



clerk CIS <clerk.cis@lacity.org>

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

1 message

**LA City SNow** <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>  
Reply-To: LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>  
To: Clerk.CIS@lacity.org

Mon, Mar 10, 2025 at 12:23 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).

\*\*\*\*\* This is an automated response, please DO NOT reply to this email. \*\*\*\*\*

### Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Historic Highland Park  
Name: Darren Gold  
Email: [darren@therosegrp.com](mailto:darren@therosegrp.com)  
The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)  
Date of NC Board Action: 03/06/2025  
Type of NC Board Action: Against

### Impact Information

Date: 03/10/2025  
Update to a Previous Input: No  
Directed To: City Council and Committees  
Council File Number: 24-1600  
City Planning Number:  
Agenda Date: 02/19/2025  
Item Number:

Summary: HHPNC Urges Support for CERT and Opposes LAFD Budget Cuts The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council (HHPNC) strongly supports the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and the crucial role it plays in strengthening community resilience. In light of recent fires, preparedness is more essential than ever, and CERT is a proven tool to help neighborhoods respond effectively to disasters. HHPNC opposes the proposed \$7 million reduction in LAFD Overtime Variable Staffing Hours (V-Hours), as outlined in former Fire Chief Crowley's December 2024 report. This cut would negatively impact emergency response capabilities. HHPNC applauds Councilmember Eunisses

Hernandez for her motion to allocate \$50,000 to expand CERT, particularly through multilingual availability, ensuring broader access for diverse communities. HHPNC urges Councilmember Ysabel Jurado and other City leaders to take similar action in their districts to enhance CERT availability and engagement. Additionally, HHPNC calls on Councilmembers Hernandez and Jurado, Mayor Karen Bass, Interim Fire Chief Ronnie Villanueva, and other City leaders to explore all possible avenues—including increasing V-Hours—to strengthen CERT and bolster emergency preparedness.

Ref:MSG12010025



**HHPNC CIS 2025-02-06 Council File 24-1600 Opposition to LAFD budget cuts that threaten CERT.pdf**

207K

**OFFICERS**

**President** Darren Gold  
**First Vice President** Dante Marquez  
**Second Vice President** Connie Martinez  
**Treasurer** Kevin Guico  
**Secretary** Lea Klein

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Budget & Finance** Kevin Guico  
**Executive** Darren Gold  
**Land Use** James Marcotte & Steve Crouch  
**Outreach** Connie Martinez  
**Rules** Dante Marquez  
**Public Safety** Caroline Aguirre & Jens Jonason  
**Environmental** John Vangelisti & Lyannie Tran  
**Youth and Education Ad Hoc** Dante Marquez  
**Housing, Renters & Homelessness Ad Hoc** Steve Crouch

**Governance Reform Ad Hoc** Connie Martinez, Clara Solis, Steve Crouch  
**HHPNC NELA Community Plan Ad Hoc** Clara Solis, Darren Gold, John Vangelisti, Rick Marquez

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
CALIFORNIA



**DIRECTORS AT-LARGE**  
Dante Marquez, Jens Jonason, Darren Gold, Angela  
Gonzales-Torres, Connie Martinez, James Marcotte,  
Yvonne Chavez, Lyannie Tran, Kevin Guico, Lea Klein,  
Phillip Marzouk

**PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTORS**

Caroline Aguirre, Vacant

**BUSINESS DIRECTORS**

John Vangelisti, Vacant

**HOUSING DIRECTOR**

Vacant

**ARTS DIRECTOR**

Vacant

**HOMELESSNESS DIRECTOR**

Vacant

**ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR**

Vacant

**SENIOR DIRECTORS**

Clara Solis, Vacant

**YOUTH DIRECTOR**

Ainsley Drake

## HISTORIC HIGHLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

March 6, 2025

Los Angeles City Council Member (District 1) Eunisses Hernandez

Los Angeles City Council Member (District 14) Ysabel Jurado

Mayor Karen Bass

Interim Fire Chief Ronnie Villanueva

**Re: [Council File 24-1600](#) (Los Angeles Fire Department / Service Impact on Operations)**

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council (HHPNC) supports the City's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and the community resilience it builds.

Recent fires painfully remind us that we – the neighborhoods and communities of Los Angeles – must be ever more prepared for major disasters. CERT is an effective tool to achieve that goal.

Therefore:

HHPNC opposes the \$7 million reduction in LAFD Overtime Variable Staffing Hours (V-Hours) that former Fire Chief Crowley describes in her report dated 12/4/2024 (BoFC File [24-117](#)).

HHPNC applauds Councilmember Hernandez's motion (Council file [25-0006-S41](#)) to allocate \$50,000 to strengthen CERT through multilingual availability.

HHPNC encourages Councilmember Jurado and all Councilmembers to take similar action to increase availability of and engagement with CERT in their respective Districts.

HHPNC requests that Councilmembers Hernandez and Jurado, Mayor Bass, Interim Fire Chief Villanueva and City leaders work to strengthen CERT through any means, including increasing V-Hours.

Sincerely,

Darren Gold

President, Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

Board vote: [For] - [Against] - [Abstain] (MM/DD/YYYY)