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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-0602

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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 to 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.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(1) Abstain(2) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 01/15/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 01/18/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Agenda Date:

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Summary: PICO NC SUPPORTS COUNCIL RESOLUTION 24-0602 (Blumenfeld), which would establish several policies to evaluate and begin moving the city away from the use of artificial turf because it is impermeable plastic containing dangerous PFAS that cannot be recycled and it contributes to loss of biodiversity, higher temperatures, increased run-off, and human injuries.

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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

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Title: Study Artificial Turf Policies and Consider Moving Away from Use of Artificial Turf

Position: Support

Summary:

Dear Members of the Los Angeles, City Council, The PICO Neighborhood Council (“NC”) supports studying the policies around use of artificial turf and examining what moving away from artificial turf might look like. Thus, PICO NC supports Councilmember Bob Blumenfeld’s motion in Council File 24-0602 as a path to eliminating artificial turf.

Soil is an ecosystem, full of life. When soil is covered with a sheet of plastic grass, the impermeable plastic kills living organisms in the soil and provides less nutrients for wildlife and birds who depend on insects and worms, contributing to the loss of biodiversity. We are in the midst of a biodiversity crisis, exacerbated by the climate crisis. To cover the earth with fake plants is contrary to what needs to happen.

Additionally, artificial turf is impermeable, leading to flooding and storm run-off to the ocean. Making matters worse, that run-off from artificial turf is derived from petrochemicals and methane and contains PFAS (forever chemicals) and microplastics, which are accumulating in Angeleno’s bodies, the city’s drinking water, and the ocean. The EPA has reported there is no safe allowable amount of PFAS. PFAS are known carcinogens, neurotoxins, and hormone disrupters.

Moreover, at a time when we need to harness the cooling power of actual living plants and trees, artificial turf can reach temperatures 80 degrees higher than ambient air temperature. Artificial turf contributes to a heat-island effect, increasing the risk of heat stroke.

Finally, plastic grass is often slippery, leading to skin-shearing sports injuries.

In summary, while the artificial turf industry wants us to believe they are designing an ever-improving product, artificial turf actually continues to be made

from dangerous plastic, and remains impermeable, leading to a trail of microplastics for subsequent generations to try to clean up while killing of biodiversity. PICO NC thus supports # 24-0602.