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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-1012

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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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Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/17/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 09/18/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

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Summary: CeSPNC supports the City Council motion and requests consideration of the amendments outlined in the letter as submitted.

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September 16, 2024

Dear,

Councilmember McOsker

Councilmember Rodriguez

The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council (CENSPNC) moves to support Council File 24 1012 and enhance the existing gun buyback programs in Central San Pedro,

Whereas this motion stems from the original proposal by Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez of the 7th District, which urged the City of Los Angeles to strengthen gun buyback programs. Her motion focused on expanding the program citywide in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD).

Whereas this goal was to offer residents a safe and anonymous way to surrender firearms in exchange for incentives, thereby reducing gun-related violence and accidents. Building upon this foundation, this initiative with certain enhancements specific to the San Pedro area. San Pedro has experienced an uptick in gun violence, with LAPD data indicating 89 reported gunshot incidents in 2023. The area has seen spikes in illegal firearm-related activity, particularly in the fall months, with September and October seeing significant increases (Crosstown, 2024).

Whereas programs have proven beneficial, research suggests that gun buyback programs can be more effective if tailored to focus on high-risk weapons, engage at-risk communities, and provide increased incentives for certain firearms. To better serve the residents of San Pedro and enhance public safety, this motion advocates for targeted improvements in the current gun buyback strategy, ensuring the program addresses the specific needs and challenges faced by this community.

(Kagawa et al., 2018; Cook et al., 2020).

Therefore The Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges to adopt the following specific conditions to improve the program's effectiveness:

1. Targeting High-Risk Firearms:

Focus on collecting firearms most used in violent crimes, such as semi-automatic handguns and assault rifles, to ensure the buyback is impactful. Increased incentives should be offered for these types of firearms

2. Engagement of High-Risk Communities:

Implement outreach programs in neighborhoods disproportionately affected by gun violence, targeting populations at higher risk of gun involvement. Collaboration with community leaders and organizations is critical to ensure These communities are adequately informed and motivated to participate.

3. Enhanced Incentives for High-Risk Weapons:

Offer higher-value incentives for firearms posing greater risks, such as semi-

automatic handguns and assault-style weapons. Studies show that greater rewards result in higher participation rates, especially in areas with high crime rates (Kawaga, et al., 2019).

4. Public Awareness Campaign and Education:

Collaborate with local organizations to launch a comprehensive public awareness campaign that highlights the importance of reducing illegal firearms and encourages participation in gun buyback events. This campaign should utilize social media, local media outlets, and grassroots community engagement to maximize reach.

5. Data Collection and Continuous Evaluation:

Implement ongoing tracking of the program's impact, including data on the types of firearms collected, participant demographics, and any observed effects on local gun-related crime rates. Regular reports should be provided to evaluate program success and guide necessary adjustments.

Citations:

- Crosstown. (2024). Gunshot incidents in San Pedro: LAPD data review.
- Kagawa, R. M. C., Castillo-Carniglia, A., Vernick, J. S., Webster, D. W., & Wintemute, G. J. (2018). Evaluation of gun buyback programs in major U.S. cities.
- Cook, P. J., Cukier, W., & Krause, K. (2020). The gun buyback dilemma: Effectiveness and limitations.
- The Trace. (2023). Gun violence and buyback program outcomes.

Sincerely,



Dillon Clark, President
On behalf of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council