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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0749

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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(13) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/18/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 08/19/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees, Fire Commission

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Summary: Reseda Neighborhood Council is strongly supportive of the request for a report back by LAFD to use goats to help manage the brush in High Fire Severity Zones. We hope to see this idea implemented expeditiously after some of the worst fires in our City's history. We are mindful that this idea has been proposed before in the 2022 budget cycle and inquiries were even made with the zoo to see if their herd could be utilized. We would very much like to see this idea actually brought to fruition, and escape the report back graveyard, where new ideas often languish. We also believe that the city should explore if it is prudent for the city to maintain a permanent flock that engages in year-round fire

management rather than contract out this task. LAFD is under-resourced and undermanned. Brush clearance by humans is extremely physically challenging and requires a full team to make a significant dent. Goats can be an extremely cost-effective management technique for thick unmanaged brush. There is little that their stomachs cannot handle and they can also be useful for the management of invasive Flora species, such as black mustard. The black mustard creates a vicious cycle of fuel and regrowth that crowds out more fire resistant native species. As the city is in an unmitigated fiscal crisis, we believe that the strategic use of goats could also be extremely fiscally responsible. Goats need very little infrastructure to effectively clear a brush covered hillside. They do not get heat stroke and can work in all manner of environments. They simply need water, salt and protection from coyotes. Their waste acts as a natural fertilizer which improves the soil which can help native plants to thrive against invasive species. LA County Fire already maintains a list of goat herd vendors, please make sure to consult with our partner agencies on best practices. Please see attached CIS for full statement.



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Goat Utilization / Brush Clearance / High Fire Severity Zones

Position: Support

Reseda Neighborhood Council is strongly supportive of the request for a report back by LAFD to use goats to help manage the brush in High Fire Severity Zones. We hope to see this idea implemented expeditiously after some of the worst fires in our City's history.

We are mindful that this idea has been proposed before in the 2022 budget cycle and inquiries were even made with the zoo to see if their herd could be utilized. We would very much like to see this idea actually brought to fruition, and escape the report back graveyard, where new ideas often languish.

We also believe that the city should explore if it is prudent for the city to maintain a permanent flock that engages in year-round fire management rather than contract out this task. LAFD is under-resourced and undermanned. Brush clearance by humans is extremely physically challenging and requires a full team to make a significant dent. Goats can be an extremely cost-effective management technique for thick unmanaged brush.¹ There is little that their stomachs cannot handle and they can also be useful for the management of invasive Flora species, such as black mustard². The black mustard creates a vicious cycle of fuel and regrowth that crowds out more fire resistant native species.³

As the city is in an unmitigated fiscal crisis, we believe that the strategic use of goats could also be extremely fiscally responsible. Goats need very little infrastructure to effectively clear a brush covered hillside. They do not get heat stroke and can work in all manner of environments. They simply need water, salt and protection from coyotes. Their waste acts as a natural fertilizer which improves the soil which can help native plants to thrive against invasive species.

LA County Fire already maintains a list of goat herd vendors⁴, please make sure to consult with our partner agencies on best practices.⁵

This community impact statement was passed in a meeting held in accordance with the Brown Act on August 18, 2025 with a vote of 13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

¹ <https://www.npr.org/2023/08/10/1192905277/goat-grazing-california-wildfire-prevention>

² https://www.cal-ipc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/2022-06-08_Nat_Geo_Goats_wildfire_So_Cal.pdf

³ <https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-mustard-fire-santa-monica-mountains-20190425-story.html>

⁴ <https://fire.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Defensible-Space-Goat-Vendor-List.pdf>

⁵ <https://fire.lacounty.gov/goat-grazing/>