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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 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(16) Nay(2) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 04/15/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 05/08/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees, Affordable Housing Commission

Council File Number: 25-0247


City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

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sprinklers, limiting units per floor, and mandating fire-resistant construction. In the meantime, we recommend (a) issuing interim guidance modeled after Seattle's standards, (b) launching a pilot program to test the typology in select areas, and (c) engaging stakeholders early to ensure adoption is smooth and effective. These steps can and should begin now. 2) Los Feliz needs more housing options: Our neighborhood includes small lots and corner parcels that are often difficult to build on under current rules. Single-stair reform allows for efficient, flexible housing designs that make better use of these spaces, especially for family-sized units and walk-up buildings. 3) This is not new for our Council: In March 2023, the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council formally supported Assembly Bill 835, which called on the State Fire Marshal to develop safety standards for single-stairway residential buildings. Our support for Council File 25-0247 reflects the same belief: that thoughtful, safety-informed reform can unlock better housing solutions. 4) This should be just the beginning: We encourage the City to build on this effort by allowing taller single-stair buildings where safe, especially near transit corridors, and by aligning with state-level efforts like AB 835. Los Angeles...cont'd

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Council File: [25-0247](#)

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

Position: Support

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¹ Second Egress - Seattle Building Code - Single-Stair - <https://secondegress.ca/Seattle>

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4. This should be just the beginning: We encourage the City to build on this effort by allowing taller single-stair buildings where safe, especially near transit corridors, and by aligning with state-level efforts like AB 835. Los Angeles should not wait until 2028 to adopt best practices already in use across the world.
5. We reject fear-based opposition: Too often, good housing policy is derailed by misinformation. By going on record now, Los Feliz Neighborhood Council makes it clear: we support housing abundance, architectural flexibility, and urban design that meets the moment. This reform reflects the urgency and creativity that Los Angeles needs.

We thank Councilmember Raman for her leadership and urge the Council to move quickly, use the models we already have, and not let this opportunity stall.

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² CA AB835 - https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB835