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Community Impact Statement - Submission Details

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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(6) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/24/2023

Type of NC Board Action: Neutral Position

Impact Information

Date: 11/01/2023

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Neighborhood Council Review Commission, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 23-1113

Agenda Date: 10/24/2023

Item Number: Item 7g

Summary: The Empowerment Congress Southeast Area Neighborhood Council submits its recommendations for the implementation of SB-411 for consideration by the Committee of Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment and the City Council.

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Council File: 23-1113

Honorable City Council
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200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The ECSEANDC requests that the following Community Impact Statement be attached/added to Council File: regarding:

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The ECSEANDC supports/opposes/is providing general comments for the Council file 23-1113 motion.

This Community Impact Statement is based on the action taken at the regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting on 24 October 2023, when the ECSEANDC adopted the following motion by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining and directed that a Community Impact Statement be filed reflecting its position.

Motion: "The ECSEANDC urges the City Council to adopt/not adopt the council file 23-1113 proposal and/or consider the following general comments.

To Whom It May Concern,

We, the Empowerment Congress Southeast Area Neighborhood Council, hereby submit this Community Impact Statement to express our commitment to fostering inclusive and accessible community engagement through virtual meetings. Considering the evolving landscape of local governance, we seek to leverage technology to enhance civic participation while ensuring the utmost transparency and accessibility for our residents.

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Meeting Platform:

Our neighborhood council has utilized Zoom in the past for virtual meetings, and has the capability to utilize Microsoft Teams, as well, and we require paid subscriptions to these platforms to conduct meetings virtually. We kindly request support to ensure seamless access to these platforms for both board members and constituents.

Hardware Needs:

Recognizing the importance of equitable access, we acknowledge the need for essential hardware, including monitors, webcams, microphones, headsets, and iPads for each board member. This investment will enhance the quality of virtual meetings and promote active participation.

Meeting Management Software:

In our pursuit of efficient meeting management, we would appreciate assistance in exploring suitable meeting management software. Two examples of meeting management software that we can consider are "BoardEffect" and "BoardDocs." This software will enable us to streamline agendas, meeting minutes, and public comment tracking, enhancing the overall meeting experience.

Accessibility and Public Outreach:

To ensure that all residents can participate, we intend to offer dial-in methods for those who lack access to computers. Public outreach efforts will include informing constituents about virtual meetings through various channels, such as social media and modified meeting flyers. Importantly, we envision a hybrid model, where in-person meetings coexist with teleconferencing options to accommodate diverse needs.

Recording and Archiving:

We seek the establishment of a robust system for recording and archiving virtual meetings. This system will ensure transparency and provide residents with the ability to review past meetings at their convenience.

Feedback Mechanism:

To continuously improve the virtual meeting experience, we propose help to establish/create a user-friendly feedback mechanism on our website, where participants can share their insights and suggestions.

Public Comment Management:

We aim to manage public comments directly through the platform we use, allowing participants to raise hand or engage in real-time discussions, mirroring the experience of in-person meetings.

Community Engagement Tools:

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Our community engagement efforts extend to social media platforms, including Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter, where we connect with residents and gather input between meetings.

Translation Services:

We recognize the need for translation services, primarily in Spanish, to ensure that language is not a barrier to participation.

IT Support:

We request that an IT department, either in person or available for call-in assistance, be readily accessible to address issues related to these new technologies. This support will ensure the smooth functioning of virtual meetings and provide assistance when technical challenges arise.

Funding Responsibility:

While we recognize the necessity of these technological enhancements, it is imperative to ensure that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) bears the financial responsibility for their implementation. Investing in the technological infrastructure of NCs is an investment in the accessibility, inclusivity, and transparency of our democratic processes. As such, we urge DONE to allocate the necessary funding to meet these technological needs promptly.

In conclusion, the Empowerment Congress Southeast Area Neighborhood Council (ECSEANC) is committed to serving our community diligently. By addressing our technological needs and securing funding for their implementation, we can strengthen our ability to engage with and empower our residents effectively. Together, we aim to build a stronger, more connected neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Empowerment Congress Southeast Area Neighborhood Council

Authored by: Jesse Munoz, Board Secretary
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