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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0974

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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 enable 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 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 Councils 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(15) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/09/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 10/24/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Item Number:

Summary: The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council supports the goals of the ShadeLA program to expand Los Angeles' tree canopy as a vital strategy to combat climate change and improve livability. However, our support is conditional on two key amendments: 1) That all trees planted through the program be 100% native to California, to ensure biodiversity and ecological resilience. 2) That underserved communities, including Northeast Los Angeles and Highland Park in particular, receive priority consideration for new tree planting and canopy investment.

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Community Impact Statement (CIS)

Council Files: 25-0962 & 25-0974

Position: Support if Amended

Summary:

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council supports the goals of the ShadeLA program to expand Los Angeles' tree canopy as a vital strategy to combat climate change and improve livability. However, our support is *conditional* on two key amendments: 1) That all trees planted through the program be 100% native to California, to ensure biodiversity and ecological resilience. 2) That underserved communities, including Northeast Los Angeles and Highland Park in particular, receive *priority consideration* for new tree planting and canopy investment.

Statement:

ShadeLA represents a much-needed investment in Los Angeles' urban canopy, yet the current framework in Council Files 25-0962 and 25-0974 fails to address two essential issues: biodiversity and equitable implementation.

Los Angeles is in a biodiversity crisis. Currently, only about 3% of street trees and less than 15% of park trees are native species. Native trees provide critical habitat for pollinators, birds, and other wildlife and are essential to maintaining ecosystem health in our region—recognized as one of the most important biodiversity hotspots on the planet. Scientific consensus indicates that a minimum of 70% native flora is required to sustain biodiversity, and ShadeLA is a key opportunity to move toward that goal.

We also emphasize the importance of environmental equity. Historically, communities like Highland Park and much of Northeast Los Angeles have suffered from limited shade canopy, higher heat exposure, and underinvestment in green infrastructure. These neighborhoods must be prioritized for new native tree plantings to ensure that the benefits of ShadeLA are distributed fairly across the city.

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council supports ShadeLA *only if amended* to (1) plant 100% California native trees and (2) prioritize historically underserved areas, including Highland Park and Northeast LA. These amendments will ensure that the program addresses both climate and biodiversity crises—while advancing equity for communities most impacted by heat and environmental injustice.