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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 23-1027 - City Planning Number: 26-0028

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Reply-To: LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>  
To: Clerk.CIS@lacity.org, sandy@magazinec.com

Fri, Jan 30, 2026 at 11:34 PM

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 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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### Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 01/28/2026

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 01/31/2026

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 23-1027

City Planning Number: 26-0028

Agenda Date: 01/31/2026

Item Number:

Summary: At our January 28 NCVV Board meeting our 15-member Board voted unanimously to send to you our recommendations for LA City Charter Reform (attached).

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**2 attachments**

 **NCVV Charter Reform Recommendations 01282026.pdf**  
247K

 **Agenda January 31st.pdf**  
89K

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**CELEBRATING 23 YEARS OF SERVICE**

January 19, 2026

***sent by electronic communication and CIS***

Charter Reform Commission  
Communication from Neighborhood Council Valley Village

Dear Commissioners:

At our January 28 NCVV Board meeting our 15-member Board voted unanimously to send to you our recommendations for LA City Charter Reform:

**1. Finance, Budget & Contracts**

Enact the seven budgeting reforms proposed by Budget Advocates, which are supported by the City Controller, LA's Watchdog, Jack Humphreyville and NCs throughout the City. We are especially supportive of multi-year budgeting as recommended within the Budget Advocates recommendations.

Conduct open and transparent labor negotiations that require significant outreach to Angelenos, including designated representatives of the public, before, during and after the negotiations.

**2. Planning Department**

Add a step for processing discretionary cases to allow time for neighborhood councils to review and make recommendations and comments on individual cases, prior to the next step in the process. In order for reviews and recommendations to be complete, neighborhood councils must be allowed access to the project plans, either by the LADBS Eplan system or in digital form.

Neighborhood Councils should be involved in all the steps of Planning processes. Neighborhood Councils should make recommendations prior to the preparation of Planning Dept. staff recommendations and consideration by the Planning Commissions and the City Council and have input on the final decisions.

**3. Los Angeles Department of Water & Power**

Consistent with the State Public Utility Commission's requirement for private utilities, require that DWP allocate a percentage of their revenues to underground their overhead wires in hillside areas, along major and secondary highways and, in commercial and industrial areas, along collector streets. The percentage requirement would expire when the undergrounding is completed.

**4. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment**

Mandate the appointment of at least one neighborhood council board member/s or designees to commissions such as Planning, Ethics and Budget, etc. Allow neighborhood councils to have early notification and input on ethics issues, budget and policy before final decisions are made.

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Permit neighborhood councils to advocate on behalf of issues affecting other levels of government, such as the County and State governments. Currently neighborhood councils are prohibited from doing this by the existing Charter.

One tenth of one percent of the City's annual budgets shall be allocated to the annual budgets of the neighborhood councils. NCs need consistency in order to plan their work. Cap the number of NC trainings to those required by State law.

We endorse the recommendations of LANCC to amend Article IX to establish the structure and duties of the NCs. This department would now be known as the Department of Neighborhood Councils.

Neighborhood Councils should be given established amounts of time to offer input at City Council Committee meetings, Council meetings and Commission meetings separate from the general public.

**5. Public Works Department**

Los Angeles needs to hire a City Director of Urban Forestry resources – an urban ecologist - who will create and implement a plan that focuses on what is required to ensure a holistic approach to preserving and planting trees, while benefiting our wildlife, ecosystems, and biodiversity overall. This position should be given authority to direct all agencies responsible for green infrastructure.

The Department should develop a five-year capital improvement plan, as in other cities, in order to plan ahead for needed improvements and identify funding sources for the improvements.

**6. Ethics**

Establish an inspector general for each City department. Support the Ethics Commission's recommendation to have its own general counsel.

**7. Controller**

Designate the Controller as the City's chief financial officer, consolidating functions now dispersed among the Mayor, City Council, City Administrative Officer, the Office of Finance and the Controller. Guarantee the Controller the right to conduct performance audits of programs run by other elected officials. Create an independent budget for the Controller's office with annual appropriation from the City Council in an amount not less than a fixed percentage of the general fund so that the Controller; essential functions are not endangered by budget cuts.

Sincerely,



Tony Braswell  
President  
Neighborhood Council Valley Village



Marc Woerschling  
Chair  
NCVV Ad Hoc Charter Reform Committee

AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING  
of the  
LOS ANGELES CITY CHARTER REFORM COMMISSION

Saturday, January 31st, 2026 - 09:30 AM

OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE, MOSHER 1  
1600 CAMPUS ROAD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90041

**AGENDA MATERIAL:** Materials for the Los Angeles City Charter Reform Commission can be found at: [reformlacherter.lacity.gov](https://reformlacherter.lacity.gov).

**LIVE AUDIO BROADCAST:** The audio for this meeting will be broadcasted live and can be heard by calling telephone #: 1-669-254-5252, use Meeting ID No. 160 513 6526 Press #, and Press # again when prompted for participant ID. The Zoom link is: [https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_US7nsB86RWeqobA91-o2WQ](https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_US7nsB86RWeqobA91-o2WQ)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The Commission will be taking in-person public comment for 1 hour.

**Members:**

Chair, Ted Stein  
Raymond Meza  
Melinda Murray  
James Thomas  
Diego Andrades  
Christina Sanchez

**Roll call**

**Welcome from Occidental  
Public Comment**

**Items Noticed for Public Hearing**

Item No. (1): Discussion relative to potential personnel and budget related Charter Amendments including, but not limited to, issues related to budget processes, periodic charter review, police reform, LA City Employees' Retirement System, and possible action regarding related report back requests, and related matters.

Item No. (2): Discussion relative to potential better government related Charter Amendments including, but not limited to, issues related to current City Charter provisions and related policies upholding the integrity, transparency, and ethical foundation of Los Angeles' government, Removal and Discipline of Elected Officials, Ethics and Anti-Corruption Measures, Neighborhood Councils, the Preamble to the City Charter, and possible action regarding related report back requests, and related matters.

Item No. (3): Discussion relative to potential government structure related Charter Amendments including, but not limited to, issues related to current City Charter provisions and related policies, City Council Expansion, City Executives, City Attorney, Elections & Voting and possible action regarding related report back requests, and related matters.

## **Adjournment**

### **General Information**

For information concerning this Commission, please contact the following Commission staff: Max Podemski, (213) 584-8090, [Max.Podemski@lacity.org](mailto:Max.Podemski@lacity.org).

### **PUBLIC INPUT AT THE CHARTER REFORM COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Members of the public who wish to speak on one or multiple items shall have an opportunity to speak up to one minute per item up to a total of two minutes for two or more agenda items. At regular meetings, members of the public shall also have an opportunity to speak up to one minute for general public comment on any matter within the subject-matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The Commission is not required to take general public comment at special meetings. The Commission may limit the total amount of time taken for public comment on any specific agenda item, on all agenda-items collectively, and/or on general public comment, based on the anticipated time required to hear from public speakers on any given or all agenda items, on the availability of Commission members and the need to maintain quorum, and on any other relevant factor. The Commission shall not discuss or take action relative to any general public comment except as explicitly permitted under the Brown Act.

### **Translation Services**

Translators, sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability, requests should be made at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact: Max Podemski, (213) 584-8090, [Max.Podemski@lacity.org](mailto:Max.Podemski@lacity.org).

### **Telecommunication Relay Services**

Telephone communication is one of the most important forms of communication in society today. Due to advancements in technology, telephone devices have evolved with new services and capabilities.

Individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing, and individuals with a speech disability are following these trends and are rapidly migrating to more advanced telecommunications methods, both for peer-to-peer and third-party telecommunications relay service (TRS) communications.

TRS is a telephone service that allows persons with hearing or speech disabilities to place and receive telephone calls. TRS is available in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. territories for local and/or long-distance calls. TRS providers - generally telephone companies - are compensated for the costs of providing TRS from either a state or a federal fund. There is no cost to the TRS user.

What forms of TRS are available? There are several forms of TRS, depending on the particular needs of the user and the equipment available: TRS includes: Text to Voice TIY-Based TRS; Speech-to-Speech Relay Service; Shared Non-English Language Relay Service; Captioned Telephone Relay Service; Internet Protocol Relay Service; and Video Relay Service. Please visit this site for detailed descriptions:

<https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

All requests will be filled if received no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting. Don't hang up! Some people hang up on TRS calls because they think the CA is a telemarketer. If you hear, "Hello. This is the relay service ..." when you pick up the phone, please don't hang up! You are about to talk, through a TRS provider, to a person who is deaf, hard-of-hearing, or has a speech disability.

For more information about FCC programs to promote access to telecommunications services for people with disabilities, visit the FCC's Disability Rights Office website.

**NOTICE TO PAID REPRESENTATIVES:**

If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting, City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code 48.01 et seq. More information is available at [ethics.lacity.org/lobbying](http://ethics.lacity.org/lobbying). For assistance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or [ethics.commission@lacity.org](mailto:ethics.commission@lacity.org).

**Possible discussion with authorized neighborhood council representatives.** Pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code section 22.819, an authorized representative of a neighborhood council will have an opportunity to provide the neighborhood council's formal position on a matter listed on this meeting agenda within the time allotted by the meeting chair. The neighborhood council shall provide the commission with a copy of the Community Impact Statement it filed with the City Clerk or the adopted resolution regarding its formal position in advance of this meeting.

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