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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0043-S1

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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(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 11/05/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 11/11/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Planning Commission, Area Planning Commission - West Los Angeles, City Council and Committees, Small Business Commission

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Item Number:

Summary: The North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWWNC) supports Council File 25-0043-S1, which seeks to develop a self-certification program to streamline permitting for outdoor dining. The local restaurants of Westwood Village and South of Wilshire are central to the character and economy of our neighborhood. The success of existing outdoor dining in Westwood Village has shown how activating public space supports small businesses, enhances pedestrian safety, and fosters vibrant, walkable streets. However, the current permitting process through the Department of Building and Safety remains slow, complex, and costly, especially for small businesses seeking to maintain modest outdoor dining areas. Allowing licensed professionals to self-certify code compliance for eligible projects would align Los Angeles with proven models in New York, San Diego, and Bellflower, reducing administrative and financial burdens for both the City and businesses while maintaining oversight and accountability through random inspections and audits. Streamlining outdoor dining approvals will strengthen the Al Fresco program, support economic recovery, and improve the public realm for our neighborhood and the entirety of Los Angeles. A permanent self-certification program would make it easier for small restaurants to invest in their communities, while ensuring safety, accessibility, and compliance with City standards. The NWWNC urges the City Council to adopt this motion and move quickly to establish a self-certification framework that helps small businesses thrive and sustains vibrant, pedestrian-friendly corridors.



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Title: AI Fresco Program / Self-Certification Programs / Expedited Permits / Outdoor Dining

Position: For

Summary:

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Streamlining outdoor dining approvals will strengthen the AI Fresco program, support economic recovery, and improve the public realm for our neighborhood and the entirety of Los Angeles. A permanent self-certification program would make it easier for small restaurants to invest in their communities, while ensuring safety, accessibility, and compliance with City standards.

The NWWNC urges the City Council to adopt this motion and move quickly to establish a self-certification framework that helps small businesses thrive and sustains vibrant, pedestrian-friendly corridors.