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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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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(18) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 06/13/2023

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 06/28/2023

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Council File Number: 21-1230-S2

Agenda Date:

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Summary: The motion asks the city to enact a plan to streamline administrative clearance for LCI/LCO projects through objective design standards, and to develop a community outreach plan to help select appropriate streets. We believe LCI has the potential to add much-needed multifamily housing in job-rich, high-opportunity areas that have not historically built enough housing, and it can add amenities, walkability, protected bike lanes and safe streets to communities that have been under-served. We call on the city to adopt the LCO and make the street improvements needed to make LCI communities safe, livable and walkable for everyone.

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resident's weekly needs can be found within a short walk, bike or mass transit ride away. So often in Los Angeles, we will drive to a walkable shopping area, find parking, do our shopping and our walking, then drive home. We argue: why not have these small walkable, *livable* communities all over L.A., where people actually *live*?

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, bike and enjoy. This starts with reimagining how we design our buildings, as well as our streets – where 132 pedestrians were killed in traffic-related incidents last year alone. Our antiquated zoning regime is convoluted, outdated and overly restrictive, preventing much-needed multifamily housing projects on vibrant commercial streets. Our broken zoning hinders the City's ability to create greener, safer, and more affordable communities. Our pressing housing crisis requires us to approve projects more quickly, creating cost-efficiency.

The Livable Communities Initiative (LCI) is included in Los Angeles' [2021-29 Housing Element \(Program 131\)](#). [And now a Livable Communities motion has been introduced before the City Council](#) to help implement the program. We ask the City Council to support an ordinance implementing LCI based on the motion 21-1230-S2, which passed unanimously and directed the Planning Department, the Department of Building and Safety and Los Angeles Department of Transportation to study and report back on all regulatory changes needed to implement the LCI vision. One viable option is the creation of a Livable Communities Overlay facilitating mid-scale transit-oriented development, incentivizing the creation of housing units where they do not currently exist, and promoting development that is consistent with and/or enhances existing commercial,



mixed-use character. These development and zoning standards and street improvements should include:

- An inclusionary housing requirement
- A minimum density requirement to promote multifamily development
- A waiver or reduction of setbacks, unit floor area, and other development standards
- An exclusion provision for any parcel of land located within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ), within an identified historic district, or areas designated as open space
- An exclusion provision for covenanted affordable and rent-stabilized units
- Street and transportation improvements including complete streets with wide sidewalks, safe bike infrastructure for all ages, dedicated bus lanes, traffic calming or removal of traffic lanes for cars, tree canopy, transit shelters, public seating, access to fast and frequent transit.

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Sincerely,

Chris Dower
Co-Chair Planning and Land Use Committee
Mid City West Neighborhood Council