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To: Clerk.CIS@lacity.org, cbeaton@midcitywest.org

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(19) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 04/14/2026

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 06/12/2026

Update to a Previous Input: No

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April 14, 2026

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Council File: 25-1392

Position: SIPPOT

To: Los Angeles City Council

From: Mid City West Neighborhood Council

Re: Support for LAPD Request for Additional Air Units and Associated Budget.

Position Summary

The Mid-City West Neighborhood Council Public Safety Committee **supports** the Los Angeles Police Department's request for additional air units, helicopter replacements, and ongoing budget allocations for the Air Support Division (ASD). The information reviewed demonstrates that modernizing and expanding the City's airborne resources is essential to maintaining rapid response capabilities, officer safety, and overall community protection across Los Angeles' large and complex geography.

Community Rationale

1. Helicopters Provide Proven Deterrence, Faster Response, and Officer Safety

The LAPD Air Support Division responds to more than 34,000 calls for service each year, arriving first on scene thousands of times annually. Air units significantly improve response times, increase suspect apprehension, and enhance officer safety during high-risk operations. For the Mid City West community—where concerns about property crime, burglary crews, follow-home robberies, and vehicle-related crime persist—air support remains a critical resource.

2. Aging Helicopters Are Beyond Service Life and Pose Operational Risk

Six LAPD helicopters are years past the recommended 10-year/15,000-flight-hour replacement cycle. These older aircraft face more frequent mechanical issues, higher maintenance costs, and extended periods out of service. Maintenance on older models is nearly double that of newer aircraft, and emergency



landings occur disproportionately in outdated airframes. Delaying replacements further increases risk, cost, and strain on the remaining fleet.

3. Air Support Is Critical to Citywide Emergency Preparedness

Helicopters perform essential functions that cannot be replicated by ground units, including:

- Transportation of “Essential City Personnel” during disasters
- Search-and-rescue missions
- FEMA support
- High-priority investigative operations
- Disaster coordination exercises
- Large-scale critical incident management

Given Los Angeles’ vulnerability to earthquakes, fires, and large-scale emergencies, reliable air assets are indispensable to the city’s readiness and resilience.

4. Drones Cannot Replace Helicopters

Although the Drone as First Responder (DFR) program provides valuable supplemental capabilities, drones cannot match helicopters in speed, flight duration, tactical flexibility, or pursuit management. Helicopters remain essential for wide-area aerial visibility, long-duration operations, SWAT and firefighting support, and harbor-related missions.

Committee Vote & Authorization

This CIS was approved by **Mid-City West Neighborhood Council** on:

April 14, 2026

Vote: 17 yeas; 3 nays; 0 abstain

The Public Safety Committee is authorized by the Mid-City West Neighborhood Council Board to submit CIS language consistent with board-approved positions and community safety priorities.

Conclusion

Based on the data reviewed and the ongoing safety concerns expressed by residents of Mid-City West Stakeholders, the Mid City West Neighborhood Council strongly supports the modernization and expansion of the LAPD Air Support Division fleet.



Air support is essential for reducing response times, deterring crime, protecting officers, and maintaining Citywide emergency readiness.

We respectfully urge the Los Angeles City Council to **approve funding for helicopter replacement, maintenance support, and expansion of air-unit capabilities.**

Submitted By:

Mid-City West Neighborhood Council