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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(15) Nay(0) Abstain(4) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 03/11/2026

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 04/25/2026

Update to a Previous Input: Yes

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

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Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a CIS to the Charter Reform Commission, City Council and Committees, and to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners urging the Reform Commission to add Neighborhood Council Elections to the Charter, dictating elections every two years, but not dictating a specific term for Neighborhood Council Board Members. See attached PDF for background.



April 20, 2026

To: Los Angeles City Council and Committees
Board of Neighborhood Commissioners

Submitted via the Community Impact Statement Filing Portal

CF 26-0489 (Charter Reform Recommendations / November 3, 2026 General Election /
Charter Reform Commission) - Neighborhood Council Elections

Honorable Council Members:

The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council (GWNC) thanks the Council for the opportunity to share this Community Impact Statement (CIS).

By a vote of 15 to zero with four abstaining, the GWNC voted at its March 11, 2026 General Board Meeting as follows:

“The Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council will file a CIS to the Charter Reform Commission, City Council and Committees, and to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners urging the Charter Reform Commission to add Neighborhood Council Elections to the Charter, dictating elections every two years, but not dictating a specific term for Neighborhood Council Board Members.”

Background: In its FY 26-27 budget request, the City Clerk recommended cancelling the 2027 Neighborhood Council citywide elections as a cost-saving measure. It did not first consult with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC), or the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC); nor did it alert any of these bodies after submitting its budget request. The controversial recommendation went unnoticed during the bulk of Charter Reform discussions last winter.

By its recommendation, the Clerk seeks to expand its role from an administrator of Neighborhood Council (NC) funding and elections to a policy setter for a democratic process.

As the grassroots level of City Government, Neighborhood Councils must be guaranteed the availability of elections every other year, to serve 1) NCs who turn over their entire boards every two years (as does the GWNC), 2) NCs who have staggered terms and elect half their board at each election, and 3) NCs whose elections are held only every four years.

This guarantee should be enshrined in the City Charter. We ask it to be included in the proposed revisions to be considered by voters in November 2026.



About the GWNC

The GWNC represents more than 50,000 stakeholders in the geographic area roughly bordered by Melrose Ave. to the north, Olympic Blvd. to the south, La Brea Ave. to the west, and Western Ave. to the east.

Our 21-person board represents low-density, single-family zoned neighborhoods, extremely high-density, multifamily neighborhoods, and everything in between.

According to the Neighborhood Council Demographic Data portal (<https://neighborhoodempowerment.lacity.gov/data/>, data from the American Data Survey (ACS) 2018 5-Year estimates), 64% of our housing units are renter-occupied and 29% are owner-occupied.

About the GWNC Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee

Our GWNC Ad Hoc Charter Reform Committee was created at our duly noticed October 2025 General Board Meeting and met (approximately) biweekly in public, online, Brown Act meetings, from October 23, 2025 through April 2026, and has since moved to a schedule of every four weeks. Members attended numerous Charter Reform Commission (and Committee) meetings throughout the process and filed at least five (5) CIS statements.

Presentation of this CIS

In the case that the GWNC President is unable to present this CIS, it has appointed the following individuals to do so: John Gresham (GWNC Vice President), Erika Stuart (GWNC Secretary), Conrad Starr (GWNC Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee Chair), or Mark Alpers (GWNC At Large Representative and Charter Reform Ad Hoc Committee member).

We thank the City Council for considering our Community Impact Statement.

Jennifer DeVore, President