



Northridge West Neighborhood Council



January 13, 2026

RE: Council File 25-1136 - Neighborhood Prosecutor Program / Crime Prevention / Local Engagement / Reestablishing

POSITION: FOR

On January 13, 2026 at a Brown Act noticed public meeting held by the Northridge West Neighborhood Council with 12 board members present, which exceeded quorum, there was a vote of 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions, 0 absences, and 1 ineligible to support the CF25-1136 resolution as put forth by Councilmember John Lee and Councilmember Imelda Padilla.

The Northridge West Neighborhood Council strongly supports reestablishing the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program.

The Neighborhood Prosecutor Program helps reduce quality-of-life crimes (such as graffiti, illegal dumping, party houses, sidewalk drug sales, abandoned houses, etc.) by assigning a Neighborhood Prosecutor from the City Attorney's Office, a local LAPD Senior Lead Officer (SLO), and a Community Leader with an understanding of the situation. The three leaders will work together to investigate, prosecute, and prevent the situation from escalating into a larger problem.

The Neighborhood Prosecutor Program was in existence from 2002 until 2023, when the City Attorney's Office closed the program. Lawyers were taken off community programs and put in courts to help out with the heavy prosecutorial work load. In its place is the current Community Law Corps (CLC), which has not been as effective due to its lack of a dedicated Prosecutorial Attorney working in conjunction with an SLO and Community Leader to handle local crimes.

The Northridge West Neighborhood Council urges the city council to vote YES on Council File 25-1136 to reestablish the Neighborhood Prosecutor Program.

Respectfully,

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