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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0600-S7

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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 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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Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Historic Cultural North

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 04/28/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 06/02/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Item Number:

Summary: The Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council supports the motion to increase the Neighborhood Council Fund and restore NC's yearly budget allocation, which had been reduced to \$25,000 in the Mayor's proposed 2025-2026 budget, to at least \$32,000. Neighborhood councils' annual budgets were reduced from \$42,000 to \$32,000 during the pandemic and never restored. Reducing the yearly allocation even further to \$25,000 is a cumulative reduction of 40% since 2020. For neighborhood councils that provide translation, such as HCNCC, the proposed cut is even more stark. Even though there is a translation fund managed by the City Clerk's Office, neighborhood councils must pay for translation costs up front and wait for reimbursements that are dispersed quarterly. Reimbursements are also not

guaranteed, as the fund is \$60,000 per year to be used by all 99 neighborhood councils, and has in the past, run out. In HCNNC's case, we need to set aside approximately \$7000 in our budget in order to provide interpretation in one language. Add \$3,600 per year to rent a small closet-sized storage unit, and that leaves \$14,400 for all other expenses including a website, software licenses/subscriptions (Zoom, Canva, and Mailchimp), a minutes taker, website administration, office equipment, office supplies, printing of meeting documents, outreach/advertising, community improvement projects, and Neighborhood Purpose Grants. HCNNC is fortunate to have a free meeting location (the Chinatown Library), although not all neighborhood councils are so lucky. Neighborhood councils are official bodies that must hold public meetings and comply with the Brown Act. A 40% decrease in the annual budget in less than 5 years would not just squeeze neighborhood councils, it would break them.



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Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement

April 28, 2025

Community Impact Statement (CIS) on Council File #25-0600 on the Proposed City Budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

We, the **Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council** declare that on **April 28, 2025**, a Brown Act noticed public meeting was held by the **Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council** with a quorum of 13 board members present and that by a vote of:

13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, and 0 ineligible the

Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council approved the following Community Impact Statement on Council File #25-0600:

The Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council issues the following position statements on the Mayor's proposed 2025-2026 fiscal year budget for the City:

1. **Opposition to the reduction in neighborhood councils' annual budgets from \$32,000 to \$25,000.** Neighborhood councils' annual budgets were reduced from \$42,000 to \$32,000 during the pandemic and never restored. Reducing the yearly allocation even further to \$25,000 is a cumulative reduction of 40% since 2020. For neighborhood councils that provide translation, such as HCNNC, the proposed cut is even more stark. Even though there is a translation fund managed by the City Clerk's Office, neighborhood councils must pay for translation costs up front and wait for reimbursements that are dispersed quarterly. Reimbursements are also not

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2. **Opposition to reduction in Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) staffing.** Neighborhood councils need more administrative assistance and outreach support to increase awareness and public participation. Further reductions in DONE staff shifts those responsibilities onto volunteer board members who are already stretched thin, and may not have the expertise to provide these services on their own.
3. **Opposition to reductions to Department of Public Works and Bureau of Street Services staff.** HCNNC approved a request for action letter requesting increased education and enforcement of street/sidewalk vending regulations, in part, to prevent blockage of sidewalks in violation of ADA regulations and unsanitary conditions left behind by a subset of street/sidewalk vendors. Lack of lighting, street, and sidewalk maintenance, which already have a long lead time, will also worsen the City's exposure to liability claims.
4. **Opposition to staff cuts in the Department of Recreation and Parks.** On February 24, 2025, HCNNC approved a letter requesting that the City mitigate the ongoing and constant threat of wildfires in the neighborhoods inside and adjacent to Elysian Park caused by brush growth and frequent encampment fires. Reducing the number of Department of Recreation and Parks staff, especially park rangers, would hamper those efforts and put our communities, as well as others in similar situations, in even greater risk.
5. **Opposition to reductions to personnel for monitoring oil wells.** HCNNC submitted a community impact statement in support of [Council File 21-1395-S1](#) to develop best practices and regulations for mitigating ongoing pollution from legacy oil wells in our communities. Eliminating the staff position in the Public Works' Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration and Safety that would do this work runs counter to this important health and safety measure.
6. **Opposition to reductions to LADOT parking enforcement staff.** Our neighborhoods are often overwhelmed with visitors who drive in for special events, double-park, block driveways, and park next to fire hydrants. Reducing parking enforcement while also approving new developments without parking will worsen these safety hazards and increase liability for the City.
7. **Support for the unarmed crisis response pilot program, which should be implemented with the goal of decreasing LAPD overtime and liability payments.** A large part of the City's

budget gap is due to large liability payments from LAPD lawsuits. Investing in alternative response models could help alleviate over-reliance on LAPD to handle almost every type of public safety call (besides fire and medical).

We respectfully request that every effort be made by the Mayor and City Council to reverse the funding and staff cuts according to the priority areas identified in this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Phyllis Ling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Phyllis" and the last name "Ling" clearly distinguishable.

Phyllis Ling

Chair, Historic Cultural North Neighborhood Council