

Community Impact Statement (CIS)

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Council File / Reference: Los Angeles City Charter Reform –
Neighborhood Council Proposals

Submitted by: [Your Name], [Neighborhood Council Name]

Subject:

Support for Charter Reform Strengthening Neighborhood Councils

The [Neighborhood Council Name] supports proposed amendments to the Los Angeles City Charter that strengthen Neighborhood Councils' roles and clarify their rights.

Neighborhood Councils were created to empower community voices in city governance, yet current charter language and administrative rules limit their influence. The proposed reforms would:

- Embed NCs in the Charter as elected advisors, ensuring consistent rights and protections.
- Guarantee meaningful participation in City Council, committees, and commissions, with early access to policy discussions.
- Enhance budget and policy influence, ensuring neighborhood priorities are formally considered.
- Clarify advocacy authority, allowing NCs to communicate official positions to county, state, and federal bodies.
- Provide consistent administrative support, restructuring DONE to serve NCs effectively without limiting autonomy.

These changes empower communities, promote transparency, and ensure local voices are heard on decisions that affect neighborhoods. For communities advocating for homeless services, social justice, and equitable city resources, these reforms create a framework for consistent and meaningful engagement.

The [Neighborhood Council Name] strongly supports these charter reforms and urges the City Council and Charter Reform Commission to adopt them in full.

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