

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

COUNCIL FILE 24-1009

POSITION: AGAINST, UNLESS AMENDED

Single-use Visitor Sticker / Reusable Visitor Tag / Unnecessary Debris

September 18, 2024

The North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council is AGAINST, UNLESS AMENDED the proposed action in Council File 24-1009 to replace the single use "visitor" stickers for non-employees to wear when visiting City Hall. Our community consistently advocates for more sustainable options whenever possible, and are concerned that the current wording of the motion will lead the Police Department's Security Services Division and the Department of General Services to choose a petroleum-based plastic tag or badge, as it would meet the reusable option with possibly the least amount of cost. Unfortunately, we believe these will inevitably be added to our landfills.

We instead call for this motion to be amended to further require a sustainable option and collection process.

 Currently the visitor stickers are the standard LAPD sticker with a CITY HALL stamp, the DATE stamp with the FLOOR they are visiting written in. We have included a photo below of the sticker received by one of our Board Members.



• Given that the current stickers have the **DATE** stamp, we suggest that other sustainable options be used, such as <u>seed paper</u>, for a disposable insert into a reusable window holder. The seed



paper could also be used as the tag itself, but would not have as many reusable uses as a firmer material like metal/wood/bamboo/cork, but would allow for the DATE stamp to be used easily.

- We suggest that if a plastic must be used, that the tag or badge be required to be made with Bio Plastics, Hybrid Plastics, <u>Biodegradable</u> Plastics or 100% recycled plastics.
- Additionally, given that the exit doors are not manned, we suggest placing a collection bin with ample signage to remind visitors to remove the tag or badge before exiting. This setup has been used by movie theaters and amusement parks for years for collecting their reusable 3-D glasses.
- Lastly, there is the consideration of how the potentially reusable tag or badge will be sanitized before it will be used by the public again. When thinking about how the tag or badge is worn, lanyard styles will most likely not work given this consideration, but the classic metal clip might. If this can not be done, then we suggest going with a non-sticky tag or badge that can also be a souvenir by the visitor, such as a bamboo lanyard with promotional printing and a biodegradable tag or badge.

We applaud Councilmember President Krekorian and Councilmember Padilla for making this motion to address this issue.

Thank you,

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Board President	

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