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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0600-S32

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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(11) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Agenda Date: 08/06/2025

Item Number:

Summary: The sidewalks in our city and our district are in a sorry state, in urgent need of repair and expansion. Cracked sidewalks, lack of curb ramps, tree root protrusions, streets lacking sidewalks altogether, and other issues threaten the safety of our stakeholders; make our streets inaccessible for many, including but not only those with mobility disabilities; hurt businesses; make the City liable; and imperil the success of the coming Olympics in our area. The North Westwood

Neighborhood Council (NWWNC) supports the following proposed ideas, as developed further by Investing in Place and UCLA Urban Planning Professor Emeritus and former NWWNC Board Member Donald Shoup (see attached PDF):



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The North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWWNC) supports the following proposed ideas, as developed further by [Investing in Place](#) and [UCLA Urban Planning Professor Emeritus and former NWWNC Board Member Donald Shoup](#):

- *Invest more funds in sidewalk repair and construction.* The slow and cumbersome process of the Willits settlement is not enough to get our sidewalks in shape at the speed needed. Funds should support not just sidewalks and curb cuts but also other sidewalk elements, including (non-sidewalk-disrupting) tree planting, shelters, lights, benches, etc., as well as the construction of sidewalks missing altogether
- *Conduct sidewalk repair and construction in needed spots for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.* Westwood Village and North Westwood will serve as an Olympics hub, and prioritizing sidewalk repair and construction here is necessary to make the games safe and accessible to local spectators and visitors from around the world. Some examples our Council has supported recently are sidewalk and crossing improvements and additions [at Westwood Park](#) and [on Gayley Avenue in the North Village](#).
- *Implement a “pay-on-exit” system for adjacent property owners.* Such a system will allow property owners to fulfill their obligation under state law to improve the sidewalk in front of their property but defer payment until sale of their property. This would avoid sudden burdens while also speeding up repairs and firming up currently laxly enforced private responsibilities over adjacent sidewalks.
- *Consolidate sidewalk repair and management as much as possible within City departments.* The current state of affairs, where sidewalk management is spread across dozens of City units, leads to inefficiencies, opaqueness, and

waste (See NWWNC Community Impact Statements for Council Files [23-0918](#) and [18-0458](#)).

- *Define roles in the Departments of Public Works and Transportation regarding sidewalks and create a Public Works Director position.* In the short term, this would clarify the chain of command and responsibilities for sidewalk management, a necessary first step.
- *Make long-term sidewalk repair and construction plans part of a Capital Infrastructure Plan.* Los Angeles is a glaring, singular outlier among peer cities for not having a long-term capital plan. Such a plan for sidewalks would lead to better budgeting, prioritization, and transparency (See NWWNC Community Impact Statements for Council Files [23-0919](#), [21-0039](#), and [13-1384](#)).
- *Conduct a pilot to identify the needs, technologies, and costs to perform a citywide inventory and assessment of pedestrian facilities.*
- *Audit the City's sidewalk program, act on the recommendations in prior reviews of the program, and calculate and publicize City liability costs from sidewalks, lighting, and other street furniture.*

Council File: [21-1469-S1](#)

Title: Pilot Pedestrian Facility Inventory and Assessment Program / Scope and Methodology

Position: For

Council File: [15-0989-S29](#)

Title: 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games (LA 2028) / Street and Sidewalk Improvement and Maintenance Plan

Position: For

Council File: [14-0163-S4](#)

Title: Comprehensive City Sidewalk Repair Program / Regular Program for Improvements (Identify, Prioritize and Budget)

Position: For

Council File: [14-0163-S5](#)

Title: Implementation of a Survey of Damaged Sidewalks / As-Needed Sidewalk Repairs / Status Report

Position: For

Council File: [14-0163-S7](#)

Title: Sidewalk Repairs Programs / Report Back

Position: For

Council File: [14-0420](#)

Title: Sidewalk Repair Strategy / Obligations / Americans with Disabilities Act / State Law and City Ordinances

Position: For

Council File: [14-0420-S1](#)

Title: Sidewalk Repair Strategy / Addressing Pending Litigations

Position: For

Council File: [21-1469](#)

Title: Sidewalk Maintenance and Repair Program / Curb Cuts / Backlog / Mobility / Safety

Position: For

Council File: [21-1367](#)

