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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-0910

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Tue, Oct 1, 2024 at 4:12 PM

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 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

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/19/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 10/01/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 24-0910

City Planning Number:

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Summary: The Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council unanimously voted to oppose the aforementioned council file due to the infringement of constitutional rights.

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Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement

September 19, 2024

To: Los Angeles City Council, Mayor Karen Bass, Council Member Kevin de Leon, Councilwoman Eunisses Hernandez, Council Woman Katy Yaroslovsky, Council Member Bob Blumenfield

Re: **In Opposition** to Council File 24 - 0910

We, the **Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council** declare that on **September 19, 2024**, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by the **Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council** with a current quorum of **9** board members present and that by a vote of :

 15 (number) yes, 0 (number) no, and 0 (number) abstentions the

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council hereby requests the City of Los Angeles to reject the aforementioned motion due to the explicit infringement on constitutional rights.

Historical Findings and Justifications:

- 1. WHEREAS**, On August 6th, 2024, council members Yaroslovsky and Blumenfield introduced a motion in the LA City Council to prohibit protests within “bubble zones” located at the entrances of a wide range of “place[s] of public assemblage.”
- 2. WHEREAS**, The LA City Council’s proposed “bubble zone” motion represents a significant attack on our right to protest, on movements for social justice and labor rights, and on Black and Brown communities.

3. **WHEREAS**, The activities banned by this motion would include holding signs, distributing leaflets, or even approaching people within these designated bubble zones.
4. **WHEREAS**, the motion fails to specify how it will protect protests and fails to differentiate designated zones, and fails to identify alternatives.
5. **WHEREAS**, the motion has been rightfully met with widespread opposition from a broad spectrum of communities that rely on protest—ranging from those opposing genocides worldwide to those defending labor rights. Opposition has come from individuals, organizations, and labor unions alike.
6. **WHEREAS**, the motion acknowledges that protesting and freedom of assembly is a constitutional right, yet imposes access to facilities as a higher priority.
7. **WHEREAS**, institutions of higher education have always been at the epicenter of change, progress, and defiance; banning protests in schools, is to ban the advancement of education.
8. **WHEREAS**, This motion will prevent student groups from sharing information about campus resources, upcoming elections, registering to vote, how to get involved with their union or student government, among other things, given that the broad and vague language used of “passing out leaflets” is included in this file.
9. **WHEREAS**, this will criminalize community engagement and community building activities that are at the core of all university settings. Without the ability to share health information freely on campuses regarding substance use, sexual health, and psychological support services, this legislation will directly lead to worse outcomes.
10. **WHEREAS**, this motion’s timing is in response to pro-Palestinian support across the city and attempts to suppress Palestinian support along with any type of civic engagement; this motion will affect all manner of dissent: anti-police protests, reproductive justice, labor protests, tenant rights and protections, unions, and more
11. **WHEREAS**, the actions and descriptions were so vaguely listed on this council motion, it technically limits any and all sort of flyering, including educational literature from being dispersed such as, but not limited to: mental health awareness, tenant rights, legal counsel, mutual aid, campaigning. Etc.
12. **WHEREAS**, Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council represents many of the communities that would be impacted by this expanded criminalization of protest and escalation of violent suppression.
13. **WHEREAS**, Lincoln Heights is a community that has historically relied, and triumphed through protesting and actions of political dissent. We must not forget that Lincoln Heights is home to the High School Walk Outs, the Chicano Moratorium Rallies, and Civil Rights protests.

Statements through the City Clerk's online web system at <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/cis>.

We therefore demand that our City officials, City Council, Mayor Karen Bass, to withdraw this motion that would result in the violation of the people's constitutional rights. Los Angeles is a beacon of community organizing and protest. We have historically been at the forefront of challenging our officials, oppressive and often times racist policies, through community engagement and education. We are communities that have historically been on the other end of police brutality; we are afraid that creating a higher police presence as an act of ending the right to protest, will only perpetuate the tensions and criminalization of our people. The city does not have jurisdiction over federal constitutional rights. oppression. These protests, especially when led by Black, Latinx, and poor communities, have often been met with violent repression and criminalization. The motion identified in Council File: 24-0910 would expand the criminalization of protest and further escalate violent suppression.

Be it therefore resolved that the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council condemns the aforementioned motion and any attempt to further criminalize protests and infringe the people from their constitutional rights of freedom of assembly, freedom of speech, and so on. The Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council also calls on other Neighborhood Councils to demand that the City Council reject the motion and that its authors withdraw this attempt to stifle political dissent, and strip away fundamental rights.

Be it further resolved, in cases where an issue is moving quickly through the legislative process and a promptly issued statement is beneficial, the aforementioned board members are authorized to also WRITE and SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which express positions previously voted upon by the full board. Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council authorizes the following board members, Fernanda Sanchez, Selena Ortega, to SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which have been passed by a vote of the full board.

IN WITNESS of the above action, the undersigned has executed and delivered this certificate in the name and on behalf of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council and as of the date set forth below.

Signature of President



Fernanda Sanchez, President
Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council