

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

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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 enable 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 rResolution 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 Councils 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 <a href="mailto:empowerla@lacity.org">empowerla@lacity.org</a>.

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Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 04/02/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against Unless Amended

Impact Information Date: 04/23/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 25-0600 City Planning Number:

Agenda Date: Item Number:

Summary: NWWNC strongly urges the City to increase the annual funding allocation for Neighborhood Councils, specifically to enhance the amount available for Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPGs). We also request the City increase and search for alternative spaces to host meetings to allow more allocation of funds to go toward NPGs. These grants serve as a critical tool for community development and positive change in our neighborhoods. Currently, each NC is allocated \$32,000 annually, which must cover all operational expenses, outreach, and community projects, including NPGs. While this funding level has remained relatively stagnant, the costs associated with meaningful community

engagement and support have continued to rise. As a result, the limited funding available for NPGs restricts the ability of NCs to invest in vital local programs. NWWNC has utilized NPGs to directly impact the lives of our community members in significant ways. We have provided essential food and medical support to our homeless population. We have funded supplies for UCLA students. Our support extends to the Westwood Library. Additionally, we have brought entertainment and cultural enrichment to Westwood through free concerts and supplies for Broxton Plaza. These programs demonstrate the immense value of NPGs, yet the demand for NPGs consistently exceeds the available funds. By increasing the funding allocation for NPGs, the City can empower NCs to continue and expand these impactful initiatives, ensuring that our community thrives. We recognize that a lot of our funding goes toward meeting rooms, as nearly no community or government-owned locations accommodate our needs as a council. We further request that the City to look into places and provide recommendations for spaces that better suit our needs. We call upon the City to take immediate action by increasing the NC budget allocation with a specific emphasis on expanding NPG funding as well as finding alternative locations for our meetings.

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## - COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: 25-0600

Title: Request for Larger Financial Allocation to Neighborhood Councils

Position: Against unless Amended

Council File: 02-0699

Position: For

## Summary:

The North Westwood Neighborhood Council strongly urges the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles City Council, and Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass to increase the annual funding allocation for Neighborhood Councils, specifically to enhance the amount available for Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPGs). We also request the City increase and search for alternative spaces to host meetings to allow more allocation of funds to go toward NPGs. These grants serve as a critical tool for community development, allowing Neighborhood Councils to support local nonprofit organizations and public schools in their efforts to bring positive change to our neighborhoods.

Currently, each Neighborhood Council is allocated \$32,000 annually, which must cover all operational expenses, outreach initiatives, and community projects, including NPGs. While this funding level has remained relatively stagnant, the costs associated with meaningful community engagement and support have continued to rise. As a result, the limited funding available for NPGs restricts the ability of Neighborhood Councils to invest in vital local programs.

The NWWNC has utilized NPGs to directly impact the lives of our community members in significant ways. We have provided essential food and medical support to our homeless population, ensuring that those most vulnerable in our area receive the care they need. We have also funded supplies for UCLA students, including

musical instruments and summer camp opportunities that enrich their education and foster their talents. Our support extends to the Westwood Library, helping provide books and resources to educate the community. Additionally, we have brought entertainment and cultural enrichment to Westwood through free concerts and have funded supplies for Broxton Plaza, a newly developed walkable center that has become a vibrant gathering space in the heart of UCLA's Westwood.

These programs demonstrate the immense value of Neighborhood Purpose Grants, yet the demand for NPGs consistently exceeds the available funds. By increasing the funding allocation for NPGs, the City of Los Angeles can empower Neighborhood Councils to continue and expand these impactful initiatives, ensuring that our community thrives. We recognize that a lot of our funding goes toward meeting rooms, as nearly no community or government-owned locations accommodate our needs as a council. We further request that the City to look into places and provide recommendations for spaces that better suit our needs.

We call upon the City Council and the Mayor to take immediate action by increasing the Neighborhood Council budget allocation with a specific emphasis on expanding NPG funding (to at least \$42,000 per Neighborhood Council) as well as finding alternative locations for our meetings. Doing so will allow us to better serve our community, support essential programs, and enhance the quality of life for all residents of North Westwood.