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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 26-0489 - Agenda Item Number: 1

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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](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 02/05/2026

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

### Impact Information

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Summary: The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council is advocating for a Charter amendment to Section 2.19 to allow Neighborhood Councils to formally communicate in writing with County, State, and Federal officials. While councils regularly address issues controlled by these levels of government—and officials already engage directly with them—the current restriction creates an inconsistency that limits their effectiveness. The proposed change would align policy with

practice and strengthen the councils' advisory role, as long as communications are properly agendized, voted on, and compliant with the Brown Act.

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## HISTORIC HIGHLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT (CIS)

**Subject:** Charter Reform – Neighborhood Council Communications Authority

**Charter Reference:** Section 2.19

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council submits this Community Impact Statement regarding Charter reform as it relates to the ability of Neighborhood Councils to communicate with other levels of government.

Neighborhood Councils routinely address issues—such as homelessness, public safety, transportation, and Zone Zero, etc...that are significantly governed or implemented at the County, State, or Federal level. However, the current interpretation of Section 2.19 of the City Charter limits the ability of Neighborhood Councils to formally communicate in writing with officials outside the City of Los Angeles.

This restriction does not reflect how civic engagement functions in practice. State, County, and Federal officials regularly attend Neighborhood Council meetings, request community input, and engage directly with boards and stakeholders. Prohibiting written communication with those same officials creates an inconsistency that weakens the Neighborhood Council system's advisory role.

To ensure Neighborhood Councils can effectively represent their communities on cross-jurisdictional matters, Section 2.19 of the Charter should be amended to explicitly allow Neighborhood Councils to communicate with State, County, Federal officials, and other City entities beyond the City Council, provided such communications are properly agendaized, voted on, and compliant with the Brown Act.