



## Community Impact Statement CF #20-0838 / Permanent Slow Streets

On May 15, 2020, Mayor Eric Garcetti announced the Slow Streets Program in Los Angeles. This program - putting up temporary barriers at intersections asking cars to slow down and not cut through - has successfully led to many of our streets being calmer and having less cars, making them safer to walk, run, bike and scoot.

Within the boundaries of East Hollywood Neighborhood Council, cut through traffic is a constant issue, making our streets less safe and peaceful. Furthermore, during the COVID-19 stay at home order, many more people are walking, running, and biking our streets, and our sidewalks are not wide enough to allow people to do so while maintaining recommended social distance guidelines. In May, East Hollywood Neighborhood Council began an extensive process of community outreach to gauge support for bringing Slow Streets to our neighborhood. 95% of those surveyed are in favor of Slow Streets and 86% are in favor of Slow Streets staying in place after COVID-19 Safer at Home restrictions are lifted. In early July, East Hollywood Neighborhood Council submitted an application for a robust network of Slow Streets to LADOT. Furthermore, we have formed a group of 30 volunteers and multiple local non-profit organizations who will support with oversight of this initiative - a truly grassroots community effort.

Therefore, we would like to reiterate our support for Council File 20-0838, and ask the City to make slow streets permanent. We believe that using permanent materials will have a positive impact on the safety of our streets, the peacefulness of our community, and quality of life in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

East Hollywood Neighborhood Council