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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-1200-s36

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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: Against

Impact Information

Date: 08/19/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

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Summary: The Reseda Neighborhood Council opposes the appointment of former Councilmember Dennis Zine to the Charter Reform Commission. Among many other things, we are troubled by his comments regarding members of the current City Council, his inflammatory language, and his hyperbolic positions regarding the size of our city council. Zine has routinely used his Rantz and Ravez column in CityWatch LA to attack members of our council while also repeatedly donating to the reelection campaign of disgraced former councilmember Kevin de Leon. He has repeatedly referred to a full third of our current council, including our council president, as members of the "Crazy Train." We do not believe this

approach to opposing views will be conducive to an effective commission, or building bridges with the council who ultimately has the power to decide what makes its way to the 2026 ballot. Please see attached pdf for our full community impact statement.



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Dennis P. Zine / Charter Reform Commission / Commission Appointment

Position: Oppose

The Reseda Neighborhood Council opposes the appointment of former Councilmember Dennis Zine to the Charter Reform Commission. Among many other things, we are troubled by his comments regarding members of the current City Council, his inflammatory language, and his hyperbolic positions regarding the size of our city council.

Zine has routinely used his Rantz and Ravez column in CityWatch LA to attack members of our council while also repeatedly donating to the reelection campaign of disgraced former councilmember Kevin de Leon. He has repeatedly referred to a full third of our current council, including our council president, as members of the “Crazy Train.”¹ We do not believe this approach to opposing views will be conducive to an effective commission, or building bridges with the council who ultimately has the power to decide what makes its way to the 2026 ballot.

Zine’s columns and media appearances have also featured dehumanizing language regarding our unhoused and immigrant communities.² He refers to our large swaths of our immigrant community as “illegal aliens” and strongly opposes our city/county joint program that helps provide attorneys to individuals facing deportation proceedings.³ Zine previously advocated to enshrine LAPD collaboration with ICE by creating an enormous loophole in Special Order 40 (CF [08-0902](#)). LAPD would have been required to place immigration holds on any “known gang member” they arrest. LAPD’s gang database is infamous for its flaws, outright falsifications, disparate impact on non-white communities, and the ease with which innocent people may end up on it (ex. [An audit](#) of the CalGang database found 42 babies under a year old). In 2020 the [Attorney General restricted access](#) to the database due to its flaws. Our immigrant communities are under unprecedented attack, and the Reseda Neighborhood Council has invested significant efforts in helping ensure residents know their rights. It is disheartening to think that, in this current context, a councilmember would view this to be an appropriate appointment to represent the City of Los Angeles.

¹ The Los Angeles City Hall “Crazy Train” Council Members. Dennis P. Zine April 27 2023
<https://www.citywatchla.com/la-election-2022/26850-the-los-angeles-city-hall-crazy-train-council-members>
Happy New Year 2025: A Turning Point for America and the World. Dennis P. Zine January 02 2025
<https://www.citywatchla.com/voices/30115-happy-new-year-2025-a-turning-point-for-america-and-the-world>

² “These people are either mentally ill or they’re on drugs. Anyone who is not mentally ill or on drugs can find help somewhere.”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2OlxOZI_Xs

³ How Much Political Bull**t are We Expected to Tolerate. Dennis Zine January 19, 2017
<https://www.citywatchla.com/los-angeles/12472-how-much-political-bull-t-are-we-expected-to-tolerate>

Lastly, Zine is absolutely opposed to any expansion of City Council, he has even suggested that if the County Board of Supervisors can run with just 5 elected officials he doesn't know why we need more. He is entitled to his opinion, and it is important that any expansion of the size of City Council be done in a thoughtful way. However, his hyperbolic comments around the topic, including the suggestion that it would cost a billion dollars to add 10 councilmembers, are so outlandish that you have to question whether he will be conducive to a productive discussion.⁴ We think not, and worry that his intended purpose on this commission might be solely driven by a desire to bog the process down, sandbag discussion of council size, and prevent any opportunity to advance the serious reforms this city needs.

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 recused, 0 ineligible.

⁴ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2OlxOZI_Xs