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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 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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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 12/03/2025

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 12/16/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

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

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Summary: Please see attached Community Impact Statement



Item #17_ CIS_ SB 707.pdf

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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [25-1358](#)

Title: Senate Bill (SB) 707 / Brown Act / Policy and Procedure / City Compliance / July 1, 2026

Position: For if Amended

Summary:

The North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWWNC) applauds the passage of Senate Bill 707 and welcomes the changes it will bring to Los Angeles: **remote public comment before City Council, Spanish translation of agenda materials, and more**. These are long-overdue steps that will dramatically increase access to government for Angelenos from across the city, especially those who cannot leave work, childcare, and other commitments to comment in person.

We not only ask for speedy implementation of these changes, we also seek to ensure:

- That remote public comment is also available and mandated for City Council committees, not just the full City Council
- If certain eligible City Council committees use the new § 54953.8.6 provisions to meet in a hybrid fashion, that those type of meetings are used to expand rather than restrict public participation

However, this motion does not mention the effects of SB 707 on Neighborhood Councils. These changes take effect January 1, 2026—six months before those affecting City Council. SB 707 extends the option for virtual Neighborhood Council meetings but also makes other changes, below. The delay in developing guidance for Neighborhood Councils on SB 707 threatens our ability to meet virtually in a legal and orderly fashion once SB 707 soon comes into effect.

We request guidance from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and City Attorney's office as soon as possible on the following:

- Whether the transition from prior Senate Bill 411 (2023) rules to new SB 707 rules requires a new authorization from City Council, or if [the prior authorization on November 1, 2023](#) carries over (See new § 54953.8.4 (a)(1)(A))

NWWNC believes that a new City Council authorization is NOT required.

If a City Council authorization is required, we request one passed as soon as possible.

- Whether the transition from prior SB 411 rules to new SB 707 rules requires new authorizations from each Neighborhood Council, or if each Neighborhood Council's authorization carries over (See new § 54953.8.4 (a)(1)(B))

NWWNC believes that a new Neighborhood Council authorization is NOT required.

- Clarification on what "majority" in "a majority of the eligible neighborhood council votes to do so" means (See new § 54953.8.4 (a)(1)(B)): A majority of all NC seats? A majority of filled NC seats? A majority as defined in each NC's bylaws, as with all other NC actions?

NWWNC believes that "majority" here should be interpreted to mean a majority as defined under each NC's bylaws, the same as their threshold for other official actions.

- Confirmation that hybrid meetings with no-excuse virtual participation of members are allowed, regardless of whether a quorum is present in person or not—a change from SB 411

*NWWNC believes this to be the case, as SB 707 reorganized the rules around different options for remote meetings, and the new § 54953.8 is explicit that a body can choose **any** of the remote-meeting rule pathways in the following subsections, independently.*

Broadly, NWWNC supports extending the ability to hold virtual/teleconference meetings. Unlike other government bodies, Neighborhood Councils like ours are all-volunteer and have no free, guaranteed meeting space. Teleconferencing options allow us and other Neighborhood Councils across the city flexibility to meet in ways that include the most people, most effectively use our budget for causes that matter, and best allow for adaptability in changing or unforeseen circumstances. Our stakeholders and our neighbors have found that meeting virtually made it easier to participate in local government, and we would like to be able to continue this practice. Not only does meeting through teleconferencing allow for a wider participation from our members and neighbors (especially those with children, disabilities, or busy work

schedules), but it also allows for Neighborhood Councils to have less of an environmental impact by reducing the amount of driving to attend meetings.