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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-1036

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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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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(4) Nay(0) Abstain(3) Ineligible(3) Recusal(0)

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CF25-1036 is an attempt to reconcile City law with recent changes to Chapter 11.20 of the Health and Safety Code of Los Angeles County regarding a maximum indoor temperature standard for rental housing. That's a great start. Unfortunately, as devised and conceived of by the authors, this motion is likely to result in more expensive energy bills for renters and a disincentive to implement environmentally important and otherwise cost-effective upgrades to rental housing in Los Angeles. Palms Neighborhood Council, located in the neighborhood of Los Angeles with the highest density on the west side and consisting largely of mid 20th Century multifamily residential housing, will be greatly impacted by this proposed change.

Unlike the majority of homes in some of the areas mentioned in the motion preamble, many homes in Palms completely lack air conditioning in any form and are serviced by inefficient mid-century methane gas wall heaters for heat. Though temperatures in Palms are typically less extreme than in the Valley, homes with no AC of any kind are the homes that will trigger enforcement of the maximum indoor temperature limit of 82 degrees—which is commonly exceeded for many months of the year now in Palms. As written and as confirmed by the motion authors, CF25-1036, is most likely to result in compliance orders issued to landlords which will be satisfied by installing inefficient, expensive to run, window AC units. These units permanently reduce unit illumination and when not in use prevent the window from serving as a natural source of airflow during cooler months.

Instead, we ask that the motion be amended to require that newly installed units are at minimum wall units that do not replace existing windows, and which are dual-purpose, high efficiency heat pumps as well as AC units, providing electrically generated cooling in warm months as well as electric heat in cool months. This offers an affordable opportunity for Los Angeles to transition older structures towards electrification which can be supported by renewable energy sources while also allowing residents to shut off methane gas wall heaters that contribute to indoor air pollution and documented increases in childhood asthma and other ailments.

Furthermore, while we acknowledge the attempt to incorporate energy efficiency into the motion with the request for an LADWP report back on incentives, these incentives are unlikely to be utilized by landlords if there is no mechanism for the installation of solar panels, cool roof tech, double-paned UV window upgrades, and similar technologies to satisfy a compliance order once issued. This must become part of the motion, or the only compliance method will be inexpensive and inefficient AC units that increase the already taxed grid burden in Palms and increase bills for residents.

Lastly, the motion should be amended to incentivize identifying opportunities and planting of large canopy native species trees to shade residences when possible. Natural tree shade is the most cost effective form of heat reduction, and native species support biodiversity that make our city more livable and healthy. Though a planted tree takes many years to produce shade canopy and cannot be part of addressing a tenant's indoor temperature issues in the short term,

any temperature reduction program should incorporate the long term benefits of shade canopy for cooling structures.