



Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-1083

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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(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 05/11/2026

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 05/14/2026

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Planning Commission, City Council and Committees

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Summary: support if amended: Revision to Yard Setback Standards in the Los Angeles Low Rise Ordinance CPC-2026-1797-CA. Our analysis demonstrates that the density targets established by the Low-Rise Ordinance can be achieved while preserving the prevailing zoning setback standards of a 15-foot front and rear yard and 5-foot side yards.

Maintaining a minimum 15-foot rear yard setback provides critical environmental and community benefits, including space for tree canopy, landscaping, and permeable surfaces that support stormwater retention, carbon sequestration, and reduction of the urban heat island effect. These features also contribute to improved energy efficiency and overall neighborhood livability. Additionally, a minimum 5-foot side yard setback is consistent with the fire separation

requirements for unprotected openings (e.g., windows and doors) as outlined in the International Building Code, thereby supporting life safety standards without compromising development feasibility. Therefore, we respectfully request that the Low-Rise Ordinance be amended as follows: • Paragraph (iii) Yards b. shall be revised to read: “Side yard setbacks shall be a minimum of 5 feet.” • Paragraph (iii) Yards d. shall be revised to read: “Rear yard setback shall be a minimum of 15 feet from the rear lot line.” • In addition, we request the following: • That all properties impacted by this proposed rezoning be provided mailed notice of the pending changes. • That this SB 79 implementation ordinance be expressly tied to, and automatically updated to reflect, any future revisions to, postponement of, or repeal of SB 79. Attached are diagrams with further explanation.

 **SB 79 Implementaion Diagrams May 7 2026 (002).pdf**
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