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BOARD MEETING

February 20, 2019

6:00 pm

**Will and Ariel Durant Library Branch
7140 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90046**

MINUTES

1. **Call to order by President, Anastasia Mann at 6:04 pm.**
2. **Roll Call by Second Vice President Jane Crockett. Quorum established. Absent: Britta Engstrom, Barbara Witkin, Christina Diaz.**
3. **Approval of minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.**
4. **Public Official Reports**
 - a) CD13 – Sean Starkey, Office of Councilman Mitch O’Farrell reminded everyone of Oscars traffic and that the Bridge Housing site (Shrader) will open in early April.
 - a) CD4 –Field Deputy, Madelynn Taras, Office of Councilmember David Ryu provided an update on the party house issue.
Party House Stats 2016-2018
 - 3 cases are currently under review
 - 6 cases were sent to hearing
 - 21 cases referred from LAPD were not filed due to nuisance activity ceasing or insufficient evidence
 - 22 nuisance letters were issued (this accounts for the letters sent by only one officer. The number may be significantly higher)

Additionally Madelynn brought up the party house discussion (Mayor’s office now responsible for party house/short term. Party House/Short Term Rental: contracted with company for internet monitoring.If you need sandbags please e-mail Madelynn with pictures. On March 14 from 6-7pm Durant Library there will be a Dockless Vehicle Community Meeting w/ LADOT.

- b) 3rd Supervisorial District, Fernando Morales, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl updated the group that the Gov't Under One Roof (Community Office Hours) 3-6 pm will be March 20th at the Durant Library. Additionally he spoke of the Supervision Motion: Men's Central transition to Mental Health Facility double capacity of beds in county.
- c) LAPD Officer Barnes spoke about traffic complaints to west traffic and SLO Eubank provided an update on robberies and burglaries as well as mentioned an upcoming March of Dimes fundraiser.
- d) Ethan Weaver, the neighborhood prosecutor introduced himself.

5. President's Report (Anastasia Mann)

- a) Community Business
 - i. HHWNC 2019 Election: Candidate Introductions with Q&A (see attachment for list of candidates)
 - ii. The Friends of the Durant Library is requesting a \$6,000 Purposes Grant to fund the Source through April of this year. This is a services fair for the homeless that has been averaging more than 150 attendees per month. The funds will go to providing meals for the homeless. **Motion & Vote.**

Motion made by Luminita Roman to approve the \$6000.00 grant, 2nd Orrin Feldman. Discussion: Does this event bring more homeless to the area? The next dates are 2/28 and 3/28. The board voted and approved the motion 19-0.

- iii. Update: Sunset & Martel homeless encampment. Request regarding aligning homeless camp areas with the city's map allowing sleeping in cars. (See attached map). President Mann advised that according to CD4's Government Affairs team, this recommendation is not a viable option.
 - iv. City Hall Corruption—CD4 request to support motion against development money in campaigns (See attached motion) **Motion to Support & Vote. Anastasia made the motion, Daniel Savage 2nd. The motion passed 19-0.**
 - v. Honoring Joyce Dyrector –At the request of HHWNC CD4 Madelynn Taras presented Joyce with a certificate of appreciation for her years of service followed by a standing ovation by the board and stakeholders.
- b) The next meeting day was confirmed for March 20, 2019 (Second & Final Candidate Forum) President Mann reminded everyone in attendance and reminded them to vote from 10am-4pm to vote on March 31st 10am-4pm
 - c) HHWNC Elections are March 31, 2019

6. First Vice-President's Report (Orrin Feldman)

- a) The PLUM Committee voted unanimously (5 to 0) to recommend that the President revive the Ad Hoc Committee on the Hollywood Community Plan Update

Anastasia reinstated the Ad Hoc Committee. Brian D. will chair. Committee members: Oren Katz, Luminita Roman, Danielle Mead, Barbara Witkin.

- b) 6801 West Hollywood Boulevard - is the Hollywood & Highland Shopping Center, which is in HHWNC's Area 4 and City Council District 13.

The Hard Rock Cafe Los Angeles is a tenant in the shopping center.

The cafe is seeking to renew its conditional use permit (CUP) to sell alcoholic CUP, and change its site plan to allow the cafe to rearrange her it utilizes its space for some special events.

The cafe also has asked to be allowed to have karaoke, and has agreed to limit the hours when karaoke could occur to between 8 p.m. and midnight. The PLUM Committee's members believed that the site was well suited to karaoke and other live music because the stage and main dining room are located away from the street and deep inside the shopping the shopping center.

The cafe volunteered to include a no promoter's provision.

The cafe also volunteered to include a change of control provision so that their CUP could be reviewed in the event of a change in control of the cafe.

The PLUM Committee, including the Area 4 Chair, voted unanimously (6 to 0) to recommend that the Board vote to support the following motion.

Motion: HHWNC supports the Hard Rock Cafe Los Angeles' application for renewing its conditional use permit and changing the site plan for the restaurant on the conditions that:

- (i) the number of days/nights on which the restaurant may impose a cover charge should be limited to 5 nights per month for live entertainment, such as comedy and live music entertainment;
- (ii) the number of days/nights on which the restaurant may hold special events, when some of the the restaurant's tables are removed to provide a dance floor in the center of the restaurant's main dining area, shall be limited to 12 nights per year;
- (iii) karaoke shall be allowed between 8 p.m. and 12 midnight daily;
- (iv) the number of days/nights in which someone may buy-out the entire restaurant to use for invitation only special events shall not be limited;
- (vi) a no promoters condition shall be included in the CUP; and
- (vii) a change of control provision shall be included in the CUP.

Orrin made the motion, Luminita 2nd. The motion passed 19-0.

- c) 6633 West Hollywood Boulevard - is The Escape Hotel, which is in HHWNC's Area 3 and City Council District 13.

The Escape Hotel is an entertainment space in a building owned by CIM. The Escape Hotel is CIM's tenant.

On January 22, 2019, a Zoning Administrator in the City's Planning Department held a public hearing on The Escape Hotel's application for a conditional use permit (CUP) to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages for on site consumption in connection with a new restaurant there, which would have 146 seats on the ground floor and a second floor rotunda's balcony. No alcoholic beverages would be permitted in The Escape Hotel's "escape rooms".

The Office of Zoning Administration has held the hearing's case file open so that HHWNC can provide a comment/community impact statement.

The PLUM Committee voted unanimously (5 to 0) to recommend that the Board vote to support the following motion:

Motion: HHWNC supports The Escape Hotel's application for a conditional use permit to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption on the conditions that:

- (i) on Thursdays through Saturdays, that no new customers shall be permitted to enter the restaurant after the last round of escape room games begins, which would be no later than 12:30 a.m. Customers who leave the restaurant after that time would not be allowed to reenter. Customers who remain inside The Escape Hotel could purchase drinks through the last call(s).
- (ii) a no promoters condition shall be included in the CUP; and
- (iii) a change of control provision shall be included in the CUP.

Orrin made the motion, Oren Katz 2nd. The motion passed 19-0.

- d) A report on the Mulholland Design Review Board's hearing on 2/20/19 re: 3077 Cahuenga Blvd.

7. Treasurer's Report (Michael Meyer)

- a) Motion and Vote to approve monthly expenditures report for January
Patty D. made the motion, Matt S. 2nd. The motion to approve \$709 for January approved 19-0.
- b) Approve Board Action Certification Forms for Funding requests
- c) Discussion of recycling of water bottles from HHWNC meetings

8. Committee Reports

- a) **Parks & Open Spaces (Jeff Masino)**
 - i. UPDATE - Runyon Park Traffic Study/Dixon Study: Feb 11, 2019: Joint committee update on the second round data collection for study of park access, safety and mobility in and around Runyon Cyn Park by Dixon Resources. Presentation slides on

line at HHWNC.org. Study comments deadline: February 28. Email address for sending comments is runyoncanyon@dixonresourcesunlimited.com

- ii. Next Parks and Open Space/Transportation joint meeting will likely be mid to late April where a DRAFT report of recommendations and strategies to community by Dixon Resources will be presented. People can provide their email address to be notified of the next meeting. Targeting April 29th or 30th.

b) Public Safety (Paul Jenkins)

- i. Emergency Preparation & Evacuation Town Hall
Saturday, March 16th from 11am to 3pm
American Legion Hall Hollywood Post
2035 N. Highland Ave., Los Angeles, CA

Update on the town hall where attendees will learn how to prepare for earthquakes and other emergency situations. We will have an expert panel including LAFD< LAPD, DOT, EMD, Animal Services, CDs etc. etc., discussing what you need to know during wildfire events, etc. and neighborhood evacuations. Information tables will include RYLAN, CERT, ACS HAM radio, CA Earthquake Insurance and others to help us prepare our families and homes. We will conclude with the showing of "Quake Heroes" a 52-minute inspiring documentary that features stories of people who took action to help their neighbors, major rescues by responders, the science of the earthquake, and how to reduce future losses. Refreshments, food, and networking included.

- ii. Volunteers to staff the event (Emergency Preparation & Evacuation Town Hall)

c) Area 8 (Serra Aladag)

- i. Safe Paws Introduction: Safe Paws is a program managed by Laurel Canyon based Rescues Rock, a 501c3 animal advocacy and rescue organization. Its lead by a local resident, Kristen Stavola, and has a big volunteer group. They hope to expand the program throughout Los Angeles by promoting collaboration with sister organizations to help lost animals.

d) Community Enrichment (Melissa Reeck)

- i. SADIE WEIL– Hello to Sadie! She is 15 years old, attends Marlborough School and holds a position on the young women’s advisory council for CM Nury Martinez. Sadie was at our board meeting in January and looks forward to becoming involved with the HHWNC in the near future. Sadie to be introduced next meeting.
- ii. GARDNER ELEMENTARY–Principal Karen Hollis is interested in securing funding from HHWNC for security cameras. She’s putting together a proposal and cost estimate which should be available for our March 2019 board meeting.
- iii. VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY– HHWNC is in contact with Liz Siapkarris, PTA president at Valley View, regarding partnership with the school.

- iv. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CHILDCARE – We are investigating the cost and feasibility of providing childcare at HHWNC monthly board meeting with Drew Paonessa Secretary Arroyo Seco NC. We will research and discuss in detail post-election.
- v. CD4 – The Committee is in contact with Madelynn Taras & Yena Ji regarding a weekend coffee and conversation series with CM David Ryu. We'll discuss in detail post-election.
- vi. AGING INTO THE FUTURE – There is a senior community in our area. Empower is partnering with Mayor Garcetti's Purposeful Aging Los Angeles Initiative and set up the 3rd Annual Aging into the Future Conference on Saturday April 6th. To understand the Initiative and be able to integrate the mission into our area, the HHWNC Community Enrichment Chair should attend the conference.

Motion: That the Board of the Hollywood Hills West NC approve the cost of \$55 to cover the conference fee for the HHWNC Community Enrichment Chair to attend the April 6th 3rd Annual Aging into the Future Conference.

Melissa made the motion, Suzanne 2nd. The motion was approved 19-0.

- vii. HHWNC SWAG - The council has previously purchased HHWNC swag. We are running low on supplies. With the Emergency Services Town Hall Meeting on March 16th and the Election on the 31st, we would like to continue to promote the council by offering swag to stakeholders.

Motion: HHWNC authorize an expenditure of \$2,000 in already-budgeted Outreach funds for swag to be used at the March 16th Town Hall and other HHWNC outreach events. **Melissa made the motion, Luminita 2nd. The motion carried.**

- viii. ELECTION – Discussion regarding whether additional funds are required for funding the election (example: bus stop/lawn signs). Possible motion and vote.

9. **Public Comments** – Comments from the public on agenda items and non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker.

10. **Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.**

Agenda Item 5. a) i.

Election Date:
March 31, 2019

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK - ELECTION DIVISION

Print Date:
01/30/2019 3:25 PM

**HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NC
CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES
01/30/2019**

Candidate Name	Filing Date
(1) Transportation (includes traffic, parking, public transportation, bicycles)	
AUSTIN FORD	01/15/2019
JEFF STRAEBLER	01/12/2019
MARISSA GLUCK	01/15/2019
(2) Community Enrichment (includes education and cultural resources)	
DAVID BURGER	01/06/2019
MELISSA REECK	01/13/2019
(3) Business	
SHAWN LAVI	01/14/2019
PAUL F KNAPP	01/14/2019
OREN KATZ	01/09/2019
BRYNNE WALKER	01/15/2019
(5) Housing (includes homelessness and social services)	
LUMINITA ROMAN	12/16/2018
(6) Public Safety (includes emergency services, police, and fire)	

Candidate Name	Filing Date
JUSTIN SOBODASH	01/03/2019
PAUL JENKINS	12/28/2018
(7) Environment	
LEVI BAILEY	01/14/2019
BARBARA WITKIN	01/15/2019
(8) Parks & Open Space	
JEFFERY MASINO	01/11/2019
(9) Outreach/Public Events	
CRISTINA DIAZ CORRADA	12/21/2018
RAFI SARKIS EKMEKIAN	01/14/2019
Area 1: Hollywood Knolls/Manor/Lake Hollywood/Forest Lawn Committee Chair	
DANIEL A. SAVAGE	01/08/2019
Area 2: Cahuenga Pass/Universal City Committee Chair	
CHANDAN ST CLARE	01/14/2019
Area 3: Yucca Corridor/Whitley Heights/Cahuenga East Committee Chair	
BRIAN DYER	01/08/2019
Area 4: Hollywood Heights/Hollywood Boulevard Committee Chair	
NAOMI KOBRIN	01/04/2019

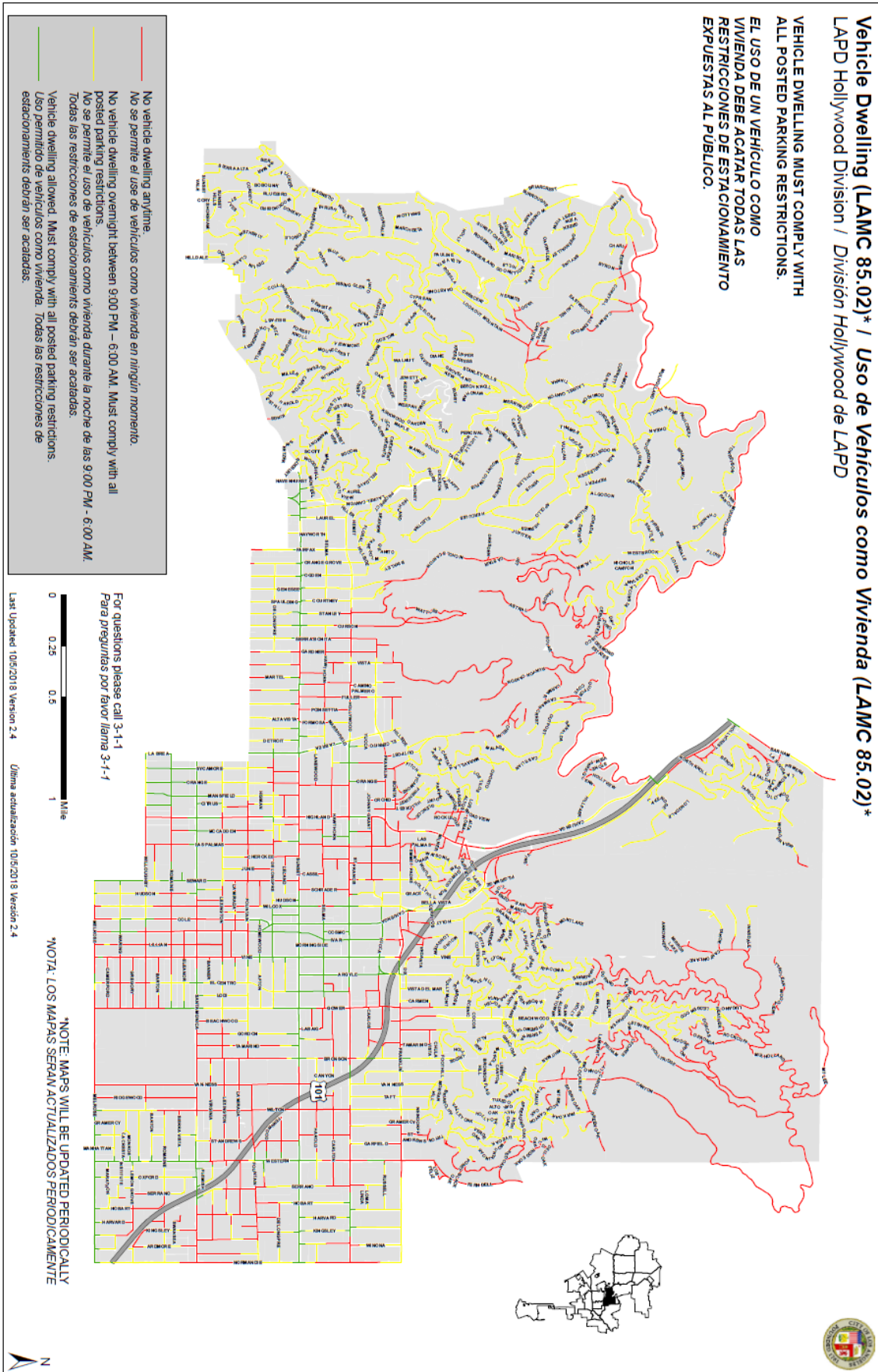
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Candidate Name	Filing Date
Area 5: Outpost/Cahuenga West Committee Chair	
MIKE LITWIN	01/12/2019
BOB MANSELL	01/11/2019
Area 6: Nichols Canyon/Runyon Canyon/Wattles Park Committee Chair	
MARY LAINE YARBER	01/02/2019
Area 7: Spaulding Square/Hollywood-Sunset Flats Committee Chair	
MIHAIL NAUMOVSKI	01/12/2019
LINCOLN WILLIAMSON	01/14/2019
Area 8: Mt. Olympus/Laurel Canyon Road Committee Chair	
SERRA ALADAG	01/04/2019
Area 9: Briar Summit/Woodrow Wilson/Mulholland Drive Committee Chair	
STEFAN SIEGEL	01/10/2019
First-Vice President	
ORRIN FELDMAN	01/07/2019
DANIELLE MEAD	12/29/2018
President	
JASON SYWAK	01/15/2019
ANASTASIA MANN	12/26/2018
DAVID NEELY	01/11/2019

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Candidate Name	Filing Date
Second Vice-President	
JANE CROCKETT	01/14/2019
Secretary	
BRITTA ENGSTROM	01/07/2019
Treasurer	
MICHAEL P. MEYER	01/09/2019

Agenda Item 5. a) iii.



Agenda Item 5. a) iv.

MOTION

Developer Contribution Restrictions

The City of Los Angeles has enacted a robust set of laws designed to prevent any perception that the official actions of elected officials are influenced by campaign contributions. These laws include outright prohibitions on campaign contributions from registered lobbyists, restrictions on contributions by businesses that are contracting (or seeking to contract) with the City, and prohibitions on solicitations of contributions from City employees and commissioners. However, no such comparable regulations exist for developers seeking City approvals for potentially lucrative projects.

Enacting developer contribution restrictions would improve the confidence of Los Angeles City residents and businesses, including developers, that discretionary approvals of development projects are made on the merits and without regard to campaign contributions. This would further improve the confidence of Los Angeles City residents and voters in the political process and continue the City's efforts to empower small dollar donors, as recently achieved by the passage of the 6:1 Matching Funds Program laid out in Council File 15-1088-S1.

WE THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney, in consultation with the Ethics Commission staff, be requested to prepare and present a draft Ordinance, similar to the 2011 Measure H restrictions approved by City of Los Angeles voters, to prohibit contributions to City elected officials and candidates for City office from "Restricted Developers." "Restricted Developers" shall be defined to include the owner or owners of real property (and if ownership is held in the name of a legal entity, the term shall also include the principals of the entity), when (a) an application for any significant Planning Entitlement Process administered by the Department of City Planning for the property has been filed, and (b) the completion of the Planning Entitlement Process requires approval or other action by City elected officials or candidates for City office, and (c) the Planning Entitlement Process involved would allow the construction or addition of more than 4,000 square feet of residential floor area or 15,000 square feet of commercial floor area. The prohibition on contributions described herein would extend from the date of the application to a date 12 months following the final resolution of the application.

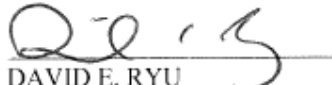
WE FURTHER MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst, in consultation with Ethics Commission staff, be requested to report back on a strategy for a draft Ordinance restricting city officials from requesting, and developers and their principals from providing, behested payments under the same conditions described herein.


WE FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney, in consultation with the Ethics Commission staff and the Chief Legislative Analyst, consider and provide recommendations for the application of similar restrictions to donations from builders requesting approvals from the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

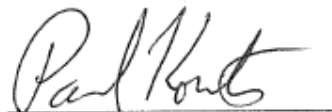
WE FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an Ordinance amending Section 49.7.16 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to require contributors to certify, under penalty of perjury, that the contribution is being made according to the City's applicable ethics and campaign finance laws, including an affidavit certifying that the contributor is not a Restricted Developer prohibited from contributing as described herein.

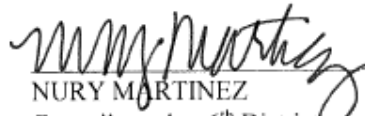
WE FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission be requested to report back to the Los Angeles City Council on their recent discussions and recommendations regarding prohibiting campaign contributions from non-individual entities (Humans Only or Federal Models) and the implementation of a model, similar to that employed by the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority (LA METRO), requiring that elected officials be recused from voting on issues relating to the Planning Entitlement Process for a property owned by a Restricted Developer where the official has accepted contributions from that Restricted Developer.

CO-PRESENTED BY:



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PAUL KERKORIAN
Councilmember 2nd District


PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember 5th District


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