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

Date of NC Board Action: 06/21/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 06/21/2025

Update to a Previous Input: Yes

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Summary: We ask the Committee to recognize the importance of the role neighborhood councils play and, at the very least, vote to approve Council Member Traci Park's motion, to restore \$7,000 to each Neighborhood Council's budget bringing funding back to \$32,000 per year. Again we do not support the cuts to this part of the budget especially the ones aimed at communicating and assisting our stakeholders. Instead we focus on the wrong budget priorities when the small things that help our stakeholders are sacrificed not realizing in the long term this will hurt everyone at the city council and Mayor's office. Again no cuts to parks, sanitation, and less funding to parts of the city that do not need it when they are

already over funded and about to reach a billion dollars of funding! The point stands if we need cuts then that part of the budget should be cut not the essentials that barely have anything to them. -Christopher Martinez President of East Hollywood Neighborhood Council



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The East Hollywood Neighborhood Council understands the criticality of the City's nearly \$1 billion budget shortfall as announced at Mayor Bass's State of the City address.

It is tempting to look at the Neighborhood Councils who do not spend their money and conclude the Neighborhood Councils are over-funded. For the Neighborhood Councils who do spend their money, the \$32,000 budget is already tight. Neighborhood Councils have to pay for meeting spaces, storage units, and office space. Not all Neighborhood Councils pay for each of these, but many do. A budget cut would be devastating to Neighborhood Councils who have little more than the funds to cover their basic expenses.

For Neighborhood Councils who do not spend their money, these funds are not lost. They revert to the General Fund.

As a reminder, the original Neighborhood Council budget was \$50,000. Over time, the NC budget has been reduced and inflation has increased costs. When the Covid-19 lockdown took effect, Neighborhood Council budgets were reduced to \$32,000. When the City recovered its footing and the department cuts were reversed, the Neighborhood Council budget was not restored.

The Neighborhood Councils provide a service to the City. We engage stakeholders in a way the City Council cannot because we are part of our communities. Many of us work with our Council Offices, each helping the other to achieve the goals. It would be a shame to cripple this exercise in local democracy that is now hanging on by a thread.

Therefore, East Hollywood Neighborhood Council strongly supports CF# 25-0600-S7. We request the Budget and Finance Committee act to restore funding to the City's 99 Neighborhood Councils by passing this motion in committee. The volunteers who sit on the boards and do the work should be supported. Instead, the city government has made the deliberate choice to reduce Neighborhood Council funding to the current level of \$25,000. Combined with previous reductions in recent years as well as inflation, the impact on every neighborhood council is profound. At these budget levels, it's hard to see how they can afford the basic logistics to function let alone provide service and outreach to their stakeholders.

Therefore, We ask the Committee to recognize the importance of the role neighborhood councils play and, at the very least, vote to approve Council Member Traci Park's motion, referenced above, to restore \$7,000 to each Neighborhood Council's budget bringing funding back to \$32,000 per year.

Best,

East Hollywood Neighborhood Council President

Christopher Martinez

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