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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 23-1114 - Agenda Item Number: 12

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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

Neighborhood Council: Voices

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/10/2026

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 03/29/2026

Update to a Previous Input: Yes

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 23-1114

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date: 02/10/2026

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Summary: This resolution reauthorizes the Voices Neighborhood Council to continue holding virtual and/or teleconference meetings under Senate Bill 707. It ensures compliance with updated state law while maintaining accessibility for stakeholders who may face barriers to in-person attendance. The action supports transparency, community engagement, and consistent meeting operations.

2 attachments

 **0210_12_SB707.pdf**
286K

 **SB 707 (1).pdf**
340K

Office of the City Clerk

Administrative Services Division

Neighborhood Council (NC) Funding Program

Board Action Certification (BAC) Form



NC Name: Voices Neighborhood Council

Meeting Date: February 10, 2026

Budget Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

Agenda Item No: 0210-12

Board Motion and/or Public Benefit Statement (CIP and NPG):

Adoption of SB 707 Teleconference Meeting Procedures: Discussion and possible action to approve the use of teleconference meetings pursuant to **Senate Bill 707 (SB 707)**, effective January 1, 2026, and to adopt the updated teleconference agenda and meeting notice language in compliance with the Brown Act. Approval is required for the Neighborhood Council to conduct virtual or hybrid meetings when not previously authorized under SB 411. Adoption requires an affirmative vote of **50% + 1 of the total board seats**. If approved, the Board will utilize the SB 707 agenda template for all future virtual or hybrid meetings in accordance with state law and Department of Neighborhood Empowerment guidance.

Method of Payment: (Select One)

☐ Check☐ Credit Card☐ Board Member Reimbursement

Vote Count

Recused Board Members must leave the room prior to any discussion and may not return to the room until after the vote is complete.

Board Member's First and Last Name	Board Position	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Ineligible	Recused
Giovanni Garcia	Chair	X					
Omar Ramos	Vice Chair	X					
Melvin Rivas	Treasurer	X					
Ana Campos	Recording Secretary	X					
Cindy Cox Ucles	Corresponding Secretary	X					
Edward Garren	Parliamentarian	X					
Chrismen Oliver	Community / Organization Rep	X					
Vacant	Housing Rep						
Manuel Martinez	Education Rep	X					
Jaida Morrisette	Youth Rep	X					
Javonne Sanders	At-Large Rep	X					
Vacant	Area 1 Rep						
Sidney Thomas	Area 2 Rep	X					
Andrew Daramola	Area 3 Rep	X					
Jason Saunders	Area 4 Rep	X					
Board Quorum: 8	Total:	13					

We, the authorized signers of the above named Neighborhood Council, declare that the information presented on this form is accurate and complete, and that a public meeting was held in accordance with all laws, policies, and procedures. The above was approved by the Neighborhood Council Board, at a Brown Act compliant public meeting where a quorum of the Board was present.

Authorized Signature:

Authorized Signature:

Print/Type Name: Giovanni Garcia

Print/Type Name: Melvin Rivas

Date: 02/10/2026

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City of Los Angeles
Voices Neighborhood Council

Javonne Sanders, At-Large Rep
Vacant, Area 1 Rep
Sidney Thomas, Area 2 Rep
Andrew Daramola, Area 3 Rep
Jason Saunder, Area 4 Rep
Jaida Morrisette, Youth Rep
Omar Ramos, Vice Chair



Giovanni Garcia, Chair

Vermont Square Branch Library

Manuel Martinez, Education Rep
Vacant, Housing Rep
Chrismen Oliver, Community-Based Rep
Edward G. Garren, Parliamentarian
Ana Campos, Recording Secretary
Melvin Rivas, Treasurer
Cindy Cox-Ucles, Corresponding Secretary

RESOLUTION REAUTHORIZING VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER SB 707

WHEREAS, the Voices Neighborhood Council is committed to ensuring accessible, transparent, and inclusive public participation in all of its meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Voices Neighborhood Council previously authorized virtual/teleconference meetings under Senate Bill 411 (2023) in compliance with applicable laws and procedures; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 411 expired at the end of 2025 and Senate Bill 707 (2025) establishes new requirements governing teleconference meetings under the Brown Act beginning in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has issued guidance indicating that prior approvals under SB 411 may continue, but updated compliance under SB 707 is necessary to ensure clarity and consistency; and

WHEREAS, there remains ongoing uncertainty across the Neighborhood Council system regarding implementation of SB 707 and evolving guidance from the City and the Office of the City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, teleconferencing has proven to significantly increase accessibility, allowing stakeholders to participate regardless of transportation barriers, work schedules, caregiving responsibilities, or other limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Voices Neighborhood Council serves a diverse South Los Angeles community where equitable access to civic engagement is critical to meaningful participation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Voices Neighborhood Council hereby reauthorizes the use of virtual and/or teleconference meetings for Board and Committee meetings in accordance with Senate Bill 707 and all applicable laws and City policies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Voices Neighborhood Council affirms its commitment to maximizing public access, transparency, and participation through the continued use of teleconferencing options; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Voices Neighborhood Council supports policies and guidance that provide clear, consistent, and equitable standards for teleconference meetings across all Neighborhood Councils; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Voices Neighborhood Council will continue to monitor guidance from the City of Los Angeles and update its meeting practices as necessary to remain compliant while prioritizing community accessibility and engagement.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE VOICES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL on this 10TH day of February 2026 by a vote of [13]-[0]-[0] (Yes-No-Abstain).

Presented by: Giovanni Garcia

Chair, Voices Neighborhood Council