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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 23-0600-S121

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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 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 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](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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

Date of NC Board Action: 10/22/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 11/17/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees, Street/Transportation Projects Oversight Committee, Area Planning

Commission - West Los Angeles, Board of Police Commissioners, Board of Transportation Commissioners, West LA

Community Police Advisory Board

Council File Number: 23-0600-S121

City Planning Number:


Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: Summary: Despite adopting the Vision Zero initiative in 2015 with the goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities by 2025, the City of Los Angeles has seen a tragic rise in traffic violence, with annual deaths surpassing 300 in recent years compared with the 240 fatalities recorded in 2015. This failure is acutely felt in communities across Los Angeles, including

in Sawtelle, where there have been numerous traffic fatalities in recent years. The Vision Zero Program Independent Evaluation confirmed serious program shortcomings. We urge the City to relaunch Vision Zero implementing the audit's key recommendations: improving departmental coordination, reestablishing traffic enforcement focused on reckless driving and speeding, developing a comprehensive long-term master plan, establishing strong political champions in the Mayor's and Councilmember's offices, and launching a coordinated public awareness and education campaign. Please see the attached file which details a motion for CIS 23-0600-S121 passed by the West LA Sawtelle Neighborhood Council on October 22, 2025.

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## LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

**Council File Number: 23-0600-S121**

**City Planning Case Numbers: NA**

### Vision Zero Program Independent Evaluation

### Los Angeles Department of Transportation Evaluation and Safety Plan

**11.16.2025**

From: West LA/Sawtelle NC Board  
To: Councilwoman Traci Park, Mayor Karen Bass  
CC: LADOT staff, LAPD staff

The City of Los Angeles officially adopted the Vision Zero initiative in 2015, committing to the principle that no loss of life to traffic violence is acceptable. The ambitious goal was to eliminate all traffic fatalities on city streets by 2025.<sup>1</sup>

However, since the program's launch, Los Angeles has experienced the opposite

of its intended goal. Rather than decreasing, traffic fatalities have risen sharply, with recent years being the deadliest in over two decades. In 2015, the city recorded 240 traffic fatalities, while in each of the last 3 years that number has surpassed 300.

In CD11, every 4 days someone is killed or seriously injured by traffic violence. In Sawtelle, recent tragedies include:

- On Sept 20, 2024, Jonathan Gonzalez was killed in a hit-and-run while rollerblading near Olympic and Bundy.<sup>2</sup> Speeding is common on Olympic Blvd.
- On Feb 13, 2024, Christopher L. Brown Jr. was killed in a hit-and-run while crossing the street near Missouri and Beloit.<sup>3</sup> Speeding was a factor in the collision. There is no stop sign on Beloit at this intersection.
- On March 28, 2024, a 21-year-old man was severely injured when he crashed into a telephone pole in front of Yamaguchi Bonsai Nursery.<sup>4</sup> Speeding was a factor in the collision. Thankfully, no pedestrian injuries were reported.
- On Dec 12, 2024, Karsten Gopinath was killed in a car crash while driving on Olympic at Centinela.<sup>5</sup> Speeding was a factor in the collision.

The Vision Zero Program Independent Evaluation, an audit released earlier this year, found serious shortcomings with the City's efforts to implement Vision Zero.<sup>6</sup> As 2025 comes to a close, **we urge the City to relaunch Vision Zero incorporating the improvements recommended in the audit, including those listed below.**

### **Vision Zero Recommended Improvements**

- **Improve coordination among departments:** A Vision Zero Steering Committee and a Task Force both stopped meeting by mid-2018, which resulted in the loss of key forums for collaboration. "Develop policies and procedures that set up detailed charter of roles/responsibilities for all critical entities (LAPD, LADOT, BSS, BOE, and Mayor's Office) and accountability mechanisms for those roles. One example is an overall governance framework documentation structure. Consider the option of injecting Vision Zero Program objectives, goals, actions, and strategies into existing department/ bureau governance if viable."
- **Reestablish traffic enforcement mechanisms:** From 2015 to 2023, while traffic violence increased, traffic stops in Los Angeles dropped by **over 50%**.<sup>7</sup> "The City of Los Angeles should clarify the role of LAPD in the Vision Zero Program through a new chartering process (e.g. roles/responsibilities

setting workshop). Lasting engagement and partnership strategies ought to be developed, including enhancement of collaboration efforts (e.g., injury and near-miss data sharing, HIN/priority corridor updates, and joint education campaigns) between LAPD and LADOT. **Examples of target behaviors for enforcement include reckless driving, driving under the influence, speeding, and mobile phone use while driving.”**

- **Plan for the long-term:** “Develop a comprehensive master plan that balances short-term actions with a 5-, 10-, or 15-year look-ahead design and construction plans based on proactive project identification and realistic funding estimates. To enhance the implementation process, LADOT could take a more proactive approach by identifying projects earlier and establishing realistic timelines.”
- **Express political support:** “Establish one or more political champions for Vision Zero in the Mayor’s Office.” We would like to see a political champion in the City Councilwoman’s office as well. **Given the Councilwoman’s strong commitment to public safety in CD11, we urge her to lead the charge in City Hall in relaunching Vision Zero.**
- **Raise public awareness:** “Develop an education and awareness campaign that is partnered with targeted enforcement activity that creates a citywide brand for Vision Zero. **Peer cities such as New York have had success in increasing**
  - **project/treatment acceptance and combatting behavioral issues.** For the campaign to be effective, social media should be harnessed for both community engagement and education campaigns through the purchase of ads and other strategies as a cost-effective way to reach the broader public and to keep momentum on community engagement activities.”

<sup>1</sup> Vision Zero:

[https://ens.lacity.org/clk/commissionagend/clkcommissionagend3412102933\\_03222016.pdf](https://ens.lacity.org/clk/commissionagend/clkcommissionagend3412102933_03222016.pdf)

<sup>2</sup><https://abc7.com/post/rollerblader-killed-hit-run-crash-had-recently-moved-la-friends-say/15343787/>

<sup>3</sup><https://ktla.com/news/local-news/driver-sought-in-deadly-hit-and-run-crash-on-los-angeles-west-side/>

<sup>4</sup><https://www.instagram.com/p/C5G3VmwJkVw/>

<sup>5</sup><https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/man-dead-after-multi-vehicle-crash-in-sawtelle/>

<sup>6</sup> Vision Zero Program Independent Evaluation:

<https://ca-times.brightspotcdn.com/d3/54/bdc16d7846f1a3ad50e1012a39a8/06240035-cao-dot-vision-zero-program-reportfinalrevised.pdf>

<sup>7</sup><https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2024/07/29/upshot/traffic-enforcement-dwindled.html/>

**Ex parte communications: None disclosed by any committee members.**

**Disclosures and conflicts of interest: None disclosed by any committee members.**

**To government agencies: Only the Chair and designated Board members may testify to public agencies on behalf of the West L.A. Sawtelle NC. The Board requests that the Council Office and private/non-profit entities do not testify or speculate on behalf of the NC.**

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