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

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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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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Type of NC Board Action: Against Unless Amended

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Summary: The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council opposes the Mayor's proposed FY 2026-27 City Budget (CF 26-0600) unless amended to increase funding and support in five key areas: Recreation and Parks, Street Services, Street Lighting, Silver Lake Reservoir trail lighting, and Neighborhood Council funding. The CIS argues that these amendments are necessary to address documented community needs and maintain essential public services and infrastructure.



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May 6, 2026

TO
Honorable City Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
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Mayor Karen Bass, City of Los Angeles; Budget and Finance Committee Chair Katy Yaroslavsky; Los Angeles City Council; Councilmember Nithya Raman, Council District 4; Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez, Council District 13

CC
General Manager Jimmy Kim, Department of Recreation and Parks; Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services; Los Angeles Bureau of Street Lighting; Los Angeles Department of Water and Power; Kevin Rutkowski, Secretary, SLNC; EmpowerLA / Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

RE
Community Impact Statement — FY 2026-27 City Budget (CF 26-0600): Requested Amendments Affecting Recreation and Parks, Street Services, Street Lighting, Silver Lake Reservoir Trail Lighting, and Neighborhood Council Funding

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Dear Mayor Bass, Chair Yaroslavsky, and Members of the City Council,

The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council formally submits this Community Impact Statement pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819, opposing the Mayor's proposed FY 2026-27 City Budget (CF 26-0600) unless amended in the five areas described below. Each request reflects documented conditions directly experienced by Silver Lake residents on a daily basis.

1. Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP)

The Mayor's proposed budget allocates zero General Fund dollars to RAP, leaving the department entirely dependent on its charter-mandated property tax allocation and earned revenue. RAP's operating budget of approximately \$359 million falls nearly \$200 million short of the \$558 million annually identified by RAP's own Park Needs Assessment as necessary to adequately staff, operate, and maintain the City's park system. This gap is made more urgent by the simultaneous expiration of Proposition K in FY 2026-27, which has provided \$25 million annually for parks capital and operations with no replacement in place. Since 2009, the Full Cost

Recovery program has diverted approximately \$1.35 billion from RAP's core operations to the General Fund. Silver Lake is experiencing these consequences directly — the Silver Lake Recreation Center is now closed on Sundays, leaving residents without access to restrooms, the playground, and the basketball court one day every weekend. The SLNC urges the Council to restore meaningful General Fund support to RAP and prioritize park staffing, deferred maintenance, and Proposition K replacement funding.

2. Bureau of Street Services — Repaving, Potholes & Infrastructure

While the proposed budget increases the Bureau of Street Services allocation to approximately \$200 million — up from \$169 million — Silver Lake residents continue to experience deteriorating road conditions, persistent potholes, and deferred infrastructure repairs. The SLNC urges the Council to ensure this allocation delivers measurable, timely improvements to street conditions in Silver Lake and comparable residential neighborhoods, with priority given to streets with documented safety hazards and high residential use.

3. Bureau of Street Lighting

The Bureau of Street Lighting would receive a year-over-year increase of only approximately \$200,000 under the Mayor's proposed budget — wholly insufficient given the scale of the City's street lighting crisis. As Councilmember Raman has noted, streetlights in Los Angeles currently take an average of one year to repair. Silver Lake residents consistently report dark streets and broken lights along residential corridors that go unaddressed for months. The SLNC urges the Council to significantly increase the Bureau of Street Lighting's budget and ensure the Mayor's Street Lights Initiative delivers timely repairs in Silver Lake, not solely high-visibility corridors.

4. Silver Lake Reservoir Trail Lighting — LADWP & Bureau of Street Lighting Coordination

The Silver Lake Reservoir trail system is the neighborhood's most heavily used public amenity. Lighting along the trails are inconsistent and in many locations entirely absent, creating serious safety concerns after dark. As the reservoir infrastructure falls under LADWP jurisdiction, effective action requires coordination between the Bureau of Street Lighting and LADWP. The SLNC urges the Council to direct and fund this coordination and include adequate appropriations in FY 2026-27 to ensure full, consistent lighting along all Silver Lake Reservoir trails.

5. Neighborhood Council Funding — Maintain Allocation & Allow Carryover

The current base allocation of \$25,000 per Neighborhood Council board represents a significant reduction from the prior \$50,000 allocation and is insufficient for boards to fulfill their charter-mandated civic engagement duties. Current policy also prohibits Neighborhood Councils from carrying over unspent funds from one fiscal year to the next, forcing boards to rush end-of-year spending or forfeit resources earned through careful stewardship. The SLNC urges the Council to maintain the \$25,000 allocation at minimum for FY 2026-27, restore it to \$50,000 as conditions allow, and authorize carryover of unspent FY 2025-26 funds into FY 2026-27.

The Budget and Finance Committee is holding hearings through early May 2026. The full City Council must adopt a final budget by May 29, 2026. The SLNC urges swift action on all five items.

Sincerely,
Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
% Audrey Moyer, Secretary

PRESENTED BY: Ibrahim Mimou
SECONDED BY: David Omenn
YES: (13) NO: (0) ABSTAIN: (1) ABSENT: (0) INELIGIBLE: (0)
ON THIS DATE: 05/06/2026