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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(7) Nay(0) Abstain(2) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 11/18/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Neutral Position

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Los Angeles City Council
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RE: CF 24-0602 - Synthetic Grass/Artificial Turf/Polyflouroalkyl Substances (PFAS)/Forever Chemicals/Health and Environmental Risks/Drought-Friendly Landscaping

Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWA) thanks Councilmember Krekorian for his motion, Council File 24-0602, and we see it as a path toward an eventual ban on artificial turf. However, artificial turf is a danger to the health and safety of our community and our environment, and it fails to produce promised water savings. Therefore, ECWA supports a complete ban on new and replacement installations of artificial turf in both public and private applications.

Artificial turf is an impervious surface that contributes to flooding when rainwater is not absorbed for groundwater recharge. It kills the biome below and takes away critical food and habitat from insects, birds, and local wildlife, contributing to species loss. This is the opposite of what we should be doing during a biodiversity crisis when we have lost 95% of our local pollinators and our fire season has moved from three months of the year to a year-round phenomenon.

Artificial turf can reach temperatures 80 degrees higher than the air temperature, burning skin on contact. It creates a heat-island effect, increasing the risk of heat stroke. This plastic grass can cause sports injuries, is expensive to maintain, and requires replacement. Artificial turf playing fields should be upgraded to drought-tolerant turf grasses that are safer for athletes while supporting soil health and flood-risk mitigation.

Toxic runoff from artificial turf contaminates drinking water, rivers, lakes, and oceans with microplastics as well as PFAS. The EPA has recently reported that there is no safe amount of PFOA or PFOS (types of PFAS) in drinking water, and both have consistently been found in artificial turf. Recent studies have found that 12 to 15% of microplastics in rivers, lakes, and oceans are from artificial turf.

Finally, because it is made of mixed plastic materials, artificial turf will never be economically viable for recycling. At the end of its 8-to-15-year lifecycle it is sent to a landfill, illegally dumped, or sent out of state to be incinerated.

The artificial turf industry wants us to believe that they are designing an ever-improving product. But it will always be artificial turf, and we need to reassess and change how we are living in order to face the climate and biodiversity crises that we have created.

Sincerely,

Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWA)