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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 26-0489

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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](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(0) Abstain(2) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 03/04/2026

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

### Impact Information

Date: 04/06/2026

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

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Summary: The Palms Neighborhood Council urges the Charter Reform Commission to add Neighborhood Council elections to the Charter. In their fiscal year 2026-27 Budget Request, the Office of the City Clerk is proposing canceling the Neighborhood Council elections to balance their budget. Elections are, and must remain, sacred. In the middle of the Civil War, Lincoln's advisors pushed him to cancel the 1864 election. Lincoln's response was, "We can not have free government without elections." If Lincoln could not be persuaded to cancel an election at the time of a Civil War, the City also must not cancel an election because the budget is tight. The City Clerk made no attempt to find another solution. They did not meet with the Neighborhood Councils. They did not meet with the Department of Neighborhood

Empowerment. In fact, they didn't even inform the Department they were submitting this in their budget. We have every confidence a solution could be found if the City Clerk was open to options. They are not. The Charter specifies elections every four years for the Mayor, Controller, City Attorney, and City Council. Nobody would consider cancelling these elections. Why is it OK to cancel the Neighborhood Council elections? If the Neighborhood Council elections are in the Charter, it makes the elections a requirement. Neighborhood Council elections occur every two years although not every seat is up for election every two years. Some Neighborhood Councils have four year terms and run half the seats in one two year election and the others in the next. Many Neighborhood Councils turn their boards over every two years. This is important. The Charter should not dictate a term for Neighborhood Councils. It should dictate elections every two years. If the Charter Reform Commission supports democracy, it will support this Charter Change.