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

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Tue, May 19, 2026 at 9:33 PM

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(6) Nay(1) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: Please support a Fiscal Year 2026–27 budget that prioritizes essential city services, long-term fiscal responsibility, and transparency for all Los Angeles residents. The Glassell Park community continues to express concerns regarding public safety, homelessness, infrastructure, affordability, and quality of life. Public safety must remain a core responsibility of the City. Funding for the Los Angeles Police Department and Fire Department should be protected to ensure reliable emergency response, disaster preparedness, neighborhood safety, and rapid response times during emergencies and crime incidents. Alternative crisis response programs such as CIRCLE can improve outcomes for non-

violent mental health and homelessness related calls, but these programs should expand through new or dedicated funding sources rather than reductions to LAPD staffing, operations, or budget . Public safety and crisis intervention should work together, not compete for resources. Los Angeles should continue investing in homelessness prevention, affordable housing, mental health services, substance use treatment, parks, libraries, recreation centers, tree maintenance, and programs supporting seniors, low-income residents, people with disabilities, and families facing displacement. With federal Emergency Housing Vouchers expected to expire December 2026, the City must prepare for increased housing instability and homelessness. Finally, the City must improve fiscal accountability through greater budget transparency, long-term financial planning, and structural reforms that address rising pension liabilities and infrastructure needs without shifting additional burdens onto residents.

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GLASSELL PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

GLASSELL PARK COMMUNITY & SENIOR CENTER
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May 19, 2026

Re: [Council File 26-0600](#)

Title: Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2026-27

Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

The Glassell Park Neighborhood Council urges you to adopt a budget that prioritizes essential city services, long-term fiscal responsibility, and transparency. Glassell Park is a diverse community of renters, homeowners, families, seniors, immigrants, workers, and small business owners. While community feedback consistently highlights concerns regarding safety, infrastructure, homelessness, affordability, and quality of life, the City must ensure that budget decisions reflect the needs of all residents, especially working families and vulnerable populations.

Glassell Park Stakeholders have been able to share their priorities with the Neighborhood Council in person, during public comment, through surveys, and at public forums we have hosted. Based on this collective feedback, the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council supports Council File 26-0600 as long as the City’s budget prioritize the following:

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

Public safety remains one of the City’s most essential responsibilities. The Glassell Park Neighborhood Council strongly opposes efforts to reduce funding to the Police Department or Fire Department. These are core city services that become even more indispensable during moments of crisis, natural disasters, emergencies, and crime waves.

We applaud efforts by Mayor Bass to ensure public safety and emergency services remain funded, and we urge the City Council to protect that allocated funding. Reducing investments in public safety would undermine public confidence and place additional burdens on working families, seniors, small businesses, and vulnerable communities. Residents deserve reliable 911 emergency response, visible neighborhood safety services, rapid response times, and a City government that treats public safety as a fundamental obligation.

Streets, Sidewalks, and Infrastructure

Prioritize street resurfacing, sidewalk repair, ADA accessibility, street sweeping, traffic safety improvements, drainage infrastructure, and street lighting. Neglected infrastructure lowers quality of life and increases liability costs.

The City is also failing to adequately enforce and maintain ADA accessibility standards on public sidewalks. Individuals using wheelchairs, mobility devices, walkers, or strollers are frequently forced into the street because sidewalks are obstructed by encampments, damaged by overgrown tree root systems, or cracked and deteriorated due to years of deferred maintenance.

The City must treat sidewalk accessibility as both a public safety issue and a civil rights obligation. Sidewalks should remain safe, accessible, and navigable for all residents regardless of age or physical ability. Failure to address these conditions exposes the City to growing liability.

Homelessness, Mental Health, and Housing Stability

Invest in homelessness prevention, affordable housing, mental health services, substance use treatment, interim housing, and coordinated outreach programs. Residents want both compassion and accountability. The City must continue funding programs that produce measurable outcomes, improve neighborhood conditions, and connect vulnerable individuals with long-term support services.

Councilmember Hernandez has championed the expansion of CIRCLE, an unarmed crisis response program that deploys mental health professionals and individuals with lived experience to respond to non-violent calls involving unhoused individuals experiencing a moment of crisis. Programs such as CIRCLE can play an important role in improving outcomes, reducing unnecessary law enforcement interactions, and allowing sworn officers to focus on violent crime, organized retail theft, emergency response, and other critical public safety responsibilities.

However, the expansion of alternative crisis response programs should not come at the expense of LAPD staffing, recruitment, training, or operational capacity. Public safety and crisis intervention are complementary services, not competing priorities. A fully staffed LAPD remains essential to maintaining emergency response capabilities, supporting neighborhood safety, addressing rising property crime and fraud, and responding to incidents that require immediate law enforcement intervention. The City should expand successful pilot programs through new or

dedicated funding sources rather than by weakening core public safety infrastructure that residents continue to rely upon every day.

Parks, Recreation, Trees, and Community Spaces

Invest in parks, recreation centers, libraries, tree maintenance, and safe public spaces that support youth, seniors, and working families. These are not luxury amenities, they are core public investments that improve mental and physical health, reduce isolation, strengthen neighborhood cohesion, and provide safe spaces for recreation, learning, and community engagement.

Senior Services and Vulnerable Populations

Protect programs that support seniors, low-income residents, families facing displacement, and people with disabilities. Economic instability and rising living costs are placing increasing pressure on vulnerable communities. City resources and departments that need to support our most vulnerable populations have more caseloads than they can handle. But divestments from these departments in this new fiscal year should not take place.

Around 2,760 households in Los Angeles face potential homelessness because federal Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs) will expire in November and December of 2026. Los Angeles has the potential to have a new wave of unhoused individuals because the vouchers were originally intended to last through 2030, these subsidies are ending early due to depletion of federal funding. Outreach and intake to identify the needs of these voucher recipients is needed to ensure they can transition to additional supports before the vouchers expire.

Fiscal Accountability and Structural Reform

Los Angeles cannot continue relying on short-term fixes while long-term liabilities continue to grow. Los Angeles currently faces approximately \$15 billion in pension liabilities. Without stronger oversight and long-term planning, rising obligations will continue to crowd out funding for essential services and infrastructure.

The Glassell Park Neighborhood Council supports:

- Greater transparency in budget development and department spending.
- Multi-year budgeting and long-term financial forecasting.
- A Chief Financial Officer position to properly manage, audit, and strategically advise city leaders when competing for state and federal grants.
- Open and transparent labor negotiations.
- Creation of an independent Office of Transparency and Accountability.

- Establishment of a Pension Commission to evaluate long-term pension sustainability and fiscal impacts.
- Los Angeles needs a dedicated capital budget to strategically plan, finance, and maintain its massive infrastructure and ensure accountability, long-term fiscal responsibility, and consistent delivery of public works.

What the City Must Avoid

The City should avoid:

- Delaying infrastructure maintenance
- Increasing fees on already overburdened residents
- Using one-time funding to cover ongoing expenses
- Approving long-term financial obligations without transparent fiscal analysis
- Reducing core neighborhood services while administrative costs continue to grow

Poor budget planning has real consequences: deteriorating infrastructure, slower emergency response times, declining public trust, a growing homelessness crisis, unsafe streets, and higher costs for residents. Angelinos deserve a City budget that is transparent, sustainable, and focused on delivering visible results in every neighborhood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erick Vasquez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erick Vasquez

President

Glassell Park Neighborhood Council