCI Pilot Street. Finally, PICO NC supports and requests that the City Council take further actions to streamline and fast-track the LCI and develop Pico Blvd into an LCI Pilot Street including through the actions further detailed below.

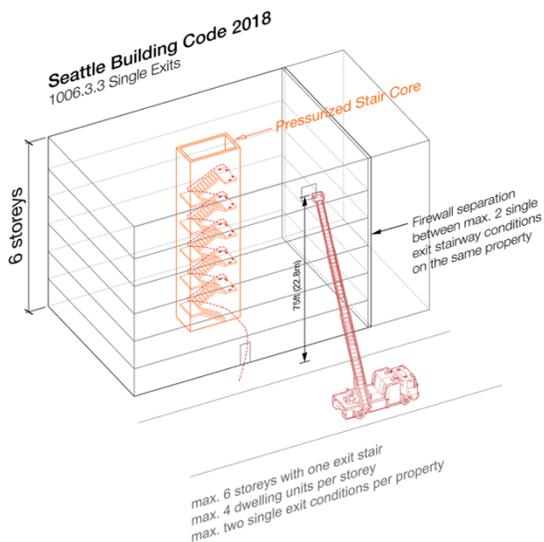
This CIS also specifically responds to the [report back](#) to Council File #21-1230-S2.

As the City Council and its committees know, Los Angeles is facing multiple crises at once. Indeed, L.A. faces a dire housing shortage, which is driving up rents and housing costs, displacing people from once affordable communities, and forcing residents into lengthy personal vehicle commutes, which further exacerbates the city’s unsustainable and often unbearable traffic congestion. Los Angeles has one of the highest percentages of cost-burdened renter households of any major American city, with 57% of renters in Los Angeles having to spend more than 30% of their income on rent. Another of L.A.’s crises—that of the unhoused—tracks with its unsustainable housing costs; indeed, as rents go up, families on the edge can be pushed out of their homes. Finally, L.A., like the rest of the world is grappling with an urgent global climate crisis, which becomes more and more dire every year as the most recent fires tragically reminded us once again earlier this year.

The LCI attempts to address all of these issues holistically and equitably—solutions that Los Angeles desperately needs, and which have the potential to improve the quality of life of all Angelenos. The PICO NC believes that the City can meet State requirements to address its housing shortage and also significantly mitigate traffic and climate impacts of new housing by making it easier and less costly to build healthy, walkable, car-light communities on job-rich commercial corridors, with safe micro-mobility options, near transit and amenities. And in doing so, Los Angeles can make the city more

pleasant for all Angelenos. PICO NC shares the goals of the LCI to create affordable mixed and moderate-income communities throughout Los Angeles—so-called 15-minute communities—where virtually all of a resident’s weekly needs can be met within a short walk, bike, or mass transit ride. Angelenos deserve beautiful, livable, affordable communities with tree-lined streets, wide sidewalks and micro-mobility infrastructure—streets that are safe for people of all ages and income levels to walk, roll, and thrive. This starts with reimagining how we design our buildings and our streets for the future.

The Livable Communities Initiative (Program #131 in the [Housing Element](#)) is a program to do just that. It would create 15-minute neighborhoods along commercial corridors in LA. The Planning Department has already created a step-by-step [plan](#) to implement the LCI (Planning Department’s [deck](#)). A key part of the plan includes Point Access Blocks or single stair developments¹, which are innovative design configurations that could be used to address the housing shortage in Los Angeles in a sustainable, healthy, and livable ways. Point Access Blocks/Single Stair Developments facilitate home ownership while drastically reducing the source of most Angeleno’s number 1 complaint about the City and one of the largest drivers of California’s climate emissions—traffic. That’s because they feature high quality, affordable, family sized homes situated above small neighborhood-serving retail shops near transit options.



Small retail is key to walkability, but parts of LA have a 50% retail vacancy rate. Building more housing along commercial corridors that have underutilized small retail spaces has the potential to revitalize local retail. Residents of neighborhoods with small retail benefit as the bustling and pleasant Larchmont Blvd itself demonstrates; indeed, 70% of Larchmont shoppers walk to it from the surrounding neighborhoods. And small businesses thrive when residents are able to spend their time strolling streets like Larchmont with friends, families, and companion animals.

Pico Blvd. fits all the criteria to become a 15-minute street consistent with LCI’s vision. Indeed, Pico (1) features small retail stores (small size parcels); (2) is located near [jobs](#); (3) intersects with a Metro

¹ “Single stair” gets its name from the change in building code that would only require one interior staircase for egress. A secondary form of egress could be any other means allowed such as a fire escape or fire truck ladder or potentially be addressed with significantly higher fire safety standards. Single-stair buildings are legal in other large US cities like NYC and Seattle as well as around the world.

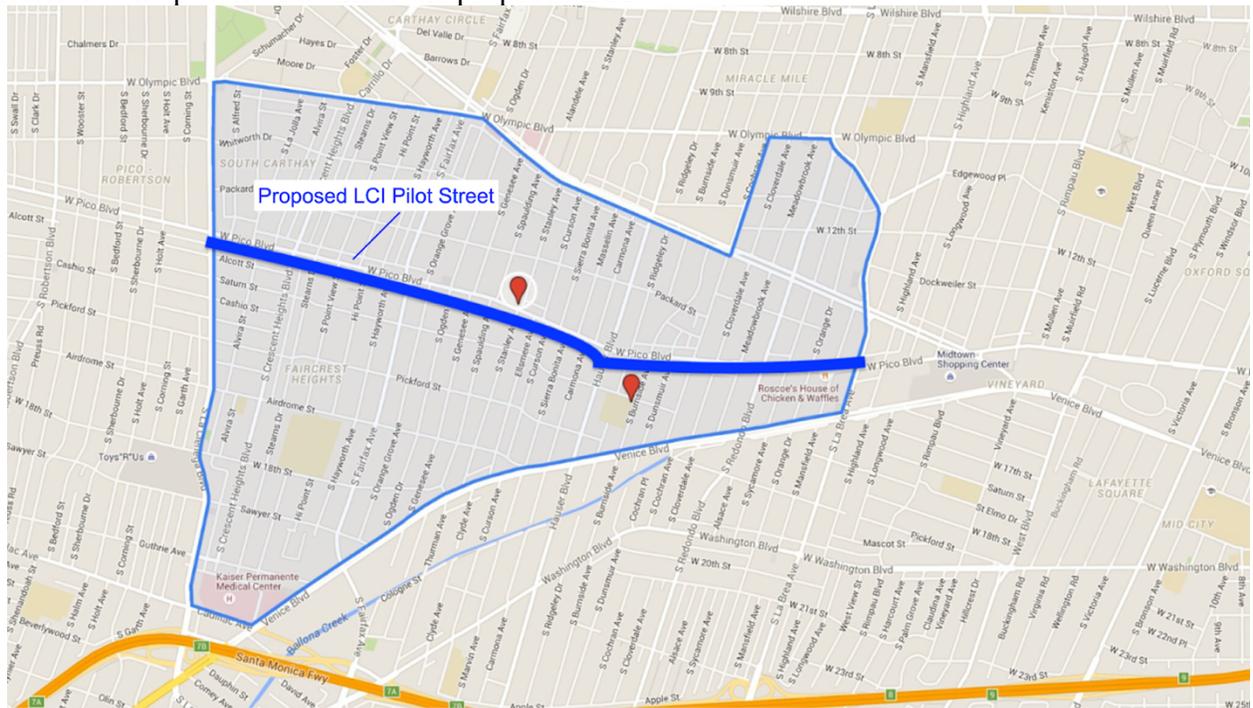
stop (E line) and is a candidate for a BRT (Vision & Principles [study](#)); and (4) is a narrow, human-scale street that can be transformed for livability. Finally, (5) new housing on Pico would be aligned with AFFH and the City Council’s Equitable Distribution of Affordable Housing plans.

PICO NC strongly supports and requests the creation of a program to pilot Point Access Blocks and to create an LCI Pilot Street along Pico Blvd from La Cienega to La Brea. (And PICO NC recommends that adjacent neighborhood councils consider supporting extending that LCI Pilot Street along Pico in both directions.)

Furthermore, the PICO NC requests the creation of a set of pre-entitled standard plans, like is already done for [ADUs](#), to decrease approval time and make it cheaper, easier, and safer to pilot point access blocks. The PICO NC also requests that the Mayor consider an Executive Directive to adopt the [Mayor’s Housing Innovation Advisory](#) for Zero Carbon Housing with Zero Carbon Mobility based on the successful model used by LAUSD.

Lastly, the PICO NC requests that the LCI plan program be fast tracked through the City Council with urgency to address LA’s housing, traffic, air quality, noise, and climate crises.

Reference map - the blue line is the proposed LCI:



THREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the PICO NC:

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PRESENTED BY: Sustainability, Transportation, & Mobility Committee

MOTION BY: Lisa Kaye

SECONDED BY: Dave Riva

YES: 12, NO: 2, ABSTAIN: 3, RECUSAL: 0, ABSENT: 4

ON THIS DATE: May 14, 2025