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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal

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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(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 01/14/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 03/06/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Summary: Our Neighborhood Council supports a ban on artificial turf in both public and private spaces due to the environmental and health impacts of artificial turf installations in Los Angeles. Since California's SB 676 was signed into law in October 2023 to allow local agencies to prohibit the use of artificial turf, other cities across the state have also considered banning its use. Originally artificial turf was promoted as a way to save water by removing grass areas. It was supposed to help with water conservation at homes and on sports fields. However, it has now been shown that instead, the artificial turf increases the urban heat island effect, leads to a loss of water permeability, creates toxic runoff pollution

of PFAS and other toxic chemicals into our drinking and other water supplies, increases microplastics in our lakes, rivers, and ocean, makes sports players on the turf more susceptible to sports injuries, and contributes to the devastating loss of urban habitat during the greatest biodiversity crisis in human history. Also, artificial turf is a petroleum-based product at a time when we need to be moving away from fossil fuels products and it cannot be recycled.

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January 16, 2025

Councilmember Tim McOsker
Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Ban on use of artificial turf - Council File 24-0602 (Synthetic Grass/Artificial Turf/Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)/Forever Chemicals/Health and Environmental Risks/Drought-Friendly Landscaping)

Dear Councilmembers McOsker and Harris-Dawson:

On January 14, our Board voted 14-0-0 to support Council File 24-0602 and to submit a Community Impact Statement. This Council File supports various studies and reports by City Departments so that this grass substitute can be phased out.

Our Neighborhood Council supports a ban on artificial turf in both public and private spaces due to the environmental and health impacts of artificial turf installations in Los Angeles. Since California's SB 676 was signed into law in October 2023 to allow local agencies to prohibit the use of artificial turf, other cities across the state have also considered banning its use. Originally artificial turf was promoted as a way to save water by removing grass areas. It was supposed to help with water conservation at homes and on sports fields. However, it has now been shown that instead, the artificial turf increases the urban heat island effect, leads to a loss of water permeability, creates toxic runoff pollution of PFAS and other toxic chemicals into our drinking and other water supplies, increases microplastics in our lakes, rivers, and ocean, makes sports players on the turf more susceptible to sports injury, and contributes to the devastating loss of urban habitat during the greatest biodiversity crisis in human history. Also, artificial turf is a petroleum-based product at a time when we need to be moving away from fossil fuels products and it cannot be recycled.

This Council File directs the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Department of General Services to conduct an analysis of lifecycle costs (installation, operation and maintenance) for different types of turf surfaces, and for recommendations to halt future installation of synthetic grass or artificial turf on City-owned property, including athletic fields, and a plan to remove and replace all current synthetic sports fields;

In coordination with the Department of Water and Power, make recommendations for incentives and rebate programs to remove and replace synthetic turf/artificial grass, and encourage the transition to California friendly landscaping;

In coordination with the City Administrative Officer, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of General Services, and other impacted departments as needed, report on the budgetary and policy changes needed in order to ensure that all City agencies adhere to the intent of this policy;

In consultation with the Los Angeles Unified School District, the Los Angeles Community College District, private schools, and commercial properties, provide options and recommendations to incentivize the replacement of synthetic grass or artificial turf on school playgrounds, athletic fields, and other uses

In coordination with the Department of Water and Power, recommendations to end the practice of watering of synthetic turf / artificial lawns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Miguel Vazquez". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Miguel Vazquez, Chairperson
Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

cc: Pamela Thornton, Planning Director – Council District 15
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