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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 26-0600

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Mon, May 18, 2026 at 3:09 PM

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To: reformlacherter@lacity.org, Clerk.CIS@lacity.org, commission@empowerla.org, tess.taylor@gtlnc.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 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.

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 04/30/2026

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 05/18/2026

Update to a Previous Input: No

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

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Summary: The Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council endorses the April 20th, 2026 letter from Leonard Shaffer, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC), to Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky requesting restoration of neighborhood council annual budget sufficiency to \$40,000.



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Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council
Resolution



Thursday, April 30th, 2026

Position: SUPPORT

Vote: 11 / 0 / 0

The Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council endorses the April 20th 2026 letter from Leonard Shaffer, Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC), to Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky requesting restoration of neighborhood council annual budget sufficiency to \$40,000 (attached).

The Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council

by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tess Taylor", written over a horizontal line.

Tess Taylor
President

Preliminary list of recipients, subject to confirmation and possible supplementation.
This list is for information purposes only and is not part of the subject resolution itself.

To: Mayor Karen Bass
Kay Yaroslavsky, Councilmember, Council District 5
Adrin Nazarian, Councilmember, Council District 2
Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Councilmember, Council District 8
Members of the Los Angeles City Council

cc: Council File 26-0600 – Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2026 - 27 (Yaroslavsky, Harris-Dawson)

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Department of Neighborhood Empowerment:

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April 20, 2026

Honorable Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky, Chair and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee
Office of the City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Yaroslavsky,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (“Board”), which met on April 20th and approved this letter in support of a budget increase for the 99 Neighborhood Councils and to address the proposed budget cuts.

Established in 1999 as part of the Los Angeles City Charter reform, Neighborhood Councils were created to promote civic engagement and give residents a stronger voice in city government. Neighborhood Councils are on the ground every day creating a bridge between the City of Los Angeles and local communities, playing an integral role in communicating and implementing the services the City provides. Neighborhood Councils work to ensure that funds and resources are distributed equitably amongst the City’s most vulnerable population. This includes:

- Providing translation services so that residents can access City services and public meetings;
- Providing Neighborhood Purpose Grants to local nonprofits on the front line of supporting our most vulnerable residents;
- Creating or working with mutual aid networks that match volunteers with people in need for services; and
- Improving parks and recreation services, identifying fixes to streets and roadways, supporting the City’s transportation efforts, finding housing for homeless neighbors, and much, much more.
- Support for the unhoused;

Despite all this, Neighborhood Councils and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (“Department”) have received disproportionate budget cuts during fiscal emergencies relative to other departments and have not realized the restoration of their pre-emergency budgets.

Therefore, we ask that you restore neighborhood council annual budgets to a minimum of \$40,000 in the Office of the City Clerk's budget. This is necessary as Neighborhood Councils pay individually for technology licenses to meet virtually, they often pay for physical meeting spaces since the return to in-person meetings, and they bear the cost for outreach for upcoming Neighborhood Council election activities.

In addition to restoring individual neighborhood council budgets, we ask that you approve the budget request from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to ensure the success of our neighborhood councils. The resources requested in their budget are those necessary to provide quality direct neighborhood council support services to the Neighborhood Council System.

The Mayor's proposed budget cuts significantly adversely affects services to the Neighborhood Councils, as the positions identified in the proposal impacts the field team; the immediate contact and support for each Neighborhood Council. This impedes the goals of the Neighborhood Councils: the field staff connects Neighborhood Councils to the City Clerk's Office, City Planning, and other City partners. Their current capacity to deliver timely and comprehensive services is currently strained; a further reduction of staff would place an undue burden on the remaining field staff and negatively impact additional services the Department provides the Neighborhood Councils and City residents.

We believe that these are reasonable and prudent requests that are necessary over the long-term as neighborhood council leaders are strategic partners dedicated to maximize the quality of life for residents throughout the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Leonard Shaffer
Board of Neighborhood Commissioner President

cc: Karen Bass, City of Los Angeles Mayor
Eunisses Hernandez, First District Councilmember
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