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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(11) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: HHPNC supports the FY 2026–2027 City Budget with a focus on long-term fiscal sustainability, equitable service delivery, and investment in core City services, including: * Infrastructure maintenance and street lighting modernization * Recreation and Parks funding * Homelessness initiatives and City administrative support * Animal Services, including spay/neuter programs and shelter staffing * Sanitation, street services, and illegal dumping enforcement * Increased Building and Safety code enforcement staffing * Technology modernization across City departments * Youth services * Fully funding Neighborhood Council operations and 2027 elections * Major events

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Community Impact Statement

Subject: City of Los Angeles Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Proposed Budget
Council File [26-0600](#)

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council (HHPNC) submits this Community Impact Statement regarding the City of Los Angeles Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Proposed Budget approved at our May 7th Regular Meeting.

HHPNC recognizes that the City is at a critical fiscal juncture, facing rising personnel costs, long-term pension obligations, infrastructure demands, and ongoing revenue volatility. The proposed budget presents an opportunity to move beyond short-term balancing measures and adopt structural reforms that ensure long-term fiscal sustainability while maintaining equitable service delivery.

HHPNC supports the following core priorities:

Departmental Priorities and Core Services:

HHPNC supports targeted investments in essential City services, including:

- Infrastructure maintenance
 - In the event that the Street Lighting Assessment does not pass, we strongly encourage the City Council to allocate additional funds to the Bureau of Street Lighting from the General Fund, beyond individual council member discretionary fund investments to modernize a funding structure that has remained unchanged since 1996 and ensure stable funding for core operations and maintenance.
 - Fully fund end-of-life LED replacements and or Solar Lights to address over 60,000 failing fixtures, improving public safety, reducing outages, and avoiding higher long-term repair costs.
 - Expand copper wire theft fortification and circuit hardening to reduce outages, limit liability, and protect key corridors ahead of LA28.
 - Maintain critical staffing and administrative support to sustain service delivery, ensure payroll compliance, and retain institutional knowledge.

- Invest in revenue-generating smart streetlight infrastructure (co-location, EV charging, fiber) to modernize the system and reduce reliance on the General Fund.
- Recreation and Parks
 - Pursue a ballot measure to double charter mandated formula to 0.065%.
- City Administrator and Homelessness Initiative
- Animal Services, including spay/neuter programs and shelter staffing
 - Fully fund the Animal Sterilization Fund and related spay/neuter programs
 - Add an additional \$4 million over the amount requested by LAAS
 - Increase funding for the Citywide Cat Program an additional \$1 million over the amount requested by LAAS.
- Sanitation, street services, and illegal dumping enforcement
 - Continue key investments in Pure Water Los Angeles and groundwater replenishment.
- Building and Safety: Increase the number of Code Enforcement Inspectors
- Technology modernization across departments
- Youth services
- Neighborhood Councils
 - Develop a set of core training videos and/or presentations that can be distributed to Neighborhood Councils (NCs) are online to act as immediate “how-to” guides on various facets of the City and Neighborhood Council System
 - Collaborate with the City Attorney to expedite issues related to NCs and the lack of compliance with the Brown Act
 - Establish a workgroup of Neighborhood Council Board Members to discuss NC's issues and concerns
 - Fully fund the City Clerk so that the 2027 NC Elections may take place.
- Major events readiness plan for the World Cup and the 2028 Olympics

Additionally, HHPNC supports a comprehensive, forward-looking approach to fiscal stability that prioritizes long-term planning, responsible reserve policies, equitable service delivery, and a culture of accountability across all City departments.

Long-Term Financial Planning and Accountability

The City should institutionalize a realistic five-year rolling financial forecast that incorporates labor agreements, pension obligations, healthcare cost growth, and infrastructure liabilities. Transparent, data-driven budgeting will improve decision-making and reduce reliance on reactive cuts and reserve withdrawals.

Strengthening Reserve Policies

HHPNC supports maintaining reserve levels at or above 10% of General Fund revenues to protect against economic downturns and avoid disruptive service reductions.

Equity in Service Delivery

Budget allocations should be guided by measurable outcomes rather than historical precedent.

The City should utilize data-driven tools to ensure equitable distribution of services, including street maintenance, public safety response times, and park access across all neighborhoods. We feel this is especially important for underserved neighborhoods like Highland Park.

Cultural Change and Fiscal Stewardship

The City must adopt a culture of accountability where departments are evaluated on both service outcomes and fiscal management. Long-term planning, performance metrics, and transparency should be standard practice.

Additionally, HHPNC supports efforts to improve transparency in City Council budgeting, strengthen ethics oversight, modernize permitting and planning systems, and enhance coordination with Neighborhood Councils.

HHPNC urges City leaders to use the FY 2026–2027 budget as a turning point toward structural reform. By aligning expenditures with sustainable revenues, investing in efficiency, and ensuring equitable service delivery, the City can provide reliable, high-quality services for all Angelenos while maintaining long-term fiscal stability.