Title: Repairing Los Angeles Broken Sidewalk Strategy / Sidewalk Repair Program / Accessible Sidewalks / Controller

Position: For

Council File: [24-1101](#)

Title: Liability Payouts / Structural Deficit / Unmaintained Infrastructure

Position: For

Council File: [25-0600-S76](#)

Title: 2025 Budget Recommendation / R32 / Disability / Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance / 2026 World Cup / 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Position: For

Council File: [25-0600-S110](#)

Title: 2025 Budget Recommendation / R66 / Public Works / Street Services / Sidewalk and Dangerous Conditions Liability Payout Trends / Impact of Budget Cuts

Position: For

Council File: [25-0600-S32](#)

Title: 2025 Budget Recommendation / Chief Legislative Analyst / Special Studies

Position: Neutral



- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [24-0537](#)

Title: College Campus Protests / USC / UCLA / April 24 - May 6, 2024 / After Action Report / Los Angeles Police Department

Position: For if Amended

Council File: [23-1422](#)

Title: Air Support Division / Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) / Audit

Position: For

Council File: [25-0600-S57](#)

Title: 2025 Budget Recommendation / R12 / Chief Legislative Analyst / Cost and Effectiveness of Aerial Policing

Position: For

Council File: [25-0600-S32](#)

Title: 2025 Budget Recommendation / Chief Legislative Analyst / Special Studies

Position: Neutral

Summary:

The North Westwood Neighborhood Council condemns all acts of violence on and near UCLA's campus recently and stands with the rights of all North Westwood stakeholders and Angelenos to peacefully and safely assemble, protest, and simply go about their day without fear.

We castigate in strongest terms the conditions, responses, and lack of responses that enabled the violence of late April and early May by the UCLA administration and the law enforcement agencies and security with which it works. There remain many outstanding questions as to how UCLA affiliates and Westwood stakeholders could have ended up attacked and beaten and their assailants not caught promptly and how the administration decided their responses and lack thereof.

We also denounce attacks on the constitutionally protected free press in reporting on these incidents, including cases of journalists (some UCLA students) being harassed and assailed and of reporters being detained illegally or not granted access guaranteed to them under [Penal Code § 409.7](#) ([Senate Bill 98 \(2021\)](#)).

We support a full investigation. Instead of the internal after-action report that the motion orders, we recommend an independent reckoning, to be conducted by a trusted external group not chosen by any law enforcement agency, law enforcement governing body, or UCLA. We also support a continued audit of the use and effectiveness of helicopters in responding to these and other incidents and back the findings of the posted audit.



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Summary:

The North Westwood Neighborhood Council urges Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass to immediately consent to a full audit of the City's Inside Safe program by Los Angeles City Controller Kenneth Mejia. We also assert that the Controller has both the right and duty to do such an audit without the need for mayoral consent.

Council File: [20-0263-S2](#)

Title: *LA Alliance for Human Rights, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.* / Auditing Firm / Alvarez and Marsal

Position: Against

Council File: [23-1022-S8](#)

Title: *LA Alliance for Human Rights, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.*

Position: Against

Council File: [20-0263](#)

Title: Litigation to Compel Specific Responses to Homelessness / Closed Session / LA Alliance

Position: Neutral

Council File: [23-1022](#)

Title: Settlement Agreement / LA Alliance for Human Rights / Shelter Beds / Permanent Housing / Encampment Reduction / 2027

Position: For

Council File: [23-1022-S1](#)

Title: Settlement Agreement / LA Alliance for Human Rights / Unsheltered Population Beds / Quarterly Reports

Position: For

Council File: [23-1194](#)

Title: Inside Safe / Interim Housing / Encampments / Number and Location / Number of Participants / Hotels

Position: For

Council File: [25-0600-S60](#)

Title: 2025 Budget Recommendation / R15 / City Administrative Officer / Status Update / Alliance Settlement

Position: For

Council File: [25-0600-S61](#)

Title: 2025 Budget Recommendation / R16 / City Administrative Officer / Average Cost per Person / Interim Housing Interventions

Position: For

Council File: [25-0600-S32](#)

Title: 2025 Budget Recommendation / Chief Legislative Analyst / Special Studies

Position: Neutral



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Summary:

The North Westwood Neighborhood Council urges Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass and/or the City Administrative Officer Matthew Szabo to disclose the full extent of all sources of funding for the City's Inside Safe program.

Council File: [23-1022](#)

Title: Settlement Agreement / LA Alliance for Human Rights / Shelter Beds / Permanent Housing / Encampment Reduction / 2027

Position: For

Council File: [23-1194](#)

Title: Inside Safe / Interim Housing / Encampments / Number and Location / Number of Participants / Hotels

Position: For

Council File: [25-0600-S63](#)

Title: 2025 Budget Recommendation / R18 / City Administrative Officer / Interim and Supportive Housing Units / Funded by General Fund

Position: For

Council File: [25-0600-S32](#)

Title: 2025 Budget Recommendation / Chief Legislative Analyst / Special Studies

Position: Neutral



- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [25-0600](#)

Title: Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2025-26

Position: Against unless Amended

Council File: [25-0029](#)

Title: City Reserve Fund Balance / City expenses / Major International Events / Existing tax Revenue Sources / Revenue Generation Opportunities

Position: For

Council File: [25-0248](#)

Title: City Infrastructure / Maintenance / Bond Measure / November 3, 2026 Election

Position: For

Council File: [23-1027-S3](#)

Title: Charter Reform / Biennial Budget Cycle / Public Participation / Engagement Strategies

Position: For

Council File: [24-0600-S52](#)

Title: 2024 Budget Recommendation / Transportation Infrastructure Grants / Funding / Deadlines / Extensions / Status of Projects

Position: For

Council File: [24-0600-S32](#)

Title: 2024 Budget Recommendation / Chief Legislative Analyst / Special Studies

Position: Neutral

Council File: [25-0600-S120](#)

Title: 2025 Budget Recommendation / R76 / Transportation / Comprehensive List of Revenue-Generating Programs

Position: For

Council File: [25-0600-S32](#)

Title: 2025 Budget Recommendation / Chief Legislative Analyst / Special Studies

Position: Neutral

Summary: LADOT Budget Recommendations

Fiscal Year 2025-26 will be another difficult budget for the City of Los Angeles. However, we urge the city to rise to that challenge to meet legal and moral obligations to maintain and improve safe and accessible streets and sidewalks. This will be the first full budget cycle since voters approved Measure HLA. The American with Disabilities Act and Measure HLA require the City's resurfacing projects to include both curb ramps and mobility improvements to build out the networks included in *Mobility Plan 2035*. In addition to a legal requirement, this is an opportunity to rethink how we manage our public right-of-way and implement projects.

Several opportunities exist to ensure that, moving forward, the City is fully prepared to comply with the ADA and HLA, deliver HLA-compliant infrastructure projects, and mitigate liability risks. We suggest that the City implement the following:

Liability

- Continue to aggressively pursue risk management to reduce transportation-related liabilities by creating two new Legislative Support positions within LADOT. These positions provide expertise to the City Attorney while allowing planners and engineers to focus on transportation roles, potentially saving the City millions of dollars.
- City-wide, the City should consider departmental incentives for successfully decreasing liabilities. Departments currently see no reward for reducing liabilities despite devoting internal resources to risk management.

Interagency Collaboration

- Improve interagency collaborations between LADOT, Bureau of Streets Services, and Bureau of Engineering for all projects via a Capital Infrastructure Plan with LADOT as the lead agency for *Mobility Plan 2035* projects.
- Provide LADOT with dedicated access ramp design and construction teams to allow for streamlined scheduling and project management. These teams may remain under Bureau of Streets Services and Bureau of Engineering, but should be responsible solely for LADOT-led projects.
 - As an example of current dysfunction, the Hollywood Blvd Safety and Mobility Project extension to Sunset Blvd is significantly delayed because LADOT cannot implement changes until StreetsLA constructs new access ramps, and StreetsLA cannot begin construction because BoE is delayed in ramp design to 2026.

Revenue and Enforcement

- Restore Parking Enforcement & Traffic Control positions, which tend to be revenue-generating for the city while improving road safety.
- Expedite automated bus lane camera enforcement for all bus lane corridors.
 - In the first month of the program, [\\$1.6M in fines were generated](#) on just two bus lines, of which the City retains 25%. Estimated annual net revenue is \$5M for these two lines. However, over 20 Metro bus lines use current bus lanes in the City, and will continue to grow as the Transit Enhanced Network is implemented. Expanded enforcement on all eligible bus lines will ensure reduced transit rider delay by maximizing bus lane effectiveness, while increasing city revenue by tens to hundreds of millions dollars annually.
- Begin immediate implementation of 125 automated speed camera locations as authorized by recent state legislation. Revenue is required to be reinvested in traffic-calming and street safety improvements in those communities, including those designated for the Mobility Plan's Neighborhood Enhanced Network, ensuring equitable implementation and no long-term reliance/incentive for continued speeding and fines.
 - For reference, just 5 speed cameras in Ontario, Canada [generated 850,000 USD in six weeks](#). That would equate to \$920M/year for 125 cameras. The city's actual revenue will be less due to differences in fines, first-time violation warnings, and low-income discounts, but hundreds of millions of dollars annually would be a conservative revenue estimate while immediately improving street safety.

Staffing and Materials

- Ensure that the Prioritized Critical Hiring process (PCH) does not impede departments from filling and refilling authorized and funded positions, a frequent obstacle to maintaining staffing at LADOT. Remove PCH requirements for replacing departing personnel.

- Allow LADOT to use awarded grant funding to fund staff positions dedicated to delivering those grant-funded projects to speed up project delivery.
 - The City received nearly \$500M in ATP awards over the last five years, and at the current pace it will take the city a decade or more to deliver the projects, putting future ATP funding at risk. Grant-funded projects require personnel to effectuate project delivery.
- Add two new Chief Planner positions in advanced planning & project delivery.
 - This is a new classification that not only provides much needed senior management capacity but also improves retention for STP2s who have no further ladder at LADOT. This management will be necessary for HLA-compliant project delivery
- Restore and increase the Paint & Sign budget to support one of the most basic and essential functions of LADOT—restriping streets and managing street signs—to allow for both Measure HLA-compliant project delivery and council district-specific requests.

We also recommend that the City move to two-year budgets, to improve consistency and long-term planning. To reduce financial pressures on the City, we further recommend the City pursue additional revenue measures and identify facilities and other needs that a potential bond measure could support.



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Council File: [17-0447](#)

Title: Land Use Codes / Oil and Gas Development / Impact on Resident Health and Safety / Code Change Proposals

Position: For

Council File: [17-0447-S2](#)

Title: New Oil and Gas Drilling Activities / Extraction Prohibition / Nonconforming Use / Environmental Clearance / Code Amendment / Ordinance

Position: For

Council File: [23-0002-S141](#)

Title: SB 1137 Overturning / Modified Oil and Gas Wells Prohibition / Health and Safety

Position: For

Council File: [25-0600-S105](#)

Title: 2025 Budget Recommendation / R61 / Board of Public Works / Potential Legal Impacts / Renegotiating Pipeline Franchise Agreements / Amortization of Oil Wells

Position: For

Council File: [25-0600-S32](#)

Title: 2025 Budget Recommendation / Chief Legislative Analyst / Special Studies

Position: Neutral

Summary:

The North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWWNC) urges the City Council to protect communities from the harmful health impacts of oil drilling.

Los Angeles is one of the only places in the U.S. where oil drilling occurs in a densely populated city. Over 620,000 Angelenos live within a mile of an active oil well. The city contains over 1,000 active wells; 80 percent are located within 2,500 feet of a sensitive land use.

Neighborhood drilling threatens the health and safety of those living nearby. Extraction sites routinely use and emit toxic chemicals. Living next door to drilling can mean headaches, nosebleeds, asthma, reproductive harm, and cancer. The use of dangerous and flammable chemicals also raises the risk of catastrophic accidents. Homes are even built atop capped wells, a practice that should be prohibited.

NWWNC recognizes that communities of color are often most affected: of the 1.8 million Californians living near drilling in heavily polluted areas, 92 percent are from communities of color.

All told, neighborhood drilling is incompatible with public health and has no place near sensitive land uses, such as homes, schools, churches, daycares, senior centers, hospitals, and parks.

The City of Los Angeles has a duty to protect residents' health and safety, by using its power over land use and oil operations. Therefore, NWWNC calls on the City Council to adopt the draft ordinance, end new oil drilling in Los Angeles, phase out existing drilling, and protect laws that do this from being overturned. Additionally, we want the city to enforce existing regulations on oil drilling to keep communities safe, including timely inspections.