



Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Brentwood Community Council
Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Mar Vista Community Council
Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa
Pacific Palisades Community Council

Palms Neighborhood Council
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council
Venice Neighborhood Council
West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council
Westside Neighborhood Council
Westwood Community Council
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Goal: Creating a truly transparent / public way to keep track of policy issues/measures and to keep them moving, including a definition of adequate notice for important measures and hearings.

Ideas:

The (valid) counter-argument to extended advance notice is that government sometimes has to act quickly, and a blanket 10 or 14 or 30 day rule for public notice would stretch even basic business out beyond what is practical.

What if the NCs, by submitting CISs, effectively “tag” a measure for extended notice? For example:

Once a measure under consideration has accumulated five Community Impact Statements, Neighborhood Councils must be given a minimum of 14 days notice before a public hearing or other legislative action on that item may occur.

Not perfect and certainly not bulletproof, but it's easy to understand, is based on measurable expressions of public concern, wouldn't slow everything down, and as a benefit might spur NCs to talk to other NCs (“we need you to pass a CIS!”).

Another trigger idea might address significant changes to a measure. For example, on the Sign Ordinance, the PLUM Committee made such drastic changes that it was sent back to CPC. Could a trigger mechanism be built in when issues change so significantly that past submitted CIS statements are no longer valid (but still remain)? NC's should have a chance to review their positions and submit new statements.

Neighborhood Councils who have filed CISs must be notified within 72 hours if significant changes to a measure occur in a Council committee or Commission hearing. In the event Council files are renumbered or combined, extant CISs must be transferred to the new file.*

* Probably need to provide examples here.