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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-1358

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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 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 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(9) Nay(1) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 11/17/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 11/21/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, Charter Reform Commission, City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 25-1358

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Reseda Neighborhood Council commends Council File 25-1358 for addressing Brown Act modernization and encourages its expeditious passage; The Reseda Neighborhood Council strongly urges the Los Angeles City Council to explicitly include in CF 25-1358, or through separate immediate action, the adoption of a resolution authorizing Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils to continue using alternate teleconferencing provisions pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953.8.4 (as amended by SB 707); The Reseda Neighborhood Council requests that this authorization be adopted before January 1, 2026, to prevent any interruption in Neighborhood Councils' and their

committees' ability to conduct virtual or hybrid meetings; The Reseda Neighborhood Council further requests that the City Council move expeditiously to implement the virtual public comment requirements of SB 707 to ensure all Angelenos have equitable access to participate in local government, consistent with the law's intent to modernize civic engagement for the 21st century. Finally, we request that the City Charter Commission examine this issue in one of their meetings as a subject for possible changes that would enhance neighborhood councils' advocacy for their constituents and ability to respond to input requests from the State of California. Please help us avoid the administrative chaos and community harm that would result from forced return to in-person-only meetings on January 1, 2026. This community impact statement was passed in a meeting held in accordance with the Brown Act on November 17, 2025, with a vote of 9 yes, 1 no, 0 abstain, 0 ineligible, 0 recused.

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Reseda Neighborhood Council

CIS RE: [CF 25-1358](#)

Recipients: CIS SYSTEM, CD3, CD4, DONE, Charter Committee and BONC

Motion:

Board Motion: Submit a CIS for CF 25-1358 and send a communication requesting that the Los Angeles City council take action to authorize Neighborhood Councils to continue to meet virtually per [SB 707](#) prior to the January 1st deadline.

Position

[] For [] Against [] For if Amended [] Against Unless Amended

Community Impact Analysis

WHEREAS: SB 707 (Durazo) - The Brown Act Modernization Act was signed into law by Governor Newsom on October 3, 2025, and modernizes the Ralph M. Brown Act to expand public participation and teleconferencing options for local government bodies;

The current authorization for Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils to use alternate teleconferencing provisions expires on January 1, 2026, and SB 707 extends this authorization through January 1, 2030, but only if the City Council adopts the necessary enabling resolution;

Council File 25-1358 addresses SB 707 implementation but does not explicitly address the urgent need for City Council action to authorize continued virtual meeting capabilities for Neighborhood Councils before the January 1, 2026 sunset date;

Neighborhood Councils serve as critical democratic institutions providing accessible civic engagement opportunities for working families, students, parents, people with disabilities, seniors, and community members who face barriers to in-person participation;

Without immediate City Council action, all 99 Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils will lose the ability to conduct virtual meetings starting January 1, 2026, which would severely curtail civic participation and undermine the mission of the Neighborhood Council system;

Whereas the Neighborhood Councils were asked by the state government to provide intergovernmental communication in the form of input on the SB707 but the City Charter expressly prohibits this kind of communication;

Recommendation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Reseda Neighborhood Council commends Council File 25-1358 for addressing Brown Act modernization and encourages its expeditious passage;

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