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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(5) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 01/17/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 02/13/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Council File Number: 24-0602

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Summary: Westlake North Neighborhood Council Supports the Resolution 24-0602 to remove Artificial Turf Removal in Westlake North. Reasons: Impacts on Community Health and Safety, Environmental Consequences, Financial Considerations, Loss of Accessibility, and Community Impact.

Ref:MSG11880360



Westlake North Neighborhood Council
January 14, 2025

Honorable City Council City of Los Angeles
C/O City Clerk Room 395
City Hall Los Angeles CA 90012

RE: CF 24-0602 Councilmember Blumenfield's motion on Artificial Turf

Dear City Council,

We support Councilmember Blumenfield's motion in Council File 24-0602 as an important step toward an eventual ban on artificial turf, and we wholeheartedly vote in favor of this initiative.

Soil is not just dirt—it is a living ecosystem, teeming with microorganisms and essential life forms. When we cover it with plastic grass, we effectively suffocate these organisms, killing vital biodiversity. As you are well aware, we are in the midst of a biodiversity crisis, further exacerbated by the climate crisis. The widespread use of artificial turf stands in stark opposition to the urgent need to restore and protect the environment.

The environmental costs of artificial turf extend beyond its impact on soil life. Fake grass exacerbates flooding by preventing the natural absorption of stormwater, increasing runoff and overwhelming local water systems. Worse, the runoff from synthetic turf, often made from petrochemicals such as crude oil or natural gas, contains harmful PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), toxic "forever chemicals," and microplastics. These substances pollute our drinking water and watersheds, posing severe risks to public health. The EPA has stated that there is no safe level of PFAS exposure, which are linked to cancer, neurotoxicity, and hormone disruption. Additionally, studies show that approximately 15% of the plastic found in our oceans originates from synthetic turf.

The dangers of artificial turf are not limited to the environment. It can reach temperatures up to 80 degrees higher than the surrounding air, posing a serious burn risk to those who come into contact with it. It also contributes to the urban heat island effect, exacerbating the risks of heatstroke, particularly in already vulnerable communities. The artificial nature of this material can lead to more frequent injuries in sports and requires costly maintenance and eventual replacement.

Given the many dangers and environmental costs associated with artificial turf, we urge the City Council to take bold and swift action in support of this motion, and to commit to a future where our public spaces are restored to their natural, biodiverse, and sustainable state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Westlake North Neighborhood Council Board Members

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