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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-1600

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Fri, Jan 17, 2025 at 3:35 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 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](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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### Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(17) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(2) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 01/16/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 01/17/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

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Summary: The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) firmly believes that the City of Los Angeles must take the report contained within CF 24-1600 seriously and immediately restore critical civilian positions and \$7 million reduction in Overtime Variable Staffing Hours that were eliminated from this fiscal year's LA City Budget. Of significant importance is the budget cuts' impact on the LAFD Community Emergency Response Team (LAFD CERT) program. The training that this program provides is vital to support the LAFD with advanced training of their Call Out Team members...

as well as training ordinary citizens on disaster preparedness and resiliency so that they can render aid before, during and after an earthquake, fire, and other natural or manmade disasters.

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January 16, 2025

Mayor Karen Bass  
City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

City Councilmembers  
City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mayor Bass and City Council Members,

The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council (SORO NC) firmly believes that the City of Los Angeles must take seriously the report contained within CF 24-1600, and immediately restore critical civilian positions and \$7 million reduction in Overtime Variable Staffing Hours that were eliminated from this fiscal year's LA City Budget.

Of significant importance is the budget cuts' impact on the LAFD Community Emergency Response Team (LAFD CERT) program. The LAFD CERT training is a vital program that not only supports the LAFD with their "call out team members with advanced training", ordinary citizens and neighbors, who are CERT trained on disaster preparedness and resiliency are able to render aid before, during and after an earthquake, fire, and other natural or manmade disasters.

As we all know, when (not if) another major earthquake was to strike the City of Los Angeles, LA City emergency resources will be directed to the epicenter of the disaster. The remainder of those tens of thousands (possibly hundreds of thousands) of Los Angelinos effected by a major disaster, but not in the epicenter of the destruction, are told to be prepared to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours to upwards of three weeks. This is where CERT trained community members step up and utilize their expert training provided by the LAFD to triage, rescue and provide first aid services to their community.

As the City of Los Angeles prepares for additional critical fire weather, we are relying on the National Guard, and other states and countries to fight the fires already raging devastation in the Pacific Palisades and other areas of Los Angeles to assist our own LAFD. When the critical needs are over, they will go back to their respective "home" and our underfunded LAFD will be left short of support, and funding.

The South Robertson Neighborhoods want you to continue funding CERT as this is a vital program needed to safeguard our community and all residents of the City of Los Angeles. The SORO NC urges the City to restore the funding and continue to fully support the LAFD CERT program without reductions - to meet the needs & desires of our city residents who are eager to receive this training and continue training as many community members as possible to become a more resilient city.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael Lynn*

Michael Lynn  
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