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## Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 25-0962

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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](mailto:empowerla@lacity.org).

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### Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(11) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 01/12/2026

Type of NC Board Action: For

### Impact Information

Date: 01/14/2026

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

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City Planning Number:

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Item Number:

Summary: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports CF 25-0962. The planting of additional shade trees and the implementation of shade structures by the City of Los Angeles is an essential and impactful undertaking for several key reasons: 1) Temperature Regulation: Shade trees reduce ambient temperatures by blocking direct sunlight and releasing moisture through transpiration, creating cooler and more comfortable environments across neighborhoods. 2) Energy Savings: Well-placed shade trees help lower cooling costs for homes and businesses by reducing heat absorption, decreasing reliance on air conditioning and ultimately reducing utility expenses. 3) Wildlife Habitat: Trees play

a vital role in supporting local biodiversity by providing shelter, nesting sites, and food sources for birds, insects, and other wildlife. 4) Air Quality Improvement: Trees absorb carbon dioxide and airborne pollutants while releasing oxygen, contributing to cleaner, healthier air for residents. 5) Soil Conservation: Strong root systems stabilize soil, reduce erosion, and enhance groundwater retention, improving the health of local ecosystems. 6) Aesthetic and Community Value: Shade trees add beauty, structure, and character to streetscapes and public spaces, enriching the visual appeal and overall livability of our neighborhoods. 7) Climate and Community Resilience: Investing in shade trees and shade infrastructure strengthens the City's ability to adapt to rising temperatures, supports long-term sustainability goals, and creates safer, more resilient communities.