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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 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](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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### Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(9) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/28/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

### Impact Information

Date: 06/25/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees, Area Planning Commission - West Los Angeles

Council File Number: 25-0600

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: SUMMARY: The West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council met on May 28, 2025, and approved this Community Impact Statement in support of a budget increase for the 99 Neighborhood Councils and to address the proposed budget cuts Established in 1999 as part of the Los Angeles City Charter reform, Neighborhood Councils were created to promote civic engagement and give residents a stronger voice in City government. Neighborhood Councils are on the ground every day creating a bridge between the City of Los Angeles and local communities, playing an integral role in communicating and implementing the services the City provides. Neighborhood Councils work to ensure that funds and

resources are distributed equitably amongst the City's most vulnerable population. Therefore, we ask that you restore neighborhood council annual budgets to a minimum of \$32,000 in the Office of the City Clerk's budget. This is necessary as Neighborhood Councils pay individually for technology licenses to meet virtually, they often pay for physical meeting spaces since the return to in-person meetings, and they bear the cost for outreach for upcoming Neighborhood Council election activities



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## LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

**Council File Number:** 25-0600

**City Planning Case Numbers:** N/A

**05.28.2025**

**MOTION:** On May 28, 2025, the West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council Board of Directors resolved to support if amended Council File: [25-0600](#).

**TITLE:** Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2025-26

**The Board voted 9-0 to approve.**

**SUMMARY:** The West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council met on May 28, 2025, and approved this Community Impact Statement in support of a budget increase for the 99 Neighborhood Councils and to address the proposed budget cuts.

Established in 1999 as part of the Los Angeles City Charter reform, Neighborhood Councils were created to promote civic engagement and give residents a stronger voice in City government. Neighborhood Councils are on the ground every day creating a bridge between the City of Los Angeles and local communities, playing an integral role in communicating and implementing the services the City provides. Neighborhood Councils work to ensure that funds and resources are distributed equitably amongst the City's most vulnerable population. This includes:

- Providing translation services so that residents can access City services and public meetings.
- Providing Neighborhood Purpose Grants to local nonprofits on the front line of supporting our most vulnerable residents.
- Creating or working with mutual aid networks that match volunteers with people in need for services.
- Improving parks and recreation services, identifying fixes to streets and roadways, supporting the City's transportation efforts, finding housing for homeless neighbors.
- Support for the unhoused, and much, much more.

Despite all this, Neighborhood Councils and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment ("Department") have received disproportionate budget cuts during the pandemic relative to other departments and have not realized the restoration of their pre-pandemic budgets.

Therefore, we ask that you restore neighborhood council annual budgets to a minimum of \$32,000 in the Office of the City Clerk's budget. This is necessary as Neighborhood Councils pay individually for technology licenses to meet virtually, they often pay for physical meeting spaces since the return to in-person meetings, and they bear the cost for outreach for upcoming Neighborhood Council election activities.

In addition to restoring individual Neighborhood Council budgets, we ask that you approve the budget request from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to ensure the success of our Neighborhood Councils. The resources requested in their budget are those necessary to provide quality support services to the Neighborhood Councils.

The Mayor's proposed budget cuts will have a significant adverse effect on services to the Neighborhood Councils, as the positions identified in the proposal impact the field team, the immediate contact and support for each Neighborhood Council. This impedes the goals of the Neighborhood Councils, as the field staff

connects Neighborhood Councils to the City Clerk's Office, City Planning, and other City partners. Their current capacity to deliver timely and comprehensive services is currently strained; a further reduction of staff would place an undue burden on the remaining field staff and negatively impact additional services the Department provides the Neighborhood Councils and City residents.

We believe that these are reasonable and prudent requests that are necessary over the long-term as Neighborhood Council leaders are strategic partners dedicated to maximize the quality of life for residents throughout the City of Los Angeles.

**Ex parte communications:** None disclosed by any committee members.

**Disclosures and conflicts of interest:** None disclosed by any committee members.

**To government agencies:** Only the Chair and designated Board members may testify to public agencies on behalf of the West L.A. Sawtelle NC. The Board requests that the Council Office and private/non-profit entities do not testify or speculate on behalf of the NC.

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