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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](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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### Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(0) Abstain(5) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 06/04/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 06/16/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 25-0247

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The North Westwood Neighborhood Council calls for implementing reforms to allowing single-stair residential buildings up to six stories. As highlighted by a recent report from the Pew Charitable Trusts, allowing for single stair buildings can reduce building costs up to 13 percent, create larger units with better ventilation and natural light, and help spur development in smaller infill lots without compromising on building safety—these buildings are “at least as safe as other types of housing.” Major Cities across the country, such as New York and Seattle, allow for the development of single-stairwell buildings over three stories. Legalizing single-exit, single-stairway, multifamily unit residential buildings up

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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [25-0247](#)

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

Position: For

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