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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 23-0623 - City Planning Number: ADM-2023-4682-DB-VHCA-ED1

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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](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(1) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/28/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 03/22/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees, City Planning Commission

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Summary: As per the no-public notice policy of Executive Directive 1 (ED 1), the negative impacts of the project at [11418 Missouri Ave, LA CA 90025](#), have not been thoroughly addressed, which raises violations of public trust, transparency, and accountability. ED1's amendment to exclude R1 parcels placed the weight of the current housing crisis squarely on lower density, multi-family lots. On Los Angeles' Westside, very few such areas are available to shoulder the brunt of this executive decision. In the West L.A. Community Plan Area, the available residential area for ED 1 projects is

approximately 5.7%. Among these areas is the cultural core of Sawtelle Japantown. It is clear that our core is being placed under the heel of this unprecedented weight of the housing crisis. Our Japantown historic core is a community formed by the redlining of the same R1 neighborhoods that currently enjoy ED 1 exemptions. These neighborhoods have effectively transferred the pressure of the housing crisis to Japantown's most culturally sensitive area. We strongly believe that this disparate impact was never the intention of ED 1. PLEASE REFER TO ATTACHED DOCUMENT FOR COMPLETE STATEMENT

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## LOS ANGELES CITY, COUNCIL DISTRICT COUNCIL FILE 23-0623

**02.28.2024**

Community Impact Statement: West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council

Dear City Council, Planning Commission and Developers:

As per the no-public notice policy of Executive Directive 1 (ED 1), the negative impacts of the project at 11418 Missouri Ave, LA CA 90025, have not been thoroughly addressed, which raises violations of public trust, transparency, and accountability.

ED1's amendment to exclude R1 parcels placed the weight of the current housing crisis squarely on lower density, multi-family lots. On Los Angeles' Westside, very few such areas are available to shoulder the brunt of this executive decision. In the West L.A. Community Plan Area, the available residential area for ED 1 projects is approximately 5.7%. Among these areas is the cultural core of Sawtelle Japantown. It is clear that our core is being placed under the heel of this unprecedented weight of the housing crisis. Our Japantown historic core is a community formed by the redlining of the same R1 neighborhoods that currently enjoy ED 1 exemptions. These neighborhoods have effectively transferred the pressure of the housing crisis to Japantown's most culturally sensitive area. We strongly believe that this disparate impact was never the intention of ED 1.

We are currently undergoing the updating of our community plan. Our neighborhood council approved an Affordable Housing Alternative Community Plan,

based on over 1000 petition signatures, that would result in the same number of units proposed by City Planning in its initial draft, but that would focus the impact in areas that would result in minimal, if any, displacement. Moreover, the Affordable Housing Alternative Community Plan provides for the redressing of prior environmental justice inequities as well as mixed-use districts that would be focused on supportive services for vulnerable populations. These services would serve to reverse past multi-generational displacement among the aging Japanese American and Native indigenous communities. In contrast, ED 1 directs even greater density to our historic core than under the original proposed community plan update draft, while denying us the community benefit system of the update that was to offset the impact of the added densification. The foregoing of the Community Plan's benefits system forecloses for us the essential-service facilities and institutions that would support our new incoming neighbors. Instead, the cumulative effect of the high concentration of projects with extraordinarily lax development standards under ED 1, will severely reduce the current liveability of our core, and, as climate change advances, will threaten the health and safety of our most vulnerable existing residents to the point of displacement.

In Sawtelle, ED 1 denies the zoning necessary to provide vulnerable communities with the essential service facilities they need to thrive, and exploits the low density multifamily zoning to the detriment of existing residents. It would also deny the priorities of the West LA Community Plan Update decided upon by our Neighborhood Council. We implore you to uphold the appeal of this project, as its denial would set a negative precedent both for historically harmed communities in need of supportive services coupled with housing, as well as those communities absorbing the residential density. Please allow us the opportunity to have a meaningful community plan update.