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Community Impact Statement
Northridge West Neighborhood Council For
Re: Council File CF 25-0193 – Hanoi, Vietnam / Sister City

Los Angeles City Council and its committees:

The Northridge West Neighborhood Council (NWNC) supports the motion for the City of Los Angeles to establish a Sister City relationship with Hanoi, Vietnam, as outlined in Council File 25-0193. We believe that fostering international partnerships through the Sister Cities program can enhance cultural exchange, economic collaboration, and global understanding.

As part of this proposed relationship, we encourage a dialogue that promotes ethical and humane treatment of animals, including advocating for the end of the dog and cat meat trade for consumption in Hanoi. The humane treatment of animals is an important issue for our community, and we recognize that such advocacy aligns with Los Angeles' values of compassion and responsible stewardship.

The Northridge West Neighborhood Council acknowledges the historical and cultural complexities surrounding this issue and supports a diplomatic approach that fosters positive engagement. By establishing a Sister City relationship, Los Angeles can serve as a partner in Hanoi's continued development and provide a platform for meaningful discussions on animal welfare, ethical food practices, and shared global values.

We urge the Los Angeles City Council to move forward with this motion and ensure that humanitarian efforts remain a key component of this potential partnership.

Respectfully,

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