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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 26-0742

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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 enable 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 Councils 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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Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(9) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 07/01/2026

Type of NC Board Action: Against Unless Amended

Impact Information

Date: 09/08/2026

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Summary: The Palms Neighborhood Council opposes CF26-0742 as written. The Low Impact Development Ordinance dismisses single family homes and smaller properties with a 500 to 2499 square feet footprint from previously implemented water capture requirements. The argument is that this is to conform to current MS4 permitting, and that these smaller properties are not worth the effort because they pale in comparison to the City's grand-scale, infrastructure-heavy water capture projects under Measure W. The Motion goes on to note anecdotal problems with some small projects without providing any data to support that these problems are common or difficult to overcome. But the Motion misleads

the reader by failing to note the huge number of sites this exemption covers and the overall footprint in those sites collectively. Small-scale water capture in residential landscaping through nature-based bioswales, downspout collection, absorbent native plants, and permeability of surfaces is a far more cost effective way to recharge groundwater supplies than massive concrete engineering products. Small-scale projects are essential to urban sustainability and teach communities about best practices and the importance of conservation. While we appreciate that some modification of the existing ordinance is warranted to make permitting consistent, smaller properties should not be made exempt from water capture requirements.