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

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Thu, May 22, 2025 at 9:26 AM

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.

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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: 05/08/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 05/22/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Summary: The Hermon Neighborhood Council invests the majority of its money back into the community. We are incredibly judicious and economical with our office, outreach and upkeep expenditures, often opting to volunteer our labor in place of spending community money for these expenses. Notable examples of this are our flyer walking in the neighborhood, where we're working to organize a local walking group to distribute these, both to encourage larger community stakeholder involvement, as well as cut down on the cost it would take to hire a walking service. Lastly, and importantly, for the real numbers. Since the formation of the Hermon Neighborhood Council in 2018, we have invested \$150,127.66 in the community giving back to the community solely via Neighborhood Purpose Grants. We make a point

to commit as much of our budget to this as we can. This is all to say that reducing our neighborhood council budget by the proposed \$7,000, in our case, will be directly taking that \$7,000 away from being invested in the Hermon community and the Angelenos therein.



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RE: CF 25-0600 | Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2025-26 In Special Regard To Neighborhood Council Allotment

The Hermon Neighborhood Council understands the criticality of the City's nearly \$1 billion budget shortfall as announced at Mayor Bass's State of the City address.

It is tempting to look at the Neighborhood Councils who do not spend their money and conclude the Neighborhood Councils are over-funded. For the Neighborhood Councils who do spend their money, the \$32,000 budget is already tight. Neighborhood Councils have to pay for meeting spaces, storage units, and office space. Not all Neighborhood Councils pay for each of these, but many do. A budget cut would be devastating to Neighborhood Councils who have little more than the funds to cover their basic expenses.

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For Neighborhood Councils who do not spend their money, these funds are not lost. They revert to the General Fund.

As a reminder, the original Neighborhood Council budget was \$50,000. Over time, the NC budget has been reduced and inflation has increased costs. When the Covid-19 lockdown took effect, Neighborhood

Council budgets were reduced to \$32,000. When the City recovered its footing and the department cuts were reversed, the Neighborhood Council budget was not restored.

The Neighborhood Councils provide a service to the City. We engage stakeholders in a way the City Council cannot because we are part of our communities. Many of us work with our Council Offices, each helping the other to achieve the goals. It would be a shame to cripple this exercise in local democracy that is now hanging on by a thread.