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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0600 - Agenda Item Number: 1

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Thu, May 15, 2025 at 4:06 PM

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 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 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(9) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/13/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 05/15/2025

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Summary: When Neighborhood Councils were established, they had an annual budget of \$50,000 and were allowed to roll over all unspent funds for two years. During periods when the city finances declined, Neighborhood Councils had their budgets reduced as did other city agencies. In 2008, Neighborhood Council budgets were reduced to \$40,000 and during COVID their budgets were further reduced to \$32,000. Each time the city finances recovered, other city agency budgets

were returned to prior levels and continued to increase with rising costs. Unlike other city agencies, the reduced budgets for Neighborhood Councils were not returned to prior levels or allowed to increase. According to the basis for the proposed budget on page 965 of the Detail of Department Programs, Volume 2, the current proposed budget sets Neighborhood Council budgets at \$25,000, a reduction of 21.5% from the current \$32,000. Furthermore, according to Administrative Code Section 22.810.1(g)(1), "Money appropriated in the budget each year for certified Neighborhood Councils for the costs related to the functions, operations and duties of a certified Neighborhood Council shall be placed in the Neighborhood Council Fund." However, there is no requirement that anyone actually evaluate or request the level of funding that is needed to support Neighborhood Council functions, operations, and duties. Hence the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council (RVNC) is submitting this community impact statement to advocate on our own behalf. The RVNC supports the proposed city budget if it is amended to restore Neighborhood Council budgets to the \$32,000 level and to provide for Neighborhood Councils to roll over any funds remaining in the accounts at the end of the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year.



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May 13, 2025

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

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In service,
Rampart Village Neighborhood Council

PRESENTED BY: Laura Morrison
SECONDED BY: Hector Quezada
YES: 9 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2 INELIGIBLE: 0
ON THIS DATE: MAY 13, 2025