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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 23-1097

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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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Contact Information

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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: 03/13/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 03/28/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 23-1097

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: (CF 23-1097) CIS Recommendation: Support establishment of permanent Office of compliance. Support amendment to add one City Attorney position and commence operations January, 2024. This is a critical service that the City Attorney and the Ethics Commission should oversee. ELUC discussed and approved this recommendation, on a vote of 4-0.

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March 14, 2024

Councilmember Hugo Soto Martinez
450 City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember Soto-Martinez:

We are writing regarding Council File 23-1097: Office of Compliance, Conflict of Interest, Ethics Laws, governing City Councilmembers. We understand this item was approved and funded, for one position, beginning January, 2024. We support this motion and we support the amendment and would urge you to fund this office to begin as soon as possible.

Ethics violations of the City Council of Los Angeles have been in the news for years. Four Councilmen have been indicted for corruption, bribery, conflicts of interest, and lying and delaying projects and not providing transparent public hearings in the past two years. Council members spoke to the press about their positions on pending planning projects, and to the developers, before holding public hearings. Ex-parte communication, between elected officials, in private, with developers who have pending applications, is illegal. These are flagrant violations of ethics laws written specifically for elected officials in Los Angeles. So, we agree we need an office of compliance to remind Council members to check for conflicts of interest before they vote or meet with a developer.

The Office of Compliance, staffed by the City Attorney's office, should be created and should operate now. On March 13, 2024, with a vote of 8 Ayes, 0 Nos, and 0 Abstentions, the Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council voted unanimously to support Council File 23-1097.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carey McDonald".

Carey McDonald, President
Elysian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council.

Cc: Mayor Karen Bass