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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 26-0906-S4

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LA City SNow <cityoflaprod@service-now.com> Tue, Sep 15, 2026 at 3:47 PM
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To: chris.pikewhnc@gmail.com, Clerk.CIS@lacity.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 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
Neighborhood Council: West Hills
Name: Chris Pike
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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(8) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(2) Recusal(0)
Date of NC Board Action: 08/25/2026
Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information
Date: 09/15/2026
Update to a Previous Input: No
Directed To: City Council and Committees
Council File Number: 26-0906-S4
City Planning Number:
Agenda Date: 09/03/2026
Item Number:
Summary: The WHNC does not support this motion. We agree that CERT training is a very valuable program that will improve emergency preparedness throughout Los Angeles. But we are not in favor of requiring every NC board member to become certified and maintain CERT training. Neighborhood Council members are volunteers, and imposing an additional mandatory training requirement would create another barrier to service, making it harder to recruit and retain board members. There are also practical concerns about the time commitment, what happens when resignations or vacancies cause a board to fall below the required number of CERT-certified members, and how the requirement would

apply to people with physical limitations or other circumstances that make completing the training difficult. The WHNC strongly supports CERT training and encourages involvement but believes participation should remain voluntary.

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Committee Meeting Date: August 25, 2026 Board Meeting Date September 3, 2026

File # :	CF 26-0906-S4
Title :	Boyle Heights / East Los Angeles / Cold Storage Warehouse / Fire / 1400 South Los Palos Street / Los Angeles Fire Department / Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program (Jurado - Rodriguez)
Type :	
City/State :	Los Angeles, CA

Summary :	The WHNC OPPOSES the Council file.

Motion :	26-0906-S4 Introduced July 1, 2026, and referred to the Public Safety Committee and Arts, Parks, Libraries and Community Enrichment Committee. The motion says that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, with assistance from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), to provide a report with recommendations to require the majority of all Neighborhood Council board members to obtain and maintain certification with LAFD's CERT Program, including implementation options, timelines, costs, exemptions, and renewal requirements. The department should consider more accessible training opportunities, such as providing the CERT Program remotely.

Bylaws Committee Position :	The WHNC does not support this motion. We agree that CERT training is a very valuable program that will improve emergency preparedness throughout Los Angeles. But we are not in favor of requiring every NC board member to become certified and maintain CERT training. Neighborhood Council members are volunteers, and imposing an additional mandatory training requirement would create another barrier to service, making it harder to recruit and retain board members. There are also practical concerns about the time commitment, what happens when resignations or vacancies cause a board to fall below the required number of CERT-certified members, and how the requirement would apply to people with physical limitations or other circumstances that make completing the training difficult. The WHNC strongly supports CERT training and encourages involvement but believes participation should remain voluntary.
Committee Vote :	8-0-0-2-0

"**YES**" Vote:	**8**

"**NO**" Vote:	0