



clerk CIS <clerk.cis@lacity.org>

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

LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>

Sun, Jun 8, 2025 at 5:07 PM

Reply-To: LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com>

To: jramos@arletanc.org, Clerk.CIS@lacity.org

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.

***** This is an automated response, please DO NOT reply to this email. *****

Contact Information

Neighborhood Council: Arleta

Name: Jesus Ramos

Email: jramos@arletanc.org

The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(6) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/20/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 06/09/2025

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: Dear Councilmembers: The Arleta Neighborhood Council opposes the Mayor's budget proposal for fiscal year 2025-2026. The Mayor's Office is balancing the city's budget on the backs of municipal personnel that did not cause the legal settlement payouts nor the wildfires that placed the City in a serious financial state. The proposed 1,647 layoffs announced by the Mayor will increase homelessness to save money (\$225 million according to the City Controller) for the city while preserving funding in the Mayor's budget for existing homeless services (\$185.5 million) that is deemed more important than keeping people employed in the City of Los Angeles; unemployed ex-City of Los Angeles personnel that will later be added to the annual point-in-time (PIT) homeless count that was conducted by the now practically defunct

joint City and L.A. County failed experiment known as Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (or LAHSA) following its own defunding. The proposed closure of three municipal Animal Shelters—of six—prompted defenders of animal rights groups, impacted city employees, and concerned citizens alike to pushback against the Mayor's proposed layoffs at both Budget and Finance Committee public meeting dates that took place on April 25, 2025 at Van Nuys city hall and on the 28th of the same month at Downtown's City Hall. The community of Arleta already experiences cuts in parking enforcement, reduced funding/staffing for Branford Park Recreation Center, plenty of broken sidewalks, has a high number of homeless individuals that are service resistant and continuously remain in place (developing health and public safety hazards on sidewalks and streets for residents and visitors alike) and cause fires and damage and/or theft of both public (e.g. Metro bus shelter glass covers, stolen electricity from traffic poles, etc.) and private property without penalties and/or corrections (e.g. permanent or temporary mental health institutionalization and rehabilitation,...



ANC_CIS_CF_25-0600_20250520_APPROVED.pdf

162K

Arleta Neighborhood Council

Raymond Duran, President
 Jaime Gallo, Vice-President
 Burton Hunter, Secretary
 Jesus Ramos, Treasurer
 Jeovani Escobar, At-Large Rep
 Gary Gallon, Senior Rep
 Christianna Hartwell, Animal Welfare Rep
 Jose Pumay, Home/Condo Rep
 David Hunt, CBO Rep
 Ronald Pacheco, CBO Rep
 Robert Yaffe, Senior Rep
 Stelian Martinez, At-Large Rep
 Moises B. Bazan, Business Owner Rep
 -----, At-Large Rep

CALIFORNIA

**ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Attention: Arleta NC
 9300 Laurel Cyn.Bl., 2nd Floor
 Arleta, CA 91331
www.arletanc.org

ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Community Impact Statement

May 20, 2025

RE: **Council File 25-0600**

Dear Councilmembers:

The Arleta Neighborhood Council opposes the Mayor's budget proposal for fiscal year 2025-2026. The Mayor's Office is balancing the city's budget on the backs of municipal personnel that did not cause the legal settlement payouts nor the wildfires that placed the City in a serious financial state. The proposed 1,647 layoffs announced by the Mayor will increase homelessness to save money (\$225 million according to the City Controller) for the city while *preserving funding in the Mayor's budget for existing homeless services* (\$185.5 million) that is deemed more important than keeping people employed in the City of Los Angeles.¹ unemployed ex-City of Los Angeles personnel that will later be added to the annual point-in-time (PIT) homeless count that was conducted by the now practically defunct joint City and L.A. County failed experiment known as Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (or LAHSA) following its own defunding. The proposed closure of three municipal Animal Shelters—of six—prompted defenders of animal rights groups, impacted city employees, and concerned citizens alike to pushback against the Mayor's proposed layoffs at both Budget and Finance Committee public meeting dates that took place on April 25, 2025 at Van Nuys city hall and on the 28th of the same month at Downtown's City Hall.²

The community of Arleta already experiences cuts in parking enforcement, reduced funding/staffing for Branford Park Recreation Center, plenty of broken sidewalks, has a high number of homeless individuals that are service resistant and continuously remain in place (developing health and public safety hazards on sidewalks and streets for residents and visitors alike) and cause fires and damage and/or theft of both public (e.g. Metro bus shelter glass covers, stolen electricity from traffic poles, etc.) and private property without penalties and/or corrections (e.g. permanent or temporary mental health institutionalization and rehabilitation, accountability, and/or detention), illegal dumping proliferation, no penalization of unpermitted sidewalk vendors nor collection of sales taxes on each of their transactions, and an array of other issues that impact this community and Council District 6.

¹ https://drive.google.com/file/d/12RTEVWyORm9wOBWmvDhPPuu_Z-OFv3ZN/view?pli=1

² <https://www.dailynews.com/2025/04/28/l-a-city-budget-hearing-drew-protests-over-proposed-1647-layoffs-service-cuts/>

APPROVED

May 20, 2025

6 Yea 0 No 1 Absent 0 Abstain

The Arleta Neighborhood Council opposes a reduction of each neighborhood council's budget going from \$32,000 to \$25,000 for fiscal year 2025-2026, down from the \$50,000 that it used to be in the neighborhood council (NC) system from 1999 to 2008. Not every neighborhood council has free office space and even when it does have office space the leases are very high and take much of an NC's operational costs while storage space for neighborhood council assets is frequently non-existent and requires the storing of such NC assets at a public storage space. The neighborhood council system is a chartered department and reducing both its staff's budget and funding for each certified neighborhood council renders the monitoring of city services as non-existent according to Section 910 of Article IX in the City Charter.³ This goes against what the neighborhood council system became—a response to an unresponsive City of Los Angeles government to the needs of its taxpayers, particularly to those of the San Fernando Valley, and others alike, that only saw their tax dollars being used for the benefit of Downtown's Civic Center and subsidization of capital-intensive assets *outside of the valley* instead of improving and protecting it and its suburban character, hence, it prompted a secession movement from the City of L.A. back in 2001 after decades long frustrations.

The Arleta Neighborhood Council opposes Council File 25-0600 and any layoff and it requests that the City of Los Angeles Council, the Mayor, and other elected officials explore other avenues that generate revenue such as selling dilapidated or unused municipal real estate, lease municipal office space to interested parties, and consider other ideas not articulated here or elsewhere in the City that save money and protect employed personnel.

Respectfully,

The Arleta Neighborhood Council

³ <https://neighborhoodempowerment.lacity.gov/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/LACityCharter-Article-IX.pdf>

APPROVED

May 20, 2025

6 Yea 0 No 1 Absent 0 Abstain