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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-1399

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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 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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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(7) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The Palms Neighborhood Council provides this supplement to our March 2025 CIS Supporting if Amended CF24-1399. We provide this document to reiterate several key points not taken into consideration in the City Attorney Office's June 2026 amended and approved Landscape and Site Design Point System as attached to the Council File.

Supplemental CIS Support if Amended CF24-1399

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Section 1.2.a: Public Realm Improvements - New Street Trees.

This section specifies that all street trees must be minimum 24in box size despite feedback that this will compromise the availability of native tree species that meet the City's stated biodiversity goals, and is in direct conflict with the City's Community Forest Advisory Committee that has suggested minimum street tree requirements be lowered to 15gal size—still compliant with the Urban Forest Division's street permitting standards.

Section 3.3.d.: Minimum Significant Tree Replacement, Non-Protected Trees.

Similar to the above, we urge the Council to amend Replacement Tree specifications to allow for 15gal size replacement trees.

Section 3.4.i.: Use of Artificial Turf

The slight penalty for the use of artificial turf in projects is insufficient. This impervious product is in direct conflict with the City's stated goal of being a "sponge city." Artificial turf has been identified by USGBC as the building product with the single highest heat-generating property causing the urban heat island effect. The recent Palisades fire demonstrates that artificial turf is also a toxic hazard to first responders. Artificial turf does not save water, cannot be recycled, and creates a long term hazardous PFAS waste product for the City. The time has come to disallow new permitting of this material.

Section 3.5.a.2: Mandatory Trees in Landscaped Areas.

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Section 3.5.a.2: Minimum Shade Coverage of Uncovered Areas.

Alternative 1 and 2 refer to allowance for "climate-adapted" non-native trees. The Los Angeles Climate Reality Project has determined and demonstrated that there is no such thing as a non-native tree that is "adapted" to a foreign ecosystem. In the biodiversity crisis we face, native trees must be the default choice, and any incentives for any non-native species are inappropriate and in conflict with the City's stated goals.

Section 3.5.c.: Native Plants.

As we wrote in our 2025 CIS: “The ordinance here asks for 75% native plants for landscaping. We are in the middle of a biodiversity crisis with pollinator and habitat loss at critical levels. There’s simply no reason to be incentivizing applicants to plant 25% non-native plants during this crisis. Plants that are not planted to create food for human consumption or a recreational playing field should be 100% native to the California Floristic Province.”