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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 22-0617-S3

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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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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(18) Nay(0) Abstain(5) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)
Date of NC Board Action: 12/20/2023
Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information
Date: 03/30/2024
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Directed To: City Council and Committees
Council File Number: 22-0617-S3
City Planning Number:
Agenda Date:
Item Number:
Summary: At a regular public meeting on December 12, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (“DLANC”) voted to provide the following comments below: The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council submits this Community Impact Statement in support if amended of CF 22-0617-S3: Downtown Los Angeles Community Plan / IX1 Use District Modifications / Community Facilities / Skid Row Neighborhood. Please see our attached letter for additional information regarding our position.

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December 12, 2023

Re: Community Impact Statement on CF 22-0617-S3: Downtown Los Angeles Community Plan / IX1 Use District Modifications / Community Facilities / Skid Row Neighborhood

To Whom It May Concern:

At a regular public meeting on December 12, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to provide the following comments below:

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council submits this Community Impact Statement **in support if amended** of CF 22-0617-S3: Downtown Los Angeles Community Plan / IX1 Use District Modifications / Community Facilities / Skid Row Neighborhood

Support for Community Facilities Incentives Within the IX1 Area

DLANC fully supports the first proposed change to incentivize community facilities within the IX1 area. We believe that such incentives are crucial in making the neighborhood more habitable and improving the overall quality of life for its residents. These facilities will provide essential services and community spaces that are fundamental to the social fabric of the Skid Row neighborhood.

Recommendation: Adopt Councilmember de León's amendment to form a multi-tiered incentive-based system to incentivize the creation of community facilities, i.e., facilities intended to address the infrastructure and social needs of Skid Row.

Concerns Regarding the Expansion of Eligible Community Facilities to achieve Bonus FAR

DLANC acknowledges the intentions behind expanding the statutory definition of Community Facilities to include high-demand retail and commercial services. However, we must express our reservations. Broadening the scope to encompass facilities like barber shops, pet stores, hair salons, banks, and pharmacies, while commercially viable, poses a significant risk of diverting crucial funding away from indispensable community spaces.

The current Zoning Code's narrow definition of eligible Community Facilities is designed to ensure that developments address the infrastructure and social needs of the neighborhood – needs that the market typically fails to meet due to their lower revenue potential. Downtown Los Angeles, particularly within the Skid Row neighborhood faces a severe shortage of essential facilities such as Senior Centers, Community Centers, Business Incubation & Service Centers, Day Care Facilities, and general community space. These venues are vital for the social and economic support of our residents and do not generate sufficient revenue to sustain themselves without the support of the Zoning Code's incentives.

We must not weaken the Zoning Code's emphasis on fostering these critical spaces. By diluting the incentive to fund and build community-oriented facilities, we risk not only exacerbating the gentrification process but also depriving our community of the very resources designed to bolster it. Therefore, DLANC advises against expanding the types of eligible community facilities under Article 9 of the Zoning Code and recommending maintaining the focus on incentivizing the development of facilities that serve the broader social and infrastructural needs of our neighborhood.

Recommendation: Do not adopt the proposed amendment to expand the eligibility of community facilities within IX1 zoning districts.

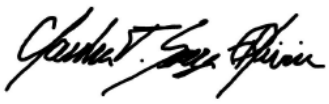
Establishment of an IX1 Community Benefits Fund

DLANC endorses the third proposed change to establish an IX1 Community Benefits Fund. We believe that such a dedicated fund is critical in ensuring that collected fees are directly reinvested into the Skid Row neighborhood. This will facilitate the improvement of infrastructure, introduction of public art, and development of green spaces, all of which contribute positively to the community without the adverse effects associated with gentrification.

Recommendation: Create a separate Community Benefits Fund for Skid Row

In conclusion, DLANC supports changes that foster a more vibrant, equitable, and inclusive Skid Row while exercising caution to protect against unintended consequences that could arise from the expansion of community facilities. We recommend a focused and thoughtful approach to development that prioritizes the well-being and stability of existing residents.
We appreciate your consideration of our perspective and look forward to a continued partnership in the evolution of the Downtown Community Plan.

Sincerely,





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DLANC

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Chair,
DLANC Planning & Landuse Committee

Cc:

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