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

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Sat, Oct 19, 2024 at 4:08 AM

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 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](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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**Contact Information**

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/19/2024

Type of NC Board Action: Against Unless Amended

**Impact Information**

Date: 10/19/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 24-0910

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date: 10/19/2024

Item Number:

Summary: Key Concerns: 1. Impact on Free Speech: The proposed buffer zones will significantly restrict the ability of individuals to express their views and advocate for their causes. These restrictions, particularly around religious institutions, seem to be a strategic attempt to suppress dissent under the guise of protecting those seeking abortion care from anti-choice groups. 2. Strategic Timing and Intent: It is impossible to ignore the fact that this motion was introduced immediately following a protest against a real estate event held at the Adas Torah synagogue on June 23, 2024. 3.

Exploitation of Buffer Zones: The inclusion of religious institutions in these buffer zones is a transparent attempt to exploit their status to shield politically-charged events from protest. The ability of institutions to host non-religious, controversial events while avoiding protest interference by invoking their religious status is a misuse of the proposed restrictions. This undermines the fairness and effectiveness of these buffer zones, and reveals an underlying agenda to silence specific viewpoints under the guise of protection. The potential misuse of these buffer zones could allow institutions to hold non-religious events while avoiding protest scrutiny, creating an uneven application of the law, and could lead to selective protection of certain groups or causes, which undermines public discourse. 4. Dangerous Precedent: Unlike cities cited in the motion such as Sacramento, Chicago, and Pittsburgh, Los Angeles uniquely proposes extending buffer zone protections to religious institutions. This selective application of the law is not only unfair but also dangerous. 5. Chilling Effect on Free Speech: The vague and overreaching language of this motion could result in broad restrictions on free speech and assembly across large areas of Los Angeles. NHNENC urges the City Council to reconsider and AMEND Council File 24-0910. Specifically, exclude religious institutions.

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**[Signed] CIS for Council File 24-0910.pdf**

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# **NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTHEAST**

## **Neighborhood Council**

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

**COUNCIL FILE [24-0910](#)**

**POSITION: AGAINST, UNLESS AMENDED**

***Entrance Obstruction / Buffer Zone / Religious Institution Entrance / Persons Right to Protest***

**September 18, 2024**

Dear Members of the City Council,

The North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council **opposes** [Council File 24-0910](#) **unless amended**.

This motion proposes imposing a 100-foot buffer zone around various locations, including religious institutions, limiting protests near these areas. While this measure is intended to protect individuals from harassment, it represents a serious encroachment on our fundamental rights to free speech and assembly.

#### **Key Concerns:**

1. **Impact on Free Speech:** The proposed buffer zones will significantly restrict the ability of individuals to express their views and advocate for their causes. These restrictions, particularly around religious institutions, seem to be a strategic attempt to suppress dissent under the guise of protecting those seeking abortion care from anti-choice groups.
2. **Strategic Timing and Intent:** It is impossible to ignore the fact that this motion was introduced immediately following a protest against a real estate event held at the Adas Torah synagogue on June 23, 2024. This event, organized by "My Home in Israel" Real Estate, was a commercial affair related to property sales in Israel and the West Bank, not a religious service. The timing of this motion suggests a cynical attempt to suppress dissenting voices and to evade accountability by using buffer zones as a tool for political maneuvering.
3. **Exploitation of Buffer Zones:** The inclusion of religious institutions in these buffer zones is a transparent attempt to exploit their status to shield politically-charged events from protest. The ability of institutions to host non-religious, controversial events while avoiding protest interference by invoking their religious status is a misuse of the proposed restrictions. This undermines the fairness and effectiveness of these buffer zones, and reveals an underlying agenda to silence specific viewpoints under the guise of protection. The potential misuse of these buffer zones could allow institutions to hold non-religious events while avoiding protest



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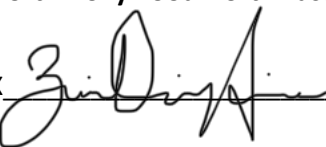
4. **Dangerous Precedent:** Unlike cities cited in the motion such as Sacramento, Chicago, and Pittsburgh, Los Angeles uniquely proposes extending buffer zone protections to religious institutions. This selective application of the law is not only unfair but also dangerous. It risks conflating anti-Zionism with antisemitism and could be used to delegitimize and demonize pro-Palestinian protests. This motion follows a troubling pattern by Council Member Yaroslavsky, including the [failed attempt to fund Magen Am, a private militia of former Israeli soldiers, to patrol our city](#).
5. **Chilling Effect on Free Speech:** The vague and overreaching language of this motion could result in broad restrictions on free speech and assembly across large areas of Los Angeles. This creates a chilling effect on public discourse and undermines the democratic principles of open and robust debate.

Given these issues, the North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council urges the City Council to reconsider and **AMEND** Council File 24-0910. Specifically, **exclude religious institutions** from the buffer zones to ensure that our city remains a place where free speech and assembly are robustly protected while still safeguarding individuals from harassment.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

**North Hollywood North East Neighborhood Council**

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**Date of Board Vote:** \_9/18/2024\_

**Board Vote Count:**    Aye \_\_10\_\_    Nay \_\_0\_\_    Abstain \_\_1\_\_    Recused \_\_\_\_

**Motion Status:** Passed \_\_X\_\_    Failed \_\_\_\_    Other \_\_\_\_\_