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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 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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Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/12/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against Unless Amended

Impact Information

Date: 05/13/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

Council File Number: 25-0600

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) in a 10-0 vote at its May 12, 2025 meeting adopted a position to oppose proposed budget Council File 25-0600 unless amended to preserve funding for the Neighborhood Council system and other low-cost services, including LAFD CERT. SONC acknowledges economic hardship in the city budget, but slashing funding for low-cost services that benefit the community while keeping more expensive, wasteful items funded at higher levels ultimately fails the citizens of Los Angeles by depriving them of the services most local and accessible to them.



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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (shermanoaksnc.org)

May 13, 2025

Nithya Raman, Councilmember 4th District
Los Angeles City Council and its Committees

Against Unless Amended — [CF 25-0600](#). **Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2025-26.**

To Councilmember Nithya Raman and all City Councilmembers,

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Adopted motion:

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports the work of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and endorses its 2025 White Paper recommendations to the City of Los Angeles. These recommendations aim to improve departmental functions, ensure a more effective use of taxpayer dollars, and enhance the efficient delivery of services across all communities.

The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) is deeply concerned about the City's impending structural budget deficit, projected to exceed \$900 million, and the significant impact this shortfall could have on city operations and services. SONC is disturbed that layoffs are being proposed, but salary cuts for the highest-paid personnel are not under consideration.

We urge the City to adopt a comprehensive and coherent plan to address the structural deficit and balance the FY 2025 – 2026 budget. This plan should include strategies to live within the City's financial means and transition from a one-year budget cycle to a more sustainable, multi-year budgeting process that ensures long-term fiscal health and service stability.

Neighborhood Council (NC) budgets have been reduced over the years while inflation has made operational costs increasingly burdensome. While NCs continue to provide valuable representation, community engagement, support to charitable organizations, and other benefits to stakeholders as volunteer boards; NCs have not contributed to the liabilities and miscalculated revenue projections that have put the city in a fiscally precarious position, and should not be expected to shoulder the burden of rectifying the city's financial status. We ask that NC budgets remain at \$32,000 per year.

An important matter in the city budget is whether the fire department will have funds and manpower to continue the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. This is an essential program which trains volunteer individuals to serve communities, neighborhoods and support first responders during emergencies and catastrophic events. The city underfunds emergency management; CERT's budget is pennies on the dollar with a return on investment which far exceeds the cost. The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council once again voices its support to fund and keep this valuable program.

Thank you for your attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

With Pride and Determination—

Lindsay Imber

President

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

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