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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 21-1469

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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 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 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(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/08/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 10/09/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Council File Number: 21-1469

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Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The sidewalks in our city and our district are in a sorry state, in urgent need of repair and expansion. Cracked sidewalks, lack of curb ramps, tree root protrusions, streets lacking sidewalks altogether, and other issues threaten the safety of our stakeholders; make our streets inaccessible for many, including those with disabilities; hurt businesses; make the City liable; and imperil the success of the coming Olympics in our area. NWWNC supports the following proposed ideas: Invest more funds in sidewalk repair and construction. The Willits settlement is not enough to get our

sidewalks in shape at the speed needed. Funds should support not just sidewalks and curb cuts but also other sidewalk elements, including (non-sidewalk-disrupting) tree planting, shelters, lights, benches, etc., as well as the construction of sidewalks missing altogether. Conduct sidewalk repair and construction in needed spots for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Westwood Village and North Westwood will serve as an Olympics hub, and prioritizing sidewalk repair and construction here is necessary to make the games safe and accessible. Implement a “pay-on-exit” system for adjacent property owners. This will allow property owners to fulfill their obligation under law to improve the sidewalk in front of their property but defer payment until sale of their property. This would avoid sudden burdens while also speeding up repairs. Consolidate sidewalk repair and management as much as possible within City departments. Define roles in the Departments of Public Works and Transportation regarding sidewalks and create a Public Works Director position. Make long-term sidewalk repair and construction plans part of a Capital Infrastructure Plan. Conduct a pilot to identify the needs, technologies, and costs for a citywide inventory and assessment of pedestrian facilities. Audit the sidewalk program, act on recommendations in prior reviews, and calculate liability costs.

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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Summary:

The sidewalks in our city and our district are in a sorry state, in urgent need of repair and expansion. Cracked sidewalks, lack of curb ramps, tree root protrusions, streets lacking sidewalks altogether, and other issues threaten the safety of our stakeholders; make our streets inaccessible for many, including but not only those with mobility disabilities; hurt businesses; make the City liable; and imperil the success of the coming Olympics in our area.

The North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWWNC) supports the following proposed ideas, as developed further by [Investing in Place](#) and [UCLA Urban Planning Professor Emeritus and former NWWNC Board Member Donald Shoup](#):

- *Invest more funds in sidewalk repair and construction.* The slow and cumbersome process of the *Willits* settlement is not enough to get our sidewalks in shape at the speed needed. Funds should support not just sidewalks and curb cuts but also other sidewalk elements, including (non-sidewalk-disrupting) tree planting, shelters, lights, benches, etc., as well as the construction of sidewalks missing altogether
- *Conduct sidewalk repair and construction in needed spots for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.* Westwood Village and North Westwood will serve as an Olympics hub, and prioritizing sidewalk repair and construction here is necessary to make the games safe and accessible to local spectators and visitors from around the world. Some examples our Council has supported recently are sidewalk and crossing improvements and additions [at Westwood Park](#) and [on Gayley Avenue in the North Village](#).
- *Implement a “pay-on-exit” system for adjacent property owners.* Such a system will allow property owners to fulfill their obligation under state law to improve the sidewalk in front of their property but defer payment until sale of their property. This would avoid sudden burdens while also speeding up repairs and firming up currently laxly enforced private responsibilities over adjacent sidewalks.
- *Consolidate sidewalk repair and management as much as possible within City departments.* The current state of affairs, where sidewalk management is spread across dozens of City units, leads to inefficiencies, opaqueness, and waste

(See NWWNC Community Impact Statements for Council Files [23-0918](#) and [18-0458](#)).

- *Define roles in the Departments of Public Works and Transportation regarding sidewalks and create a Public Works Director position.* In the short term, this would clarify the chain of command and responsibilities for sidewalk management, a necessary first step.
- *Make long-term sidewalk repair and construction plans part of a Capital Infrastructure Plan.* Los Angeles is a glaring, singular outlier among peer cities for not having a long-term capital plan. Such a plan for sidewalks would lead to better budgeting, prioritization, and transparency (See NWWNC Community Impact Statements for Council Files [23-0919](#), [21-0039](#), and [13-1384](#)).
- *Conduct a pilot to identify the needs, technologies, and costs to perform a citywide inventory and assessment of pedestrian facilities.*
- *Audit the City's sidewalk program, act on the recommendations in prior reviews of the program, and calculate and publicize City liability costs from sidewalks, lighting, and other street furniture.*

Council File: [21-1469-S1](#)

Title: Pilot Pedestrian Facility Inventory and Assessment Program / Scope and Methodology

Position: For

Council File: [15-0989-S29](#)

Title: 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games (LA 2028) / Street and Sidewalk Improvement and Maintenance Plan

Position: For

Council File: [14-0163-S4](#)

Title: Comprehensive City Sidewalk Repair Program / Regular Program for Improvements (Identify, Prioritize and Budget)

Position: For

Council File: [14-0163-S5](#)

Title: Implementation of a Survey of Damaged Sidewalks / As-Needed Sidewalk Repairs / Status Report

Position: For

Council File: [14-0163-S7](#)

Title: Sidewalk Repairs Programs / Report Back

Position: For

Council File: [14-0420](#)

Title: Sidewalk Repair Strategy / Obligations / Americans with Disabilities Act / State Law and City Ordinances

Position: For

Council File: [14-0420-S1](#)

Title: Sidewalk Repair Strategy / Addressing Pending Litigations

Position: For

Council File: [21-1469](#)

Title: Sidewalk Maintenance and Repair Program / Curb Cuts / Backlog / Mobility / Safety

Position: For

Council File: [21-1367](#)

Title: Repairing Los Angeles Broken Sidewalk Strategy / Sidewalk Repair Program / Accessible Sidewalks / Controller

Position: For

Council File: [24-1101](#)

Title: Liability Payouts / Structural Deficit / Unmaintained Infrastructure

Position: For