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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0247

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

Date of NC Board Action: 04/22/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 05/04/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees, Area Planning Commission - West Los Angeles, Building and Safety Commissioners, City Planning Commission, Fire Commission

Council File Number: 25-0247

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: SUMMARY: The West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council supports the Single-Stairwell Design for apartment buildings, per the following parameters that increase protection from fires (CFN 25-0247). This would eliminate the requirement for 2 stairwells, which provide 2 paths of escape, in case 1 stairwell is blocked or inaccessible during a fire. PLEASE REFER TO ATTACHED DOCUMENT FOR COMPLETE BACKGROUND STATEMENT.



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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

Council File Number: 25-0247

City Planning Case Numbers: N/A

04.23.2025

MOTION: On April 23, 2025, the West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council Board of Directors resolved to support Council File: [25-0247](#).

TITLE: City Building Code / Multifamily Unit Residential Buildings / Six Stories / Single-Exit / Single-Stairway / Modification

The Board voted 8-1 to approve the Motion.

SUMMARY: The West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council supports the Single-Stairwell Design for apartment buildings, per the following parameters that increase protection from fires (CFN 25-0247).

1. This would eliminate the requirement for 2 stairwells, which provide 2 paths of escape, in case 1 stairwell is blocked or inaccessible during a fire.

2. Maximum height of 4-6 stories.
3. Maximum number of 4-6 units per floor.
4. Maximum distance from unit door to stairwell of 20 ft, maximum distance of 125 ft to farthest corner of unit.
5. 2-hour stairwells (current code).
6. Fire sprinklers in units (current code).
7. Windows should face the street, which provides better ladder truck access.
8. Stairwells shall be pressurized.
9. Buildings shall be located in high density areas (not suburbs), such as the LA urban core and corridors within 1 mile of fire station (not in high fire zones or hillsides, or served by substandard roads).

Reasons/Background:

1. Buildings with only 1 stairwell are cheaper (instead of 2 stairwells, which is the current requirement).
2. No expensive land assemblage is required for smaller buildings.
3. Multiple, smaller buildings like rowhouses can be built (instead of a single large massive building that spans an entire block).
4. ADA access is maintained (all buildings taller than 3 stories must have elevators).

Ex parte communications: None disclosed by any committee members.

Disclosures and conflicts of interest: None disclosed by any committee members.

To government agencies: Only the Chair and designated Board members may testify to public agencies on behalf of the West L.A. Sawtelle NC. The Board requests that the Council Office and private/non-profit entities do not testify or speculate on behalf of the NC.

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