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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0647-S1

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To: hkatchen@shermanoaksnc.org, 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 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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Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(9) Nay(1) Abstain(0) Ineligible(1) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 07/14/2025

Type of NC Board Action: Against Unless Amended

Impact Information

Date: 07/18/2025

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 25-0647-S1

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date: 06/11/2025

Item Number:

Summary: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) strongly opposes Council File 25-0647-S1. While we support the expediting of holding meetings to address emergencies arising from federal agencies acting unlawfully in Los Angeles, and threatening the safety and wellbeing of immigrant communities, we oppose the use of emergency provisions as an excuse to disregard the Brown Act. In the Council File, the City Council invokes Government Code Section 54956.5(b)(1) that says, "in the case of an emergency situation involving matters upon which prompt action is necessary due to the disruption or threatened disruption of public facilities, a legislative body may hold an emergency meeting

without complying with either the 24-hour notice requirement or the 24-hour posting requirement of Section 54956 or both of the notice and posting requirements.” The motion then states that the purpose of invoking said code is “in order to enable the Council to have emergency meetings without complying with the Brown Act.” Section 54956.5(b)(1) is part of the emergency provisions of the Brown Act. While it is the prerogative of the City Council to invoke this provision; it is not within the City Council’s scope of authority to grant itself impetus for non-compliance with the Brown Act, including its generous emergency provisions. SONC requests that the City Council vote to reconsider this motion to remove language indicating planned non-compliance related to the Brown Act; and requests a report from the office of Council District 4 (Raman) to provide SONC and our stakeholders reasonable justification as to the Council Member’s vote on this item.