

Title: Support for CF 19-0046 Regarding Restricting Developer Contributions
Item No. 8
Meeting date: 2019 March 19
Agendized by: Patricia Lyon, PLUC Chair
Contact person: Patricia Lyon, PLUC Chair Phone number:
Committee Vote (if appropriate): Unanimous vote of support
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Neighborhood Council? ____ Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Additional documents attached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes ____ No

RECOMMENDATION: Support Motion from the City Council Committee for Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations which seeks to enact developer campaign contribution restrictions.

BACKGROUND: As a response to recent FBI investigation of Council member Huizar regarding campaign funding and unethical actions on behalf of developer interests, City Council has moved to request City Attorney, Chief Legislative Analyst and Ethics Committee study the issue and propose an ordinance update. To date, Community Impact Statements regarding this issue have been filed by 4 NCs: Hollywood Hills West, Hollywood United, Van Nuys and Central Hollywood.

DISCUSSION: Given development pressure on our community (and Los Angeles in general) stakeholder trust must be protected from any sense that discretionary development approvals are “back room” deals meant to avoid the public’s right to a transparent development review process.

Discussion confirmed general PLUC opinion that integrity, transparency regarding land use issues at large (City of LA) or in our community must be protected.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS: CF 19-0046 Motion – Developer Contribution Restrictions

MOTION: Support the 2019 January 15 motion from the City Council’s Committee on Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations proposing to restrict developer campaign contributions, and support advancement of this motion to a full City Council vote as soon as possible.

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