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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 24-0602

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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 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 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(10) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(2) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports the staff recommendations in CF 24-0602 and supports a ban on artificial turf in both public and private spaces due to the significant environmental and public health impacts associated with artificial turf installations in Los Angeles. Since California's SB 676 was signed into law in October 2023—authorizing local agencies to prohibit the use of artificial turf—cities across the state have begun evaluating and, in some cases, advancing bans on its use. Artificial turf was originally promoted as a water-conservation solution by replacing

natural grass in residential landscapes and athletic fields. However, evidence has demonstrated that artificial turf has failed to deliver these promised benefits and instead has created serious unintended consequences. Artificial turf exacerbates the urban heat island effect, significantly increasing surface temperatures; eliminates water permeability, worsening stormwater runoff and flooding risks; and releases toxic pollutants, including PFAS and other harmful chemicals, into drinking water and surrounding ecosystems. It also contributes to the spread of microplastics into lakes, rivers, and oceans. Additionally, studies show that athletes who play on artificial turf face a higher risk of injuries, and widespread turf installation contributes to the loss of urban habitat at a time when the planet is experiencing an unprecedented biodiversity crisis. Finally, artificial turf is a petroleum-based product, incompatible with climate goals that require reducing reliance on fossil fuels. It is not recyclable, ultimately contributing to landfill waste and long-term environmental harm. Prohibiting the installation of artificial turf and encourages sustainable, climate-resilient alternatives that protect public health, water quality, and urban ecosystems